

The Isle of Man International Business School

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Set in acres of magnificent parkland close to the business centre of Douglas, The Nunnery Mansion House, built in 1823, is one of the Island's finest buildings and was converted from a private residence into the Isle of Man International Business School in 1999.

The ideal environment for higher learning, it has also been used as a film location and offers exquisite surroundings to accommodate corporate and private functions and marquee events.

The IBS has been part of the Isle of Man Department of Education since April 2005 and will play an important role in the future of Higher Education on the Island.

Our students

From school leavers to mature students, high flying business people to those making their first step on the corporate ladder, there is no such thing as a typical IBS student.

Current students

We are a small, but growing, institution with approximately 130 students on both part-time and full-time programmes. We have a small proportion of international students (12%), although the majority of our students are from the Isle of Man with students at very different stages of their lives and careers.

Every September we enroll a large proportion of 'A' Level students from the Island's secondary schools making the Isle of Man International Business School one of the most popular choices for Manx school leavers. We are also pleased to see an increasing number of mature students (aged 21+) registering with us too.

All our students have chosen the Isle of Man International Business School due to its high academic standards, the excellent level of support on offer, and the benefits of networking with other like-minded students and professionals.

The IBS Student Social Committee organises a range of social activities throughout the year such as coach trips, summer balls and some 'Freshers' Week' activities.

Graduates + alumni

The number of IBS graduates is constantly growing as students complete their qualifications. We have now held two impressive graduation ceremonies at St German's Cathedral in Peel where we celebrated all our students' successes.

*A stunning location,
excellent facilities,
and a very favourable
student-staff ratio.*

*All set in a safe,
friendly and
stimulating
environment...*

An IBS graduate is a desirable recruit for many of the Islands' top companies. An IBS student has a strong work ethic, prestigious qualifications in vocational business disciplines and in many cases relevant and useful work experience gained through our work placement scheme. These qualities combine to create individuals that are able to compete at the highest level for graduate vacancies both on and off the Island.

Many of our graduates choose to stay on the Island and impart their knowledge into the business community of the Isle of Man. IBS graduates are currently working in a wide range of sectors and companies including Manx Telecom, HSBC, Deloitte, the Department of Tourism and Isle of Man Film.

Location

You will find us on the right hand side as you travel from Douglas harbour along the Old Castletown Road.

For those on foot, The IBS is:

- 15 minutes walk from Douglas Bus Station (by Tesco)
- 25 minutes walk from Strand Street, the main shopping area of Douglas

For those coming from off-Island, The IBS is

- 20 minutes by taxi from Ronaldsway Airport
- 10 minutes by taxi from Douglas Ferry Terminal

Studying at The IBS

Small class sizes, easy access to tutors and high levels of support make studying at The IBS a unique experience...

The academic year

Whether you are registered on a degree programme or a professional programme, the teaching year is split into two 15-week semesters. These run between September/December and January/May. During semester time you will be expected to attend lectures and seminars, the number and frequency of which will depend on the programme (see individual programme pages for further details).

Small classes

As our class sizes are much smaller than you would expect to find at a UK university, we offer a far more personalised and supportive approach to study - with a maximum of 30 students per lecture, and typical lecture groups of around 15 students. Our academic staff are all experienced industry specialists and regularly go 'the extra mile' to assist our students in attaining their academic goals.

Learning resources

Throughout higher and professional education, much research is now conducted via the Internet and by consulting electronic papers and journals. We have three I.T. suites with internet access throughout.

Students on our degree programmes are given access to the online learning resources of Liverpool John Moores University (our academic partner) and can freely access a wide range of online databases and information sources in addition to the web.

We also have a newly renovated library, which contains copies of all the core text books required for the programmes taught at the school. Text books may even be provided to individual students on some degree programmes and our students are entitled to use the library facilities at the Isle of Man College.

Why choose The IBS?

- Very favourable ratio of students to staff
- Excellent facilities and a safe, friendly environment
- Ideal environment for business professionals
- Globally-recognised qualifications
- Undergraduate work placement scheme
- Quality-assurance of a larger university
- Ideal for a range of careers
- Flexible, part-time study options
- Staying on the Island to study saves travel/living costs

Student support

We operate a personal tutor system for academic support; whilst your programme administrator will help you to get advice on any other personal matters. Our students can also contact the Student Welfare Officers at the Isle of Man College (see page 8 for contact details).

"I remember sitting an exam and getting really stressed out half way through - I looked out of the window and there were lambs playing around in the field and it really calmed me down!"



Student finance

Tuition fees apply to the majority of programmes offered at The IBS (please see insert), but depending on your individual circumstances there may be financial assistance available from one or more sources:

- If you are **self-funding** a degree programme then it is possible to pay yearly fees by instalments in September, December and May.
- If you have been resident in the Isle of Man for a minimum of 3 years prior to the start of a degree programme at The IBS, you may be eligible for financial support from the **Isle of Man Department of Education, Student Awards Section**.
- **The Isle of Man Department of Trade and Industry** offers a number of grants and financial support to businesses and individuals who are paying for vocational training.

- Tax relief may be available from the Isle of Man Government **Income Tax Division** if you pay for your own vocational training.
- In addition to government support, many local companies are prepared to fund or part fund their employees to undertake academic or professional qualifications and courses at The IBS. You should approach **your employer** prior to applying to gauge their likelihood of financially supporting you.
- A **scholarship** (awarded on academic criteria) or **bursary** (awarded on financial grounds) may be available **from The IBS** to help international students part-finance a degree programme here.

For the contact details of the organisations detailed above, please see page 8.

Catering facilities

Whilst catering facilities are limited at The IBS, food is normally provided during the Executive MBA weekend study blocks and for most short courses. For convenience, there are vending machines located in the foyer which dispense hot drinks, snacks and toasted sandwiches.

Homestay accommodation

We do not currently offer student accommodation, but instead operate a 'Homestay' scheme for students who wish to stay with a local family. This is particularly popular with our first year, international students. Please contact us for more information about 'Homestay'.

"I chose to study at The IBS because I had just bought a house on the Island. It was definitely the right decision for me as I left University with no debt - whilst my friends in the UK are still paying theirs off."

