Partner institutions

Allama Iqbal Open University, Pakistan

Bangladesh Open University, Bangladesh
https://bou.ac.bd/index.php/schools/sob

Botswana Open University, Botswana

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

National Open University of Nigeria, Nigeria
https://fms.nou.edu.ng/

Open University of Mauritius, Mauritius
https://www.open.ac.mu/postgraduate-courses/

Open University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka
https://ou.ac.lk/cembacempa/

University College of the Caribbean, Jamaica
https://ucc.edu.jm/programmes/cgs/cemba

University College of the Cayman Islands, Cayman Islands

University of Guyana, Guyana
https://fss.uog.edu.gy/graduate-school-social-sciences/programme-structure

University of Seychelles, Seychelles

Wawasan Open University, Malaysia

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Developed in collaboration with four open universities in Asia in 2002, the Commonwealth Executive Master of Business Administration (CEMBA) / Commonwealth Executive Master Public Administration (CEMPA) Programme is now being offered by partner institutions in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean.

The programme aims at:
- Contributing to professional growth and career advancement of business managers and administrators in public services;
- Developing human resources in various aspects of business and public administration via distance learning mode in the Commonwealth; and
- Offering quality MBA/MPA programmes at post-graduate level that can be implemented widely in Commonwealth countries and can be recognized across the Commonwealth.

COL has developed the programme in order to widen access to education for citizens of Commonwealth member nations. COL’s goal is to empower individuals with knowledge that enables them to become agents of economic and social development in their home countries. As per the mandate of COL to promote distance education, the programme is offered by partner institutions in flexible modes of delivery that overcome time constraints and geographical barriers, thereby offering students a novel way of studying and working simultaneously. With distance learning, students are provided an opportunity to seek self-enrichment and advancement in their own time, in their own space, at their own pace and, most importantly, at an affordable price.

The CEMBA/CEMPA Programme is designed for busy working professionals in response to the growing demands for post-graduate level education in business and public administration. The flexible and modular programme allows students to choose either Business Administration (MBA) or Public Administration (MPA) as their major field of study. The minimum completion time for the Commonwealth Executive MBA or MPA is two years.

**Introduction**

**Mode of delivery**

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**Key highlights**

- Affordable fee structure – affordable access to management education for working executives and managers;
- Focus on Open & Distance Learning – flexible and distributed learning mode which is ideal for part-time study;
- Recognition and Credibility – the programme is recognised by the regulatory agencies in the countries of the partner institutions, while COL oversees the quality of the courses;
- High-quality curriculum – the CEMBA/CEMPA courses were developed and reviewed by subject matter experts from universities across the Commonwealth;
- Localised Materials & Resources – each Partner Institution provides localised materials, resources and case studies to supplement learning;
- Credit Transfer – students attending courses at any Partner Institution will receive bona fide credits for their CEMBA/CEMPA degree. (Some conditions apply. Please contact the Partner Institution directly where you wish to pursue a degree or diploma.); and
- Expanding Number of Partner Institutions – The CEMBA/CEMPA Consortium is growing throughout the Commonwealth.

**Course contents**

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**Core Courses**

The CEMBA and CEMPA streams share the following core courses:

- Enterprise Information Systems and Digital Strategy
- Management in Organisations
- People and Talent Management
- Operations Management
- Economic Environment of Business
- New Public Management and Governance
- Data Analysis and Decision Making
- Marketing Management
- Accounting Issues and Financial Management for Business Decisions

**Specialist Compulsory Courses**

Each stream has two specialist compulsory courses.

**CEMBA stream:**
- Strategic Management
- Quality Management

**CEMPA stream:**
- Public Policy
- Development Planning and Administration

**Electives**

These electives are shared between the CEMBA and CEMPA streams:

- Electronic Commerce
- Project Management
- Managerial Economics
- Policy Analysis and Implementation
- Contemporary Administrative Systems
- Disaster Management
- Corporate Finance

**Required Courses**

There are two required courses:

- Research Methods
- Project