

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	BA (Hons) Business
2	BCU Course Code	US1118-01
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)	

6	Course Description
	<p>Looking for a business studies course in Birmingham? Our BA (Hons) Business degree offers the opportunity to take a year-long professional placement in industry.</p> <p>The course upholds the values of the principles for responsible management education (PRME) defined by the United Nation. It aims to educate future business leaders for a sustainable future.</p> <p>On the course, you will be able to develop a wide range of cognitive and intellectual skills, together with competencies specific to business and enterprise. The course will provide you with the opportunity to develop specialist business expertise, while helping you learn key transferable skills, all of which will help you stand out when it comes to securing employment.</p> <p>You will be working with academics with specialist knowledge and industry practitioners while studying with us. Our supportive and empowering learning environment will further facilitate your learning journey by providing additional support through personal tutors, through learning mentors and study buddies.</p> <p>Tailor your Business Degree</p> <p>Our suite of Business modules will enable you to tailor your interests to a specific area. You even have the opportunity to change your degree path after completing your first year to the alternative Business pathway, BA Business with Marketing.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>Your learning will embrace the development and operation of business markets, the management of key resources including human capital, financial management, strategic management and cultural awareness, since we believe business can't be studied in isolation.</p> <p>In addition, you'll gain an insight into digital business, exploring how technology has remodelled the business world, and reflect on accompanying issues around social responsibility and ethical behaviour.</p> <p>Your course will foster your intellectual and ethical development and encourage your personal commitment to the socially useful purpose of becoming a business professional. It will also develop your core behaviours through learning activities that enable you to practise, exhibit and develop confidence in enterprise and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>After gaining a solid grounding in business functions, you will be able if you wish to specialise in our innovative Business pathway for your next two years. BA (Hons) Business with Marketing</p>

	<p>will equip you with the communicative, administrative and creative skills needed to make an impact in the marketing industry.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can continue to pursue the BA (Hons) Business route. Each pathway will allow you to pursue a programme consistent with your career ambition.</p>
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business	Level 6	360
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	480
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Business	Level 4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Business	Level 5	240
	Bachelor of Arts Business	Level 6	300
	Bachelor of Arts Business with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	420

8	Derogation from the University Regulations		
	None		

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study
	Full Time	City Centre	3 Years
	Professional Placement	City Centre	4 Years
	Part Time	City Centre	5 Years
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			US1118-01
			U11120-01
			US1119-01

10	Entry Requirements
	<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/, or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.</p>

11a	Course Level Outcomes
	<p>This degree course will progress you through level learning outcomes detailed below to ensure that you meet the benchmarks set out in the latest Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) subject benchmark for Business and Management standards as well as the overall course learning outcomes detailed.</p>
	Level 4 - Theoretical Underpinning
1	Articulate knowledge and understanding of the major theories, principles, and concepts of business.
2	Illustrate familiarity with the operational aspects of business.

3	Acquire key transferable skills essential to a career in business.
4	Articulate acquired knowledge and transferable skills in the global business environment.
	Level 5 – Professional Practice emphasis
1	Differentiate a range of business strategies.
2	Execute operational knowledge and skills in a business context.
3	Apply a range of analytical techniques for critical analysis of business scenarios and apply the findings for problem-solving.
4	Effectively communicate and present information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms
	Level 6 – Strategic Focus
1	Interpret business knowledge, understanding and skills to identify solutions to both defined and uncertain business problems
2	Compose and construct evidence-based arguments to communicate the nature of business problems and their solutions.
3	Apply professional skills in contexts where the scope of the task and the criteria for decisions are generally well defined, but where some personal responsibility and initiative is required.
4	Utilise professional and academic skills to develop and justify compelling business solutions.

11b	Course Learning Outcomes
	Knowledge and Understanding: On successful completion of the BA (Hons) Business course you will be able to:
K1	Evaluate the theoretical knowledge of key academic theories and concepts in relation to business, as a preparation for employment, self-employment or postgraduate study.
K2	Synthesise the methodological, conceptual and practical knowledge you have acquired so as to be a capable business professional.
K3	Appraise contemporary global issues and policy debates as they apply to business organisations and their operations within a digital and globalised society.
K4	Apply creative thinking to design innovative solutions for business problems.
K5	Utilise discipline based knowledge, understanding and skills to critically evaluate and formulate evidence-based arguments and identify solutions to both defined and uncertain business problems.
	Skills and Other Attributes: On successful completion of the BA (Hons) Business course, you will have acquired skills in the following areas, with the ability to:
T1	Practice knowledge and skills in relation to the operation and systems of business organisations.
T2	Articulate, communicate and present business arguments to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
T3	Synthesise acquired skills to act independently in constructing your own learning models, plan and undertake tasks, and accept accountability for your own learning decisions.
T4	Utilise effective knowledge and understanding of the international context within which organisations operate, and apply this to the business organisation.
T5	Practice self-regulating attributes to uphold the values of responsible management education

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BUS5XXX	Business Analytics	20
BUS5XXX	Business Strategy	20
BUS5XXX	Dynamic Business issues and Solutions	20
ACC5XXX	Accounting for Business	20
BUS5XXX	Entrepreneurship in the digital age	20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
BUS5XXX	Creative Problem Solving	20
MAN5XXX	Supply Chain Management	20
ACC5XXX	Study Abroad	20

