



ABE Advanced Diploma in Business Information Systems

Course Code: NABE13

The Association of Business Executives (ABE) is a market leader in the cost-effective provision of quality assured British management education leading to awards which are valued in their own right, but which are also recognised as an accepted route onto the later stages of a number of UK and overseas professional or university qualifications.

Course Aims

Holders of the Advanced Diploma in Business Information Systems will have had a firm grounding in the essential core business skills. ABE Business Information Systems professionals will be people who can build bridges between technology and business practice. We do not see them as “techies” who spend long and lonely hours programming computers, although programming will certainly be one of the important skills in their repertoire. They are more likely to be communicative and articulate members of a team that brings a variety of skills to bear in the development of new and innovative business projects.

Course Market

There is an increasing need for a new kind of highly computer literate business professional who can take responsibility for developing many day to day business applications using spreadsheets, databases and other rapid application development packages. They also need to be able to help specify new and secure systems, to be able to work confidently with their IT colleagues on a larger scale project, and to understand the business potential for networking and the Internet.

The course is aimed principally at providing a professional qualification for the following markets:

- ❖ employees wishing to develop their professional skills in information systems.
- ❖ students wishing to achieve a Degree or MBA in a flexible and modular basis, at their own convenience and timescale.
- ❖ international students aiming to achieve a world class professional qualification in information systems.

Course Structure

The **four** papers are compulsory:

NIT024	Contemporary Application Development Methods
NIS111	Managing Systems Change
NIT312	Relational Database Applications in Business
NIT605	Internet Systems Development

Students must also pass **one** of the following options:

NHR072	Strategic Human Resource Management (Management Pathway)
NFA012	Corporate Finance (Finance Pathway)

Students must decide whether to follow the Management Pathway or the Finance Pathway and choose the appropriate options.

Duration

The Course is for duration of 12 Months Full-time, with exams for each part taken in either June or December accordingly.

Each tutor led session per module would be of 3 hours duration, and there would be one class per module per week.

International students need to apply for Full-Time program with duration of more than 6 months and have to take a minimum of 4 modules per term. Full-time students have to attend 16 hours of tutor led classroom study each week and are required to spend at least 8 hours in self-study and completing assignments, totalling to 24 hours of Guided Learning Hours per week.

Assessment

The Advanced Diploma papers are set and marked to the level of the **second year of a UK Business Studies degree programme**. The examinations are set and marked externally. All subjects will be assessed by a written external examination of three hours duration.

ABE examinations are held twice a year in June and December. The dates are published in the journal Business Executive which is supplied free to all members four times a year. The ABE has examination centres worldwide which are independent of any Institutions running the ABE programmes.

All subjects will be assessed by an external written examination. In most of the specialist IT subjects, practical exercises will be set and marked by local tutors. The grade awarded in these practical exercises will be indicative of progress but will not count towards the final result. However, there will be at least one examination question on each paper that will be closely related to hands-on computer work. It is, therefore, essential for candidates to attempt such practical work themselves as it will be a central part of the learning process. Candidates will require access to a PC with Windows 95/8 at home, work or college.

Only registered students of the Association may sit for the examinations. Students should be aware of the closing dates for registration and examinations. This information can be obtained from the ABE office or from the College Examinations Office.

Following passes in the requisite five subjects above, the successful student will be awarded the Advanced Diploma in Business Information Systems.

The Method of Assessment for all ABE subjects is by written examination and the following Grades are awarded:

- Grade A - 70%+ Distinction
- Grade B - 55-69% Credit
- Grade C - 40-54% Pass
- Grade D - 30-39% Fail
- Grade E - 29% and below Fail

Candidates will be notified individually of their results normally about two months after the examinations.

ABE Registration

Students wishing to register with the Association should complete a registration form and return it to the Registrar together with appropriate fees, copies of educational qualifications (in English) and details of relevant working experience where necessary. Any incomplete applications will be returned.

Examination fees are indicated on Examination Entry Forms. The annual subscription and other current fees are shown on the Fees list available from ABE.

Annual subscriptions fall due on the anniversary of the date of registration. An invoice will be sent direct to each student.

Students should be aware of the closing dates for registration and examinations as these are strictly adhered to.

Entry Requirements

Applicants must have attained one of the following entry qualifications:

1. ABE Diploma in Business Information Systems.
2. A degree awarded by a recognised UK or overseas University.
3. Other recognised qualifications of approved overseas Institutions of Higher Education.

* All prospective students are advised to enrol with ABE at the commencement of their studies in order that their eligibility may be confirmed at that time.

Exemptions

No exemption is granted from any subject in the Advanced Diploma Examination.