



## **Module Specification**

# Contemporary Issues in Project Management

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Contemporary Issues in Project Management

**Module code:** UMMDW3-30-3

**Level:** Level 6

**For implementation from:** 2025-26

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**Faculty:** Faculty of Business & Law

**Department:** FBL Dept of Business & Management

**Partner institutions:** University Centre Weston

**Delivery locations:** University Centre Weston

**Field:**

**Module type:** Module

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** Within this module you will identify, analyse and discuss the current and future trends impacting the operating environment of a project. You will gain a critical understanding of the environmental and corporate problems that can impact a project. You will discuss and debate the drivers for change and the impact that they can have on the business case, project outcomes, project methodologies, procurement and the supplier chain.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** In addition to the learning outcomes, the educational aims may explore, develop, and practise but not formally assess the following:

Independent learning, group work and skills associated with discussion and debate

Personal organisation and study skills as well as your analytical ones

**Outline syllabus:** The syllabus for this module will draw upon your previous study, knowledge, skills and experience. Using appropriate environmental scanning tools such as Porters 5 forces you will identify specific factors which are driving the need for change within a project, and you will identify and explore the pressure points on case study examples, developing well-reasoned solutions to those pressures that threaten the success of a project.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** This module may consist of the following activities:

Lectures

Seminars

1:1 tutorials

Peer reviews

Visiting industry speaker talks

Independent study

**Module Learning outcomes:** On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

**MO1** Systematically analyse contemporary factors that have driven change within the project management environment

**MO2** Critically assess current trends within project management

**MO3** Examine the importance of leadership and stakeholder engagement within project management.

**MO4** Identify, evaluate and recommend a strategic response to a contemporary issue in project management

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 210 hours

Face-to-face learning = 90 hours

Total = 300

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/lists/E474D5B5-097D-9093-CB5E-22E39A8E0C99.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/lists/E474D5B5-097D-9093-CB5E-22E39A8E0C99.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** Presentation - 15 mins video and transcript

The assessment for this module will take the form of a video and transcript that will explore the business environment of a proposed project identifying the potential market threats and environmental challenges. You will critically evaluate the wider contemporary issues that are currently affecting project management within a chosen sector. You will investigate your chosen project's current environment, exploring and analysing the factors that have driven change; critiquing sector response on a local, national and global scale; and discussing a strategic response to a chosen contemporary issue facing a chosen project, clearly identifying and justifying possible solutions. With regards to your transcript, we will be looking at the structure and communication of your video.

Opportunities for formative assessment exist for each of the assessment strategies used. Verbal feedback is given and all students will have opportunity for personalised tutorials to discuss the application of their ideas.

**Assessment components:****Presentation (First Sit)**

Description: 15 mins video and transcript

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Presentation (Resit)**

Description: 15 mins video and transcript

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Project Management {Apprenticeship-UCW} [UCW] BSc (Hons) 2023-24