

Advanced Diploma in Business (SCQF Level 8)

Programme overview · ADVEX Management School

Two years, twenty-three units, awarded directly by Qualifications Scotland — and accepted for direct entry into the third year of most UK business degrees.

This is the qualification with the shortest explanation and the longest reach. It is awarded by Qualifications Scotland, Scotland's national awarding body, under group award code GT32 48, and it is taught at colleges and universities in a growing number of countries. ADVEX is an approved centre delivering it in Bangkok.

Two years, twenty-three units, 240 SCQF credit points. Year one builds the foundations — accounting, law, economics, marketing, people, IT. Year two moves to strategy, project management, the world economy, financial forecasting and a substantial graded project that pulls the whole programme together.

The reason people choose it is what happens afterwards: the Advanced Diploma allows direct entry to most third-year university programmes in business or a related discipline. Two years here, one year of a UK top-up, and you hold a British honours degree.

Qualification framework

Award title	SQA Advanced Diploma in Business — Group Award Code GT32 48
Awarded by	Qualifications Scotland (formerly SQA)
Group award code	GT32 48
Delivered and assessed by	ADVEX Management School, an approved centre
SCQF level	Level 7–8
SCQF credit points	240 (30 SQA credits)
Duration	Two years full-time
Equivalent Ofqual RQF level	Level 4–5
Equivalent EQF level	Level 5
Units	23 — 12 in year one, 11 in year two

Entry requirements

- School-leaving qualifications at RQF Level 3 / SCQF Level 6 or equivalent
- Or a centre-devised entry test showing you can study at this level
- Or relevant work experience — mature applicants are welcome and assessed individually
- English at CEFR B2 (IELTS 5.5–6.0, TOEFL iBT 72–94, Cambridge B2 First or equivalent); applicants below this may take the ADVEX ESOL preparatory course instead

In exceptional cases ADVEX may admit an applicant who does not hold the stated entry qualifications, where we judge that they can complete the programme successfully.

Progression

Direct entry to the third year of most UK business degrees, including the Arden University top-up programmes delivered at ADVEX. It also supports progression to CMI and CIMA professional qualifications, to SVQ in Business and Administration at SCQF Level 8, or directly into supervisory and management roles.

Delivery and assessment

Formal tuition on site or online, a virtual learning platform, live and self-paced sessions with tutors, and tutor-led group work. Assessment is by coursework, examinations where specified, presentations, case studies and portfolios, internally assessed by ADVEX and externally verified before certification. Recognition of Prior Learning is available.

Assessment is a mix of continuous unit assessment and two graded units. A small number of units are assessed under closed-book examination conditions, and some require spreadsheet, presentation or project software. Graded units are marked A to C; all other units are pass or fail.

Programme structure

Unit	Year	SCQF
Accounting for Business: An Introduction	1	7
Business Law: An Introduction	1	7
Communication: Business Communication	1	7
Creating a Culture of Customer Care	1	7
Economic Issues: An Introduction	1	7
Human Resource Management: Introduction	1	7
Business Fundamentals with Emerging Technologies	1	7
IT in Business: Spreadsheets	1	7
Managing People and Organisations	1	7
Marketing: An Introduction	1	7
Personal Development Planning	1	7
Business: Graded Unit 1	1	7
Economics: Micro and Macro Theory and Application	2	8
Business Contractual Relationships	2	7
Managing Business Culture and Strategy	2	8
Economics: The World Economy	2	8
Project Management: Strategy, Decision Making and Risk	2	8
International Marketing: An Introduction	2	7

Unit	Year	SCQF
Preparing Financial Forecasts	2	8
Presentation Skills	2	8
Statistics for Business	2	7
Continuous Workforce Development	2	7
Business: Graded Unit 2	2	8

Next step

Email admission@advex.ac.th, call +66 2 114 3748, or add LINE @advex. Intakes run in February, April, June, August, October and December.

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