Global Management, MGM

Thunderbird's No. 1-ranked MGM program (THE/WSJ, 2019) offers applied learning opportunities, 17 concentration options and internships in real-world global settings where you can gain hands-on experience and learn from the diverse perspectives of a global cohort of classmates. Graduates join a worldwide alumni network of 45,000 leaders across 170 alumni chapters.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MGM Global Management
Thunderbird School of Global Management's specialized MGM program delivers cross-cultural, hands-on training in the nuances of international management, preparing students with the perfect balance of practical and people skills to inspire, influence and drive global success. Students globalize their mindset and marketability by pairing their deep-dive leadership training with an innovative concentration area, foreign language options, practical training through the Global Challenge Laboratories, consultative collaborations with corporate partners, internships, real-world simulations and study abroad modules.

The master's degree program starts in August or January with a 16- or 21-month track.

The Accelerated 4+1 Master of Global Management program allows students to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in as few as five years: https://thunderbird.asu.edu/degrees/graduate-degree/4-plus-1-master-global-management. With the help of their undergraduate academic advisor, this cost-effective option allows students to take 12 credit hours of their core master's degree classes during their senior year based on their major map.
This program features three concentration options for STEM specializations that meet special F-1 international student visa status requirements: global business, global digital transformation and data science.

Global management, evolved

Upon its founding in 1946, Thunderbird became the world's first graduate school focused exclusively on global business and leadership. Blending international trade, public policy, and international affairs, Thunderbird now specializes in the expert development of leaders and managers across sectors, enhancing performance in public and private organizations globally. Students in the Master of Global Management program can choose from one of the 16 concentration areas below or design their own concentration:

Thunderbird concentrations:

- global affairs
- global business
- global digital transformation
- global entrepreneurship

Concentrations offered in partnership with other ASU schools and colleges:

- creative industries and design thinking
- data science
- development and innovation
- digital audience strategy
- health care delivery
- integrated health care
- legal studies
- nonprofit leadership and management
- public administration
- public policy
- sustainability solutions
- sustainable tourism

Students complete rigorous core courses in global management, international political economy and cross-cultural engagement, with electives spanning the gamut of the university's offerings. The result is a flexible, multidisciplinary curriculum featuring a rich variety of coursework in international business and management, social sciences and humanities.
Learn by doing
A Thunderbird education features experiential learning for exponential impact. Applied learning courses give students diverse opportunities to work face-to-face with clients or participate in real-life simulations as part of their program. Through these hands-on courses, students have a variety of options to develop and refine their hard skills. By choosing from a wide spectrum of applied learning offerings that are at once practical and cutting-edge, graduates holding a Master of Global Management enter the workforce prepared to thrive immediately. These real-world experiences are built into the curriculum, ensuring 100% participation from Thunderbird students.

Moving from theory to real-world practice, students get invaluable experience by taking on projects for major corporations and other global organizations, including nonprofits and government agencies. In the Global Challenge Labs, students work on consulting projects in emerging markets while developing leadership, cultural sensitivity and international business acumen.

In the Global Organizational Consulting program, students gain distinctive experience in consulting frameworks through client projects. Internships allow students to work for multinational businesses in a wide variety of industries in full-time positions for at least eight weeks on graduate-level projects or over the summer. Thunderbird's simulations present real-world scenarios in the areas of global marketing, global finance and global strategy, allowing students to test solutions in a sandbox setting. They can also travel to specific regions to study local business practices, master intercultural management skills and develop international relationships that can last a lifetime.

Thunderbird School of Global Management has produced uniquely agile and resilient leaders for more than 70 years, leaders in every sector who are capable of tackling the world's greatest challenges.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Thunderbird School of Global Management
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus or online

Accelerated Program Options
This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:
Applied Computing, BS
Asia Studies (East Asia), BA
Asia Studies (South Asia), BA
Asia Studies (Southeast Asia), BA
Asian Languages (Chinese), BA
Asian Languages (Japanese), BA
Biochemistry, BA
Biochemistry, BS
Biological Sciences, BS
Biological Sciences (Biology and Society), BS
Biological Sciences (Biomedical Sciences), BS
Biological Sciences (Conservation Biology and Ecology), BS
Biological Sciences (Genetics, Cell and Developmental Biology), BS
Biological Sciences (Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior), BS
Biotechnology and Bioenterprise, BS
Business (Business Administration), BA
Business (Communication), BA
Business (Food Industry Management), BA
Business (Global Agribusiness), BA
Business (Global Logistics Management), BA
Business (Global Politics), BA
Business (Health Care), BA
Business (Information Security), BA
Business (Language and Culture), BA
Business (Law), BA
Business (Public Service and Public Policy), BA
Business (Sports Business), BA
Business (Statistics), BA
Business (Sustainability), BA
Business (Technology), BA
Business (Tourism), BA
Business Data Analytics, BS
Business Entrepreneurship, BS
Communication, BA
Communication, BS
Economics, BS
Economics, BS
Economics (Politics and the Economy), BS
Engineering (Automotive Systems), BSE
Engineering (Electrical Systems), BSE
Engineering (Mechanical Engineering Systems), BSE
Engineering (Robotics), BSE
English, BA
Finance, BS
French, BA
General Studies, BA
German, BA
Global Health, BA
Global Management, BGM
Health Sciences, BS
History, BA
Industrial Design, BSD
Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, BA
International Letters and Cultures (Arabic Studies), BA
International Letters and Cultures (Classical Civilization), BA
International Letters and Cultures (Classics), BA
International Trade, BS
Italian, BA
Jewish Studies, BA
Latin American Studies, BA
Liberal Studies, BA
Management, BS
Marketing, BS
Marketing (Digital and Integrated Marketing Communications), BS
Marketing (Professional Sales), BS
Microbiology, BS
Microbiology (Medical Microbiology), BS
Molecular Biosciences and Biotechnology, BS
Philosophy, BA
Philosophy (Morality, Politics and Law), BA
Philosophy, Religion and Society, BA
Political Science, BA
Political Science, BS
Psychology, BA
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Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Degree Requirements**

49 credit hours including a foreign language exam and the required capstone course (TGM 597)

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
TGM 506 Communicating and Negotiating Across Cultures (3)

**Other Requirements (21 credit hours)**
TGM 515 Navigating Global and Regional Business Environments (3)
TGM 517 Global Accounting and Financial Management (3)
TGM 545 Global Leadership and Strategy (3)
TGM 557 Global Marketing and Data Analytics (3)
TGM 586 Global Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Business (3)
TGM 596 Thunderbird Experiential Practicum (6)

**Electives (24 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (1 credit hours)**
TGM 597 Thunderbird Personal Leadership Development (1)

**Additional Curriculum Information**

Proficiency in a second language is required for graduation from the MGM degree. Students whose native language is not English who meet the admission requirements for this program satisfy the language requirement.

Students whose native language is English must satisfy the graduation requirement for language proficiency by waiving this requirement through an oral proficiency interview administered by a third-party vendor or by successfully completing six credit hours of 400-level or higher foreign language coursework.

For electives coursework, students should see the academic unit for approved courses.

For other requirements coursework, other courses may be used with approval from the academic unit.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution. The program is open to candidates from any undergraduate major.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor’s degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master’s degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. resume
4. essay response to application question
5. GMAT or GRE may be required
6. one professional or academic reference
7. interview
8. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

The resume should demonstrate the applicant’s professional and academic history.

An interview is required. Final applicants may be asked to complete an additional interview.

Applicants are exempt from taking the GMAT or GRE if they have eight or more years of professional work experience or a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or above. Applicants who do not meet either requirement are reviewed by the application committee and may receive an exception on a case-by-case basis.

Attend Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Students in Thunderbird’s Master of Global Management program have unique opportunities to apply and hone their learning in international settings. Experiential learning exposes students to actual problems faced by leaders of multinational businesses and governmental or nonprofit organizations that operate on an international level. Working with Thunderbird professors, their fellow students, alumni and corporate partners, students master and apply global management principles and concepts to meet real business challenges through special courses, labs and projects. Thunderbird offers a wide variety of experiential learning engagements, giving students the ability to solve real-world challenges by collaborating with the school’s corporate partners around the world. Some options include:

Global Field Seminars
This two- or three-week seminar exposes students to the dynamics and nuances of doing business in a focused region of the world. Teams of students go on company site visits and attend high-level meetings and presentations with business, government and cultural leaders as well as with Thunderbird alumni. Students gain invaluable hands-on experience while expanding their global business skills so they can become major assets to any organization they join after graduating.

Thunderbird Global Challenge Laboratories
This is a client-facing, project-based course built on a five-week immersion assignment in a key emerging market. Projects take students to destinations all over the world. They are tailored to the business needs of the client and challenge students to provide sophisticated data and market analysis, strategy
recommendations and plans for sustained growth that are both practical and effective. For more information, students should visit https://thunderbird.asu.edu/challenge-labs.

Career Opportunities

Thunderbird prepares graduates to enter this complex and exciting global economy with specialized, hands-on training in international business, cross-cultural relations, global political economy and regional business environments. With their global mindset, core professional skills, mastery of 21st century management principles and practices, and multicultural outlook, Thunderbird graduates are prepared for leadership roles in organizations with a global scope.

Career examples include:

- auditors
- financial managers
- general and operations managers
- intelligence analysts
- logistics managers
- marketing managers
- market research analysts and marketing specialists
- management analysts
- sales managers
- social and community services managers
- sustainability specialists
- supply chain managers
- urban and regional planners

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