

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	BA (Hons) Marketing
2	Course Code	US1122-01
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)	Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)

6	Course Description
	<p>Recognised by the Chartered Institute of Marketing our BA (Hons) Marketing degree gives you the practice-based skills needed to succeed in the ever-changing discipline of marketing. This approach not only gives you the marketing knowledge needed but also the personal skills employers demand, allowing you to make an immediate impact upon graduation. This experience is further enhanced by the opportunity to undertake a yearlong placement.</p> <p>Businesses value marketing more than ever due to its ability to identify opportunities, shape experiences and drive profits. It is an ever-evolving discipline, constantly responding to changes in technology and consumer behaviour.</p> <p>To be successful in this exciting area not only requires a depth understanding of the core principles, but also relies on having the acumen and practical abilities to apply and adapt this knowledge in a wide variety of scenarios. This in-demand course has been designed to give you the practical and professional skills that employers seek through our practice-based learning approach</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>Inspiring our students in all aspects of marketing, we put an emphasis on employability, Employability focused means more than securing a role on graduation, it is an enduring principle that ensures that you have the resources and competencies to maximise all of your future career opportunities. You will receive this through every module and through enhanced experiences such as the opportunity to work in our very own student-led marketing agency. Placements are available, with numerous companies holding our placement students in high regard thanks to their real-world practical skills.</p> <p>Subject to approval this course is also fully recognised by Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM). This helps to ensure content remains fresh, relevant and full of key industry insight to endure you industry-ready the second you graduate. This recognition also ensures you will receive the maximum possible exemptions from the CIM Professional Diploma</p> <p>This course is one of six marketing degrees that have been designed to meet the diverse</p>

	<p>areas of marketing. This suite of courses is distinct in that it offers you a set of pathways that you can choose from irrespective of the course that you entered on. This allows you to develop additional specialist skills of your choice and career aspirations, alongside the core underpinning market concepts you will need in practice.</p> <p>Each course in the suite has been designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equip students with the ability to apply marketing theory and practice in a variety of business situations. • Develop key transferable skills that are essential to a career in marketing. • Meet the accreditation requirements of Chartered Institute of Marketing. • Provide students with the opportunity to develop specialist marketing skills of their choice. <p>You can switch to a named pathway (or route in the case of professional practice version) after the first year, as all level 4 modules are common to all courses. On successful completion of this level, you will be able to choose a degree from the following list or remain on BA Marketing course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA (Hons) Marketing Advertising and Public Relations • BA (Hons) Marketing with Consumer Psychology • BA (Hons) Marketing with Commercial Management • BA (Hons) Marketing with Digital Communication
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Marketing	Level 6	360
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Marketing with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	480
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Marketing	Level 4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Marketing	Level 5	240
	Bachelor of Arts Marketing	Level 6	300
	Bachelor of Arts Marketing with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	420

8	Derogation from the University Regulations		
	None.		

9 Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)
Full Time	City Centre	3 years	US1122-01
Full Time with Professional Placement Year	City Centre (and placement provider)	4 years	US1124-01
Part Time	City Centre	5 years	US1123-01

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
	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.
	Level 4 – Theoretical Underpinning
1	Develop knowledge and understanding of the major theories, principles, and concepts of marketing.
2	Recognise the practices of marketing within a wider business context.
3	Acquire key transferable skills essential to a career in marketing.
4	Apply acquired marketing knowledge and transferable skills within a defined marketing environment.
	Level 5 – Professional Practice Emphasis
1	Differentiate a range of marketing strategies.
2	Utilise principles of marketing practice in an operational context.
3	Critically analyse and choose a range of marketing and business techniques to identify the most applicable for a range of business scenarios, applying findings to solve a set marketing problem.
4	Effectively communicate and present information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms.
	Level 6 – Strategic Focus
1	Formulate marketing knowledge, understanding and skills to critically evaluate and formulate evidence-based arguments and identify solutions to both defined and uncertain marketing problems.
2	Construct effective methods of communicating marketing concepts and other relevant work, accurately and reliably using a range of specialist techniques and practices.
3	Implement 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	Apply professional and academic skills to create and justify compelling marketing solutions.

11b	Course Learning Outcomes
	Knowledge and Understanding: On successful completion of the BA (Hons) Marketing course you will be able to:
K1	Appraise and apply the major theories, principles and concepts of marketing.
K2	Interpret the practices of marketing within a wider business context and defined marketing environment.
K3	Utilise principles of marketing practice in an operational context.
K4	Use a range of marketing and business techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of business scenarios, applying findings to solve a set marketing problem.
K5	Utilise marketing knowledge, understanding and skills to critically evaluate and formulate evidence-based arguments and identify solutions to both defined and uncertain marketing problems.
K6	Differentiate, evaluate and create a range of marketing strategies and tactics.
K7	Identify international issues and assess the impact for marketing operations and strategy.
K8	Evaluate the ethical and sustainability impact of marketing decisions.
	Skills and Other Attributes: On successful completion of the BA (Hons) Marketing course, you will have acquired skills in the following areas, with the ability to:
T1	Effectively communicate and present information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms, including written and oral communication.
T2	Compose and construct effective methods of communicating marketing concepts and other relevant work, accurately and reliably using a range of specialist techniques and practices.
T3	Apply appropriate professional skills in a variety of business and marketing scenarios.
T4	Utilise and apply appropriate professional skills to create and justify compelling marketing solutions.
T5	Employ critical thinking skills to explain and solve marketing related issues.
T6	Use creative thinking to design innovative solutions in a given marketing context.

