Programme Specification

Risk Management [UWE Online]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: Risk Management [UWE Online]

Highest award: MSc Risk Management

Interim award: PGCert Risk Management

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Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: No

Year abroad: No

Sandwich year: No

Credit recognition: No

School responsible for the programme: CBL Bristol Business School, College of Business and Law

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies:

Chartered Insurance Institute (CII)

Modes of delivery: Distance without attendance

Entry requirements: For the current entry requirements see the UWE public website.

For implementation from: 01 January 2025

Programme code: N32A62

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: In an increasingly unpredictable world, risk management is essential for ensuring organisational resilience and long-term success. From global pandemics to market instability and geopolitical threats, businesses must identify challenges and implement strategies that allow them to navigate uncertainties.

Our MSc Risk Management programme equips you with a comprehensive set of management skills while fostering your potential to excel in global risk roles. Graduates will be well-prepared to drive success in a variety of industries such as healthcare, energy, finance, and insurance.

The course covers crucial topics including risk analysis and modelling, governance, and management of financial risk. In today's world, uncertainty is a constant. Organisations must navigate evolving risks such as: pandemics, environmental risk and geopolitical instability.

Developing resilience in the face of these challenges requires skilled professionals who can identify risks and implement effective mitigation strategies.

Our curriculum covers enterprise risk management, project resilience and risk management, financial risk management, operational resilience and strategic leadership preparing you for the challenge of the future risk management position in corporate and financial institutions.

Through practical applications, real-world case studies, and a final project, you will develop the skills needed to take on leadership roles in risk management, finance, and corporate governance. This programme will enhance your career prospects, positioning you as a sought-after risk professional in today's complex business landscape.

Features of the programme: The programme ethos is strongly practice oriented and learning will be closely linked with real world experience and current industry applications. Consultations with industry partners will ensure that the programme content is current and relevant, adding cutting edge perspectives in the curriculum.

Students will be encouraged to engage with employers and will be supported to build their industry networks as they study. Live industry projects and cases will be incorporated in the teaching materials. Students will be encouraged to be enterprising in developing applied research projects that are directly relevant to industry challenges. Ethics is emphasised in the programme and ethical approaches to risk management are embedded in the curriculum. Case studies and strategic applications of learning encourage students to learn from the past to resolve challenges of the future, and the impact of disruptive technologies is a core element across multiple areas of the syllabus.

Industry relationships will be developed to support the curriculum, build networks and incorporate additionally, employability development activities.

Educational Aims: This programme is designed to equip graduates with the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate the complexities of risk management in modern industries, fostering a deep understanding of key risk management concepts, ensuring that students can effectively apply them within regulatory frameworks and real-world scenarios.

Through a practice-oriented approach, graduates will develop the ability to implement contemporary risk management strategies, enabling them to make informed decisions in dynamic business environments. The programme also nurtures strategic thinkers with strong critical and analytical skills, preparing them to tackle present and future industry challenges with confidence.

Beyond technical expertise, the programme emphasises the development of well-rounded professionals who excel in communication and teamwork. Graduates will be adept at evaluating ethical and sustainability considerations, as well as assessing the impact of technological advancements when making crucial decisions.

With a strong industry focus, the programme cultivates future-oriented, enterprising leaders who are well-prepared for senior roles and leadership careers. By bridging academic insights with practical applications, it ensures that graduates are not only industry-ready but also capable of shaping the future of risk management and business strategy.

Programme Learning Outcomes:

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

Programme Learning Outcomes

PO1. Apply theory and techniques to address complex problems in the context of risk management.

PO2. Evaluate strategically the applications of risk management and the regulatory frameworks within which businesses operate.

PO3. Generate impactful conclusions and recommendations by conducting critical research into risk management issues.

PO4. Apply critical analysis and problem solving skills in complex scenarios.

PO5. Communicate complex ideas and solutions to problems effectively in a manner appropriate to the needs of diverse audiences.

PO6. Demonstrate critical awareness of ethical challenges and sustainable futures.

PO7. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the attributes and skills necessary for the risk management industry to pursue their professional goals.

Assessment strategy: Assessment is designed to contextualise risk management in global industry applications, ensure fundamental technical competence in core areas of practice, alongside the capacity to apply knowledge and understanding in the broad industry environment and in a variety of more specialised contexts. Students will experience a range of assessment approaches, including examinations, portfolio, presentations, reports, case study evaluation, and research projects.

Contemporary industry contexts and cases will be used in both coursework and examinations. The focus of assessment is on contemporary applied practice and applied strategic decision making in the industry context. This aligns with the practice oriented, industry led nature of the programme and its learning outcomes.

Students will receive formative feedback on their progress through opportunities to apply learning in discussions and problem solving activities, and through formative and summative assessment. This robust support mechanism ensures that all students, regardless of their prior knowledge or professional aspirations, can fully engage and excel in the programme.

Student support: We prioritise student success, offering dedicated student support to address any concerns promptly. This support covers student onboarding and preparation activities, general pastoral care and the in-depth academic guidance and support needed for online students to succeed.

Throughout a student's journey, we emphasise the importance of academic and pastoral support. Academic inquiries will be directed to module tutors and UWE