

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	BA (Hons) Business Management with Foundation Year
2	Course Code	US1126F
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 Management Institute (CMI)

6	Course Description
	<p>The BA (Hons) Business Management with Foundation year course at Birmingham City Business School provides a valuable introduction to the management of key resources including human capital, financial management, strategic management and cultural awareness. We create graduates who possess a global outlook, with the conceptual and applied knowledge in the field of business management that will enable them to make a positive impact on society.</p> <p>The foundation year is designed to give you the opportunity to develop your academic and interpersonal skills whilst developing your business skills further to support you to success on your academic path.</p> <p>You will gain specialist knowledge on a number of core functions of management, building your self-confidence to prepare you for a progressive and successful career in management. Exciting opportunities including integrated work projects and business placements in the UK or abroad are all featured in your course, therefore your career can start whilst achieving your qualification. You will have the benefit of renowned industry speakers and live projects to inspire and help you to develop.</p> <p>The international focus of the course is derived through a variety of means including the student body, the teaching team and the use of international teaching materials. Moreover, you can choose to spend a year or a full semester studying your modules overseas at a partner institution. Similarly, the Business Management course embeds the UN Sustainable Development Goals as an integral part of the course.</p> <p>Tailor your Business Management Degree We offer three routes (pathways) to achieve your degree. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Management • Business Management with Supply Chain Management, • Business Management with Enterprise <p>You even have the opportunity to change your degree pathway after completing your first year</p> <p>What's covered in the course? The development and operation of contemporary and international business markets will be embraced in your learning. This will also include the management of key resources including human capital, financial management, strategic management and cultural awareness. You'll gain an important insight into digital business exploring how technology remodels the business world and consider the accompanying issues around social responsibility and ethical behaviour.</p>

	This course is accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). This ensures you'll be provided with the latest information and knowledge, as well as providing key industry links and insight. Success on the programme will additionally award you with a CMI professional certificate.
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business Management	Level 6	480
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business Management with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	600
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Foundation Certificate in Business Management	Level 3	120
	Certificate of Higher Education Business Management	Level 4	240
	Diploma of Higher Education Business Management	Level 5	360
	Bachelor of Arts Business Management	Level 6	420
	Bachelor of Arts Business Management with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	540

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	4 years	US1126
	With Professional Placement Year	City Centre (and placement provider)	5 years	US1127

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/ , or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.		

11	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		

- Develop knowledge and understanding of the major theories, principles and concepts within business management.
- Develop knowledge and understanding of the key functional areas in business management.
- Acquire key transferable skills essential to a career in business management.
- Apply acquired business management knowledge and transferable skills within a defined business environment.

Level 5 – Professional Practice emphasis

- Utilise principles of business management practices in an operational context.
- Critically analyse and choose a range of business techniques and tools to identify the most applicable for a range of business scenarios, applying findings to solve a set business problem.
- Effectively communicate and present information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms.

Level 6 – Strategic Focus

- Formulate business knowledge, understanding and skills to critically evaluate and formulate evidence-based arguments and identify solutions to both defined and uncertain national and international business problems.
- Construct effective methods of communicating business concepts and other relevant work, accurately and reliably using a range of specialist techniques and practices.
- Apply professional and academic skills to create and justify compelling business solutions.

11b	Course Level Outcomes:
	Knowledge and Understanding: On successful completion of the BA (Hons) Business Management degree course you will be able to:
K1	Evaluate the integrated nature of core functional areas of business to make effective business decisions.
K2	Apply practice-based understanding of management frameworks, tools and techniques to a variety of business contexts.
K3	Analyse complex business issues in a turbulent world to provide business advantage and sustainability and foster an enterprising outlook.
K4	Assess cultural differences and their impact on international management practices and opportunities.
K5	Critically discuss key contemporary and emerging theories, concepts and methods and their effect on dynamic businesses.
	Skills and Other Attributes: On successful completion of the BA (Hons) Business Management degree programme, you will have acquired skills and abilities in the following areas:
T1	Present, in person and in writing, an argument to inform an audience.
T2	Interpret complex problems, and critically analyse business data to construct creative and innovative recommendations and solutions.
T3	Demonstrate good citizenship through contributing ethically to the world to benefit both organisations and society.
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In order to qualify for the award of BA (Hons) Business Management 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
MAN6XXX	Leading and Managing Change	20
MAN6XXX	Continuous Innovation	20
MAN6XXX	Strategic Management	20

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

Project Routes	Module Level	Module Code(s)
Business Advice Project (Major) (40 credits)	6	BUS6XXX
Business Research Project (Major) (40 credits)	6	BUS6XXX
Business Start-Up Project (Major) (40 credits)	6	BUS6XXX
Community Advice Project (Major) (40 credits)	6	BUS6XXX
Employability Project (Major) (40 credits)	6	BUS6XXX
Economics Research Project (Major) (40 credits)	6	BUS6XXX
Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits) and Business Research Project (20 credits)	6	BUS6XXX and BUS6XXX
Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits) and Business Start-Up Project (20 credits)	6	BUS6XXX and BUS6XXX
Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits) and Community Advice Project (20 credits)	6	BUS6XXX and BUS6XXX

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

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
MAN6XXX	Strategic Supply Chain Management	20
MAN6XXX	Growing the Enterprise	20
MKT6XXX	One Planet Business	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 3 – Year 1

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BUS3008 Developing Business and Academic Skills for Success (20 credits) MAN3003 Developing Interpersonal and Marketing Skills for Success (20 credits) BUS3001 Business In Context (20 credits)	Core BUS3006 Foundation Practice Project (20 credits) MAN3001 An Introduction to Management and Leadership (20 credits) ACC3002 Accounting and Personal Finance (20 credits)

Level 4 – Year 2

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core MAN4036 Insights into Management (20 credits) MKT4022 Principles of Marketing (20 credits) MKT4024 Developing your Personal Brand (20 credits)	Core BUS4087 Introduction to Entrepreneurship (20 credits) BUS4088 Operations Management (20 credits) ACC4034 Finance for Managers (20 credits)

Level 5 – Year 3

Core MAN5XXX One Planet Issues (20 credits) MAN5XXX Management Development (20 credits) BUS5XXX Business Analytics (20 credits)	Core MAN5XXX The Global Manager (20 credits) MAN5XXX Supply Chain Management (20 credits)
	Optional MAN5XXX Entrepreneurship in Action MAN5XXX Cross Cultural Management MAN5XXX Introduction to Consultancy ACC5XXX Study Abroad (20 credits)

Level 6 (Year 4)

Core MAN6XXX Leading and Managing Change (20 credits) MAN6XXX Continuous Innovation	Core MAN6XXX Strategic Management
Core BUS6XXX: Project Routes (40 credits)	
	Optional MAN6XXX Strategic Supply Chain Management (20 credits) MAN6XXX Growing the Enterprise (20 credits) MKT6XXX One Planet Business (20 credits)

Full Time With Professional Placement Course Structure

Level 3 – Year 1

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BUS3008 Developing Business and Academic Skills for Success (20 credits) MAN3003 Developing Interpersonal and Marketing Skills for Success (20 credits) BUS3001 Business In Context (20 credits)	Core BUS3006 Foundation Practice Project (20 credits) MAN3001 An Introduction to Management and Leadership (20 credits) ACC3002 Accounting and Personal Finance (20 credits)

Level 4 – Year 2

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core MAN4036 Insights into Management (20 credits) MKT4022 Principles of Marketing (20 credits) MKT4024 Developing your Personal Brand (20 credits)	Core BUS4087 Introduction to Entrepreneurship (20 credits) BUS4088 Operations Management (20 credits) ACC4034 Finance for Managers (20 credits)

Level 5 – Year 3

Core MAN5XXX One Planet Issues (20 credits)	Core MAN5XXX The Global Manager (20 credits)
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Professional Placement Year – Year 4

PLA5XXX: Professional Placement Year (120 credits)
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Level 6 – Year 5

Core MAN6XXX Leading and Managing Change (20 credits) MAN6XXX Continuous Innovation (20 credits)	Core MAN6XXX Strategic Management (20 credits)
Core BUS6XXX: Project Routes (40 credits / 20/20 credits) – see Project Routes table below	
	Optional MAN6XXX Strategic Supply Chain Management (20 credits) MAN6XXX Growing the Enterprise (20 credits) MKT6XXX One Planet Business (20 credits)

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)
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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 3

Workload

40% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	480
Directed Learning	288
Private Study	432
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%

Level 4

Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216 (9 hours per week x 24 weeks)
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	83%
Exam	17%
In-Person	0%

Level 5
Workload
18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216 (9 hours per week x 24 weeks)
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	57%
Exam	14%
In-Person	29%

Level 6
Workload
18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216 (9 hours per week x 24 weeks)
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	75%
Exam	0%
In-Person	25%