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MODE OF DELIVERY: DISTANCE LEARNING ONLINE (DLO): MBA

Milpark Education offers a selection of its higher education qualifications online. This variant of distance learning allows for high engagement with students, flexibility in terms of location and accessibility in terms of participation.

What are the benefits of online learning?

The focus of this option is high engagement with structured asynchronous learning supported by live online sessions. By taking part in well-designed group discussions, the lecturer will facilitate the development of your understanding of the subject matter in a practical and relevant manner. You will be allocated to an online class of 25 students and each class will have an online lecturer who will lead the discussions and assess your formative contributions and further assessments. You also have the opportunity to express your own understanding, and you have access to the views of other students. You will receive individualised feedback on your participation contributions, and you can interact with your fellow students.

The delivery model for the MBA online is five sessions of two weeks each (total of 10 weeks). Reading and research sessions are followed by in-depth online discussions and regular live discussion sessions are conducted to support student progress. Dedicated sessions have been allocated to assignment and exam preparation. The variation of the sessions gives students the opportunity to focus all their efforts on proper reading and research, followed by active engagement. With continuous lecturer feedback and support, you will be able to identify problems in time to take corrective action before assignments and final summative exams. We believe that this will enable you to achieve success in the most efficient manner for postgraduate studies, given your professional and life commitments.

Who should consider this option?

This mode of delivery makes it possible for students to obtain a qualification from wherever they live or work, anywhere in the world. Students who are interested in high-quality tuition, but who need flexibility in how and when they interact with fellow students, the lecturer and the institution, will find this option very attractive.

What can I expect from Milpark?

Milpark offers a high-quality learning experience designed to enable you to achieve a qualification that is relevant to the contemporary world.

Student support has been maximised in every possible way in order to deliver an optimal learning experience. Your accredited online lecturer will answer all your question within 24 hours. You will also be able to learn from your fellow students through their contributions to discussions.

Formative assessments will be due by 23:55 GMT on the assessment due dates, after which you will receive your marks and individualised feedback online as soon as marking and moderation have been completed.

Milpark also offers regular *live @Milpark* sessions, where you connect to a live classroom session presented by one of your lecturers. You can join the session from the convenience of your office or home. In addition, all sessions will be recorded, technology permitting, and be made available online no later than 48 hours after the session.

Milpark study guides will all be available online. In addition, you may be required to acquire a textbook. Additional study material in the form of videos and articles, for example, will all be available online.

Our dedicated Programme Manager is only an email or phone-call away to assist you with any academic query or concern. Our Programme Manager will also make contact with you regularly to check on your progress. Our Student Services Department (SSD) is available to assist with any administrative queries. Technical assistance is available via our Student Support Centre.

Milpark offers a full online library service. Students have access to online journal databases (including Emerald, Ebsco and Sabinet) and an eBook library, Scholartext. Students and lecturers create their own virtual bookshelf containing books that can then be read offline. You can contact our librarian should you require any assistance.

What does Milpark expect from me?

A stable internet connection is required to give you access to study material, assignments and discussions. The Milpark *myCourses* site can also be accessed via mobile devices.

In order for you to be successful, we need you to follow the study plan very closely for the tuition period. The tuition methodology was designed to assist you to achieve success, and it needs focus and dedication. It would require you to do your bit every session, therefore we recommend that you allocate dedicated study hours in your weekly schedule in a manner that fits your life.

Success on this model is maximised if you take part in class discussions. These discussions will be led by your knowledgeable lecturer on contemporary challenges related to the subject matter. You will learn from the contributions of fellow students who will in turn expect to benefit from your experience. For this reason, participation is also rated for assessment purposes.

Finally, attendance online (from your home or office) of the *live @Milpark* sessions is compulsory. The exact details of these sessions will be communicated to you during your induction session.

How will I be assessed?

Formative assessment consists of online tests, assignments (uploaded and marked online) and graded participation in the discussion forums. While all these assessments contribute to your overall formative mark, only the assignments are required for examination entrance.

Summative assessments may consist of a written invigilated examination or an online examination upload. Some of the modules have group assessments and/or presentations as the final summative assessments. Summative, invigilated examinations are available at any of our 40 examination venues countrywide. In limited instances, supplementary examinations also become available. Arrangements for invigilated examinations as well as online presentations are accommodated.

All information on how you will be assessed can be located in the Assessment Guideline document uploaded on *myCourses*.

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