

# **Programme Specification**

Project Management [Frenchay]

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# **Section 1: Key Programme Details**

#### Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: Project Management [Frenchay]

Highest award: MSc Project Management [Frenchay]

Interim award: PGCert Project Management [Frenchay]

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Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Affiliated institutions: Not applicable

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: No

Year abroad: No

Sandwich year: No

Credit recognition: No

**School responsible for the programme:** CATE School of Engineering, College of Arts, Technology and Environment

Contributing schools: Not applicable

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies: Not applicable

Apprenticeship: Not applicable

Mode of delivery: Full-time, Part-time

Entry requirements: 1.Degree at 2.2 or higher in any discipline; OR

2.Demonstratable and appropriate work experience in private or public sector with relevant professional qualifications.

International and EU applicants are required to have a minimum overall IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with 5.5 in each component (or approved equivalent).

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For implementation from: 01 January 2024

Programme code: K9N200

## Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

#### Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

**Overview:** The MSc in Project Management programme will provide graduates with the relevant knowledge and understanding and experience of applying practical skills in project management, which will equip them to succeed as project managers. Whilst students will specialise in project management, the characteristics of the course will also provide a focus on the interdisciplinary nature of the subject and how project management is integrated within organisations and how latest methodologies are applied in practice.

The MSc Project Management is aimed at students who wish to develop knowledge, understanding and intellectual and practical skills in project management within industry and the business environment in a global market place. It is designed to be accessible to students from any discipline or degree background, unlike other project management courses, whether they are from a business, arts or technical background. Students will have the opportunity to build on prior learning and experience and to specialise in a discipline with a growing professional demand across various sectors.

Examples areas where project management roles are increasing are the public sector, utilities, business services (such as engineering, infrastructure, regeneration, banking, retail, law firms), events management, charitable organisations, plus many more.

Successful students will develop competence in using a variety of tools and techniques required to lead and manage projects successfully, and will be able to tailor them appropriately depending on the type of project/organisation, as well as across geographical boundaries. Students will understand the strategic value of project management to businesses and will graduate with a skill set that will enable them to be senior project managers, or researchers, and have the relevant soft skills to work with and manage a wide variety of stakeholders. In addition to utilising tools and methodologies, students will develop a range of transferable soft skills that are imperative to the successful management of projects including delivering oral presentations, communication, leadership, problem solving, strategic thinking, and research skills, all skills highlighted by employers as being essential, and thus of great value when seeking future employment.

**Educational Aims:** To provide a coherent programme of advanced postgraduate study in project management, which is firmly underpinned by a wide range of research (including that carried out by staff who teach on the programme) and by Faculty scholarship, consultancy, and links with practice;

To enable students' to develop systematic and creative solutions to a range of complex project management issues across a range of organisations including public, private and not for profit sectors;

To enable students to understand current developments and challenges in the field of project management within an international context;

To encourage students to develop the capacity for advanced thought and action that is independent, critical, reflective and applicable in a range of global contexts;

To foster in students a commitment to personal development and enhance students' transferable and professional skills towards improving project management career prospects and lifelong learning;

#### Programme Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this programme graduates will achieve the following learning outcomes.

#### **Programme Learning Outcomes**

- PO1. To critically analyse the short- and long-term impacts of contexts and forces on organisations, programmes and Projects in a range of business and culture contexts.
- PO2. To formulate, present, and debate complex ideas, engage with concepts, and create responses to challenges and requirements in a project management context.
- PO3. To critically analyse and synthesise the contemporary methodologies, APM and PMI bodies of knowledge, research and practices at the forefront of Project Management.
- PO4. To systematically apply project management philosophies, principles, methodologies and tools to effectively plan, manage and deliver projects in complex and unpredictable situations.
- PO5. To independently research, design and undertake substantial investigations to address significant areas of theory and practice in project management.
- PO6. To communicate and present complex material effectively in written, visual and oral form to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- PO7. To act effectively within a team and also autonomously, demonstrating initiative in planning and implementing tasks at a professional level
- PO8. To apply transferable professional and practical skills that demonstrate a responsible, ethical and sustainable approach to managing projects.

### Part B: Programme Structure

#### Year 1

Part-time students must take 60 credits in year 1.

