



## MBA Foundation - Certificate in Commerce - Certificate in Business Communication

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **1. Why is Open University of Mauritius (OU) offering the MBA Foundation, Certificate in Commerce and Certificate in Business Communication?**

The pandemic has affected the education sector by causing delays, financial constraints and difficulties to travel abroad for studies. To address these issues, the OU is offering a solution to students who want to stay safe, whilst saving time and money to pursue their studies.

The 1<sup>st</sup> year certificate programmes (**Certificate in Commerce** and **Certificate in Business Communication**) are starting in August 2022 and first-time undergraduate learners (Mauritian citizens) will only pay Rs. 10,000 for the whole year (Rs 5,000 per semester) at Open University of Mauritius. This will enable them to start their studies without having to wait any longer and, at the same time, save more than Rs. 500,000 by doing the first year of their Bachelor Degree programme at OU in Mauritius.

The same applies for the **MBA Foundation**, whereby students first complete the programme at OU in Mauritius and, if eligible, apply to pursue their MBA at University Canada West, in Vancouver, Canada. The fees are on our website here.

#### **2. What are the options available if a student does not proceed to UCW after he/she completes the Certificates or MBA Foundation at OU? Can he/she join another programme at OU?**

*For both Certificates:*

Upon the successful completion and award of the Certificate programme, students may be eligible for direct entry in year 2 of the OU Bachelor in Business Management.

*For the MBA Foundation:*

Upon the successful completion and award of the MBA Foundation programme, students may be eligible to apply for exemptions for relevant modules in the first year of OU MBA programme.

### **3. Can I obtain more information about these new programmes?**

Please refer to their respective programme documents on our website:

MBA Foundation - [click here](#)

Certificate in Commerce - [click here](#)

Certificate in Business Communication- [click here](#)

### **4. What are the entry requirements to be admitted at UCW?**

Please refer to the programme documents mentioned above – [click here](#).

### **5. How do I submit my application at OU?**

Please, follow the procedures specified on the application procedure document available [here](#).

The procedure document contains payment procedures as well

### **6. What are the fees for studying these programmes at OU?**

Please, refer to the fees on OU's website [here](#).

### **7. Where and how do I study in Mauritius?**

At the Open University of Mauritius, through the open and distance learning mode which is a blend of online and face to face sessions. You will be offered self-study materials and you will have a dedicated e-learning platform to engage with your Programme Managers and Tutors. OU shall provide continuous support through all means of communication.

### **8. When will classes begin at OU?**

Induction and first day of classes will be during the week of 08 Aug 2022 (exact date to be announced soon).

**9. May I obtain the schedule of classes?**

In general, you will have classes mostly on Saturdays. You will obtain your final schedule on Induction day. We plan our sessions so that you can study and work at the same time.

**10. Who will be the resources persons?**

The lecturers at the Open University of Mauritius

**10. Who will award the qualifications in Mauritius? Will the certificate bear the UCW name and logo?**

The MBA Foundation, Certificate in Commerce and Certificate in Business Communication will bear the name and logo of OU only. OU is the awarding body.

**11. I have seen that I will obtain direct entry to pursue my degree at UCW. What does this mean?**

*After completion of MBA Foundation - For admission in Master's Year 1:*

Students from OU Mauritius who have successfully completed the Foundation courses with a minimum of 72% overall, as having earned the credit for completion of the UCW Master of Business Administration Foundation programme.

*After completion of Certificate Programme- For admission in bachelor's Year 2:*

Once OU students successfully complete all the required courses with a minimum of 60% in each course in OU qualifying program, UCW shall consider applicants to UCW from OU for direct entry into the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) and Bachelor of Arts in Business Communication (BABC) and award 30 credits.

All applicants for admission to UCW are subject to assessment according to UCW's program-specific admission procedures and criteria, which may be amended from time to

time. Despite the foregoing, all students of OU must apply and be accepted by UCW to the Master of Business Administration program, BCom and BABC, in accordance with

UCW's admission policies. The students will have to meet the visa requirements to study in Canada and they are exempt from English proficiency Test.

**12. For which programmes can I apply at UCW after I complete my MBA Foundation?**

With the MBA Foundation, you can apply for UCW's MBA.

With the Certificate in Business Communication, you can apply for UCW's Bachelor's degree in Business Communication.

With the Certificate in Commerce, you can apply for the UCW's Bachelor's degree in Commerce.

**11. May I apply for another programme at another university in Canada (instead of UCW)?**

No

**12. How will exams be conducted at OU?**

We shall inform you in due course. It may either be online or face to face, depending on prevailing sanitary conditions.

**13. Will OU help me for my admission at UCW?**

Once students complete their MBA Foundation or the Certificates at OU, they can apply at the University West Canada through the "Partner Referred Application" process as indicated at the following webpage: <https://www.ucanwest.ca/admissions/apply>

Students will need to follow the established application procedures of UCW and visa requirements for Canada. UCW will provide assistance.

**14. At what period of the year can I apply at UCW?**

The University of West Canada has four intakes per year: January, April, July and October

**15. Do I need to undergo the English proficiency test to apply at UCW?**

Students who have successfully completed the certificate and MBA foundation programmes at OU are exempted from the English proficiency test to apply at UCW.

**16. I want to know more about studying at UCW in Canada?**

Kindly consult this link for more information: <https://www.ucanwest.ca/admissions/faqs>