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In order to qualify for the award of BA (Hons) Marketing 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 40 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
MKT6XXX	Marketing Strategy and Leadership	20
MKT6XXX	One Planet Business	20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 80 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
MKT6XXX	Contemporary Advertising	20
MKT6XXX	Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	20
MKT6XXX	Managing Customer Relationships	20
MKT6XXX	Digital Analytics for Marketing	20
MKT6XXX	PR Planning and Reputation Management	20
MKT6XXX	Selling and Sales Management	20
MKT6XXX	Cross Cultural Consumer Behaviour	20
MKT6XXX	Digital Enterprise	20
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

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	Principles of Marketing (20 credits)	Developing Your Personal Brand (20 credits)	Creative Concepts and Design (20 credits)
	S2	Consumer Behaviour (20 credits)	Finance for Managers (20 credits)	Content Marketing (20 credits)
Level 5	S1	Brand Dynamics And Activation (20 credits)	Data, Insights and Analytics (20 credits)	Option module (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
	S2	Marketing Communications Planning (20 credits)	Experience Design (20 credits)	Option Module (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
Level 6	S1	Project Route (40 credits) / Option Module (20 credits)	Marketing Strategy and Leadership (20 credits)	Option Module (20 credits)
	S2	Project Route (40 credits) / Option Module (20 credits)	One Planet Business (20 credits)	Option Module (20 credits)

Optional Modules

	Semester One (all 20 credits)	Semester Two (all 20 credits)
Level 5	Visual Communications for Marketers Routes to Market Behavioural Science Digital Communications and Influencer Marketing	Live Event Experiences Commercial Management Neuropsychology MarTech and Automation Study Abroad
Level 6	Contemporary Advertising Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Managing Customer Relationships Digital Analytics for Marketing	PR Planning and Reputation Management Selling and Sales Management Cross Cultural Consumer Behaviour Digital Enterprise

Full Time with Professional Placement Course Structure

Level 4	S1	Principles of Marketing (20 credits)	Developing Your Personal Brand (20 credits)	Creative Concepts and Design (20 credits)
	S2	Consumer Behaviour (20 credits)	Finance for Managers (20 credits)	Content Marketing (20 credits)
Level 5	S1	Brand Dynamics And Activation (20 credits)	Data, Insights and Analytics (20 credits)	Option module (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
	S2	Marketing Communications Planning (20 credits)	Experience Design (20 credits)	Option Module (20 credits)
		Optional International Exchange		
Professional Placement Year (120 credits)				
Level 6	S1	Project Route (40 credits)/ Option Module (20 credits)	Marketing Strategy and Leadership (20 credits)	Option Module (20 credits)
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Optional Modules

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Part Time Course Structure

Year 1	Semester 1	L4 Introduction to Creative Concepts and Design (20 credits)	L4 Principles of Marketing (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Consumer Behaviour (20 credits)	L4 Finance for Managers (20 Credits)
Year 2	Semester 1	L4 Developing Your Brand (20 Credits)	L5 Data, Insights and Analytics (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Content Marketing	L5 Marketing Communications Planning (20 credits)
Year 3	Semester 1	L5 Brand Dynamics and Automation (20 credits)	L5 Option Module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L5 Experience Design (20 credits)	L5 Option Module (20 credits)
Year 4	Semester 1	L6 Marketing Strategy and Leadership (20 credits)	L6 Option Module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L6 One Planet Business (20 credits)	L6 Option Module (20 credits)
Year 5	Semester 1	L6 Project Route (40 credits)/ 2 x 20 credit L6 option modules – one from each semester	
	Semester 2		

Level 6 (Year 3) Project Routes

Level 6 Project Routes(s) – You are required to choose one project route							
	Route 1	Route 2	Route 3	Route 4	Route 5	Route 6	Route 7
S1							Business Research Methodology and Practice
S2	Business Advice Project (Major)	Business Research Project (Major)	Business Start-Up Project (Major)	Community Advice Project (Major)	Employability Project (Major)	Economics Research Project (Major)	1. Business Research Project OR 2. Business Start-up Project OR 3. Community Advice Project

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

18% 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	40
Exam	20
In-Person	40

Level 5

Workload

18% 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	60
Exam	15
In-Person	25

Level 6
Workload

18% 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	60
Exam	15
In-Person	25