In order to qualify for the award of BA (Hons) Business with Professional Placement Year a student must successfully complete the following module:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PLA5XXX	Professional Placement Year	120

Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 60 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
BUS6XXX	Business Process and Systems	20
BUS6XXX	e-Business	20
BUS6XXX	International Business	20

In order to complete this course a student must choose ONE of the following optional project routes (totalling 40 credits):

Module Code	Project Routes	Credit Value
BUS6XXX	Business Advice Project (Major)	40
BUS6XXX	Business Research Project (Major)	40
BUS6XXX	Business Start-Up Project (Major)	40
BUS6XXX	Community Advice Project (Major)	40
BUS6XXX	Employability Project (Major)	40
QME6XXX	Economics Research Project (Major)	40
BUS6XXX + BUS6XXX	Business Research Methodology and Practice + Business Research Project	20 20
BUS6XXX + BUS6XXX	Business Research Methodology and Practice + Business Start-Up Project	20 20
BUS6XXX + BUS6XXX	Business Research Methodology and Practice + Community Advice Project	20 20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
MKT6XXX	One Planet Business	20
MKT6XXX	Selling and Sales Management	20

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Full Time Course Structure

Level 4	S1	MKT4024: Developing Your Personal Brand (20 credits)	BUS4058: Business Foundations (20 credits)	MKT4022: Principles of Marketing (20 credits)
	S2	BUS4086: Essential Analysis for Business (20 credits)	BUS4084: Business Environment (20 credits)	HRM4001 Understanding Organisation and Organisational Behaviour (20 credits)
Level 5	S1	BUS5XXX: Dynamic Business issues and Solutions (20 credits)	BUS5XXX Business strategy (20 credits)	BUS5XXX: Business Analytics (20 credits)
	S2	ACC5XXX: Accounting for Business (20 credits)	BUS5XXX: Entrepreneurship in the digital age (20 credits)	OPTION (20 credits)
Level 6	S1	Business Project Route (40 credits / 20/20 credits) (choose from options below)	BUS6XXX: Business Process and Systems (20 credits)	BUS6XXX: e-Business (20 credits)
	S2		BUS6XXX: International Business (20 credits)	OPTION (20 credits)

Full Time with Professional Placement Year Course Structure

Level 4	S1	MKT4024: Developing Your Personal Brand (20 credits)	BUS4058: Business Foundations (20 credits)	MKT4022: Principles of Marketing (20 credits)
	S2	BUS4086: Essential Analysis for Business (20 credits)	BUS4084: Business Environment (20 credits)	HRM4001 Understanding Organisation and Organisational Behaviour (20 credits)
Level 5	S1	BUS5XXX: Dynamic Business issues and Solutions (20 credits)	BUS5XXX Business strategy (20 credits)	BUS5XXX: Business Analytics (20 credits)
	S2	ACC5XXX: Accounting for Business (20 credits)	BUS5XXX: Entrepreneurship in the digital age (20 credits)	OPTION (20 credits)
	PLA5XXX: Professional Placement Year (120 credits)			

Level 6	S1	Business Project Route (40 credits / 20/20 credits) <i>(choose from options below)</i>	BUS6XXX: Business Process and Systems (20 credits)	BUS6XXX: e-Business (20 credits)
	S2		BUS6XXX: International Business (20 credits)	OPTION (20 credits)

Part Time Course Structure

Year 1	Semester 1	L4 Business Foundations (20 Credits)	
	Semester 2	L4 Business Environment (20 Credits)	L4 Essential Analysis for Business (20 Credits)
Year 2	Semester 1	L4 Developing Your Personal Brand (20 Credits)	L4 Marketing Foundations (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	Understanding Organisation and Organisational Behaviour (20 Credits)	
Year 3	Semester 1	L5 Business Analytics(20 Credits)	L5 Contemporary Business: Practice and Solutions (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	L5 Entrepreneurship in the digital age (20 Credits)	L5 Accounting for Business (20 Credits)
Year 4	Semester 1	L5 Business strategy (20 Credits)	L6 Business Process and Systems (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	L5 Option (Marketing) (20 Credits)	L6 International Business (20 Credits)
Year 5	Semester 1	L6 e-Business (20 Credits)	Business Project Route (40 credits / 20/20 credits) <i>(choose from options below)</i>
	Semester 2	L6 Option (20 Credits)	

Level 5 Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Problem Solving (20 credits) • Supply Chain Management (20 credits) 	Level 6 Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling and Sales Management (20 credits) • One Planet Business (20 credits)
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Business Project Routes

	Route 1	Route 2	Route 3	Route 4	Route 5	Route 6	Route 7
S1	Business Advice Project (Major) (40 credits)	Business Research Project (Major) (40 credits)	Business Start-Up Project (Major) (40 credits)	Community Advice Project (Major) (40 credits)	Employability Project (Major) (40 credits)	Economics Research Project (Major) (40 credits)	Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits)
S2							Business Research Project (20 credits) or Business Start-up Project (20 credits) or Community Advice Project (20 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 4 Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	228
Directed Learning	205
Private Study	767
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
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Coursework	85%
Exam	0
In-Person	15%

Level 5
Workload
% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	252
Directed Learning	312
Private Study	636
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	85%
Exam	10%
In-Person	5%

Level 6
Workload
% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	86%
Exam	7%
In-Person	7%