BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	**Course Title**	MSc Project Management
2	**BCU Course Code**	PT0937
3	**Awarding Institution**	Birmingham City University
4	**Teaching Institution(s)** (if different from point 3)	
5	**Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation** (if applicable)	Association for Project Management (APM)

6	Course Description
	Our MSc Project Management course will help you gain the administrative, organisational and creative skills you'll need to become one of tomorrow's leading managers. **What's covered in the course?** The course will encourage creative thinking, and the development of leadership and management skills through teamwork, discussion and peer review. You will develop new skills to an advanced level, becoming a highly skilled manager capable of administering major projects within and across different organisations. In addition to further academic research opportunities, career prospects are expected to keep pace with the rapid advances in project management methods and intelligent based technologies, hence, there is expected to be continuing demand for competent, versatile postgraduates who can design and implement innovative solutions for industry.

7	**Course Awards**		
7a	**Name of Final Award**	**Level**	**Credits Awarded**
	Master of Science Project Management	7	180
	Master of Science Project Management with Professional Placement	7	240
7b	**Exit Awards and Credits Awarded**		
	Postgraduate Certificate Project Management	7	60
	Postgraduate Diploma Project Management	7	120

8	**Derogation from the University Regulations**
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)	
Full Time	City Centre	12 months	PT0937	
Part Time September	City Centre	24 months	PT0943	
Part Time January	City Centre	28 months	PT0936	
Full Time with Professional Placement	City Centre (and placement provider)	18 months	PT1329	

10	Entry Requirements

The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/.

11	**Course Learning Outcomes**

Knowledge and Understanding

1	Concepts, theories and principles of project management and professional practice.
2	The skills of analysis, synthesis and decision making in the resolution of project challenges.
3	Project management methodologies, innovation and creativity in management across the extended enterprise and global arena.
4	The structure of industrial systems and how these systems may be used to meet the varying demands placed on companies.
5	Organisational configuration to achieve more rapid responsiveness to a changing global environment.

Cognitive and Intellectual Skills

6	Argue rationally and draw independent conclusions based on a rigorous, analytical and critical approach to support an argument.
7	Write fully researched and referenced reports which evaluate both technical and management issues.
8	Synthesise theory and practice systematically and creatively to specify, design and implement effective solutions.
9	Demonstrate, in an analysis of a specified problem, a high level of competence and understanding of the data manipulation, information presentation and delivery.
10	Apply new technologies and techniques to solve present and future industrial and commercial problems nationally and internationally.

Practical and Professional Skills

11	Access information from a variety of sources and appraise its suitability for master's level research.
12	Apply the knowledge, skills and methodologies of project management to the analysis and solution of complex problems.
13	Possess a defined body of knowledge, skills and understanding and analyse its relationships with conceptual frameworks and professional practice.
14	Reflect on personal attributes, both theoretical and practical, and modify approach to maximise learning opportunities.
15	Interpret and critically evaluate knowledge, concepts and ideas and/or forms of creative expression, to deliver a quality product or service.

Key Transferable Skills

16	Manage learning and self-development, including time management and prioritising of work when tackling and solving complex problems.
17	Communicate effectively in writing, orally and in presentations to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
18	Make effective use of IT including word and data processing packages, internet and electronic information sources.
19	Systematically research a topic, synthesise and critically evaluate data and information from a variety of web-based and traditional sources.
20	In cooperation with others, plan and implement tasks at a professional level and contribute to team goals through making sound judgements.

12	**Course Requirements**

12a | Level 7:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 180 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ENG7142	Research Methods	20
ENG7141	Resource Management	20
ENG7146	Procurement and Contract Law	20
ENG7145	International Operations and Logistics	20
ENG7143	Principles of Project Management	20
ENG7144	International Business and Marketing	20
ENG7200	Individual Master's Project	60

Level 6:
In order to qualify for the award of MSc Project Management with Professional Placement, a student must successfully complete all of the Level 7 modules listed above as well as the following Level 6 module:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PLA6004	Professional Placement	60

12b   Structure Diagrams

Level 7

Full Time

Year 1 1st Semester of study	International Operations and Logistics (20 credits)	Principles of Project Management (20 credits)	International Business and Marketing (20 credits)
Year 1 2nd Semester of study	Research Methods (20 credits)	Resource Management (20 credits)	Procurement and Contract Law (20 credits)
Year 1 3rd Semester of study	Individual Project (60 credits)		

September Part Time

Year 1 1st Semester (Sept – Dec)	International Business and Marketing (20 credits)	Principles of Project Management (20 credits)
Year 1 2nd Semester (Jan – May)	Research Methods (20 credits)	Procurement and Contract Law (20 credits)
Year 2 1st Semester (Sept – Dec)	International and Operational Logistics (20 credits)	
Year 2 2nd Semester (Jan – May)	Resource Management (20 credits)	Individual Master's Project (60 credits)
Year 2 3rd Semester (May – Sept)		

January Part Time

Year 1 1ˢᵗ Semester (Jan – May)	International Business and Marketing (20 credits)	Principles of Project Management (20 credits)
Year 1 2ⁿᵈ Semester (Sept – Dec)	Procurement and Contract Law (20 credits)	Resource Management (20 credits)
Year 2 1ˢᵗ Semester (Jan – May)	Research Methods (20 credits)	
Year 2 2ⁿᵈ Semester (Sept – Dec)	International and Operational Logistics (20 credits)	Individual Master's Project (60 credits)
Year 3 1ˢᵗ Semester (Jan – May)		

With Professional Placement - Full-time

Year 1 1ˢᵗ Semester of study	International Operations and Logistics (20 credits)	Principles of Project Management (20 credits)	International Business and Marketing (20 credits)
Year 1 2ⁿᵈ Semester of study	Research Methods (20 credits)	Resource Management (20 credits)	Procurement and Contract Law (20 credits)
Year 1 3ʳᵈ Semester of study	Individual Project (60 credits)		
Year 2 1ˢᵗ semester of study	Professional Placement (60 credits)		

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 7

Workload

14% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	252
Directed Learning	12
Private Study	1536
Total Hours	1800

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	65%
Exam	14%
In-Person	21%