The Arden MBA Top-Up provides a distinctive way of developing your achievements and thinking in preparation for key positions in industry, commerce and the public sector. Building on your existing postgraduate learning means you can fast-track to a full MBA with just 12 months of study and at a fraction of the cost of a full MBA. You will study a cross-cutting ‘strategic’ module, designed for practising managers looking to take the step upwards by considering contemporary ideas in a global context.

**Modules are:**

**Implementing Strategy**
Shaping the purpose, mission, vision and values of an organisation is vital to success. Starting from this fundamental point you will be exposed to a series of business challenges around strategy. Other key elements explored will include sustainability and ethical practice and you will consider both of these in the context of decision making. Finally you will have the opportunity to apply the theories and concepts to resolve a range of business challenges.

**Research Project**
The research project is a vital part of achieving MBA level - and it’s your chance to undertake research into an area of your choice, related to the programme theme. We’ll support you through the first stage with six weeks of sessions to help you create your research proposal - and you can choose from a conventional dissertation or an academic article and presentation. You will develop your critical abilities and produce a piece of work that’s relevant in practice and meets the academic standards needed at Master’s level.
Course duration and hours of study
You can complete your Top-Up and get your MBA qualification within a year. There is no minimum completion time but we expect students to study Implementing Strategy in the first quarter and then spend at least 6 months on the dissertation. The duration will vary depending on your rate of progress - you can access modules at a pace that is convenient for you. The maximum time you can complete your MBA is 2.5 years.

Please call our admissions team on: 0808 1 15 4030 for more details.

Entry requirements
To be eligible for this course you must normally have:
120 credits at level 7 in a broadly based business/management award, for example a Post Graduate Diploma in Business or ILM level 7 Diploma in Leadership & Management, plus 2 years suitable work experience.

For students whose prior learning was not taught in English:
IELTS 6.5 or equivalent

If you don’t already have the required qualifications for this MBA Top-Up, we may be able to offer you a place on our full MBA programmes. Speak to our admissions team to find out more.