Part Time Study Option. Semester 1: UBGLK1-30-M Project Management Fundamentals

Semester 2: UBGLN1-15-M Projects in Global Environments UMOCB6-15-M Leadership

60 Credits at M level (excluding Dissertation): PG Certificate in Project Management

Full-time students must take 180 credits from the modules in Year 1.

Full Time: Semester 1: UBGLK1-30-M Project Management Fundamentals UBGLL1-30-M Project Management Methodologies

Semester 2: UBGLN1-15-M Projects in Global Environments UMOCB6-15-M Leadership UBGLM1-15-M Project Management in Context UBGMF9-15-M Sustainable Development: Principles and Practice

Semester 3: September 2023 intake : UBGMRK-60-M Masters Project / January 2024 intake UFMFTF -60-M Dissertation (Masters)

60 Credits at M level (excluding Dissertation (Masters)): PG Certificate in Project Management
120 Credits at M level (excluding Dissertation (Masters)): PG Diploma in Project Management
180 Credits at M level: MSc in Project Management

#### Year 1 Compulsory Modules (Full-time)

Full-time students must take 180 credits in Compulsory Modules (Full-time).

Module Code Module Title

Credit

UFMFTF-60-M	Dissertation (Masters) 2023-24	60
UMOCB6-15-M	Leadership 2023-24	15
UBGMRK-60-M	Masters Project 2023-24	60
UBGLK1-30-M	Project Management Fundamentals 2023- 24	30
UBGLM1-15-M	Project Management in Context 2023-24	15
UBGLL1-30-M	Project Management Methodologies 2023- 24	30
UBGLN1-15-M	Projects in Global Environments 2023-24	15
UBGMF9-15-M	Sustainable Development: Principles and Practice 2023-24	15

# Year 1 Compulsory Modules (Part-time)

Part-time students must take 60 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Part-time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMOCB6-15-M	Leadership 2023-24	15
UBGLK1-30-M	Project Management Fundamentals 2023- 24	30
UBGLN1-15-M	Projects in Global Environments 2023-24	15

#### Year 2

Part-time students must take 120 credits in Year 2.

Part Time Study Option. Semester 1: UBGLL1-30-M Project Management Methodologies

Semester 2: UBGLM1-15-M Project Management in Context UBGMF9-15-M Sustainable Development: Principles and Practice

Semester 3: UFMFTF -60-M Dissertation (Masters)

60 Credits at M level (excluding Masters Project): PG Certificate in Project Management
120 Credits at M level (excluding Masters Project): PG Diploma in Project Management
180 Credits at M level: MSc in Project Management

### Year 2 Compulsory Modules (Part-time)

Part-time students must take 120 credits of Compulsory Modules (Part-time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UFMFTF-60-M	Dissertation (Masters) 2024-25	60
UBGLM1-15-M	Project Management in Context 2024-25	15
UBGLL1-30-M	Project Management Methodologies 2024- 25	30
UBGMF9-15-M	Sustainable Development: Principles and Practice 2024-25	15

# Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

This programme enables students to develop the academic, technical and professional skills, and competencies in key areas of project management and its application within organizations and global environments. The programme enables the development of other transferable skills, including team working, leadership,

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evidence collection, analysis and integration, communication and professional skills. Study modules provide a blend of theory and practice and collectively encourage students to identify best practice. Graduates will be attractive to employers due to their subject knowledge, understanding of fits into strategic and commercial environments and applications of tools and methodologies that are imperative to successful management of projects.

### Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

This programme has been designed to meet the educational and professional development requirements of Association for Project Management (APM). The programme aims and learning outcomes are derived from the requirements associated with Association for Project Management Body of Knowledge 7th edition used as a basis for potential programme accreditation by this chartered professional body. The APM Competence Framework has also been employed to ensure the programme covers all the required 27 competencies. APM accreditation will be sought followwing the programme validation.

The following documents have been used to develop the programme.

QAA UK Quality Code for HE
-Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)
-Subject benchmark statements
-Qualification characteristics for Master's degrees

UWE Strategy 2030 UWE policies Staff research projects

The design of the programme has been shaped by the research interests of staff and the significant body of expertise that exists within the major project sector across the city and beyond.

### Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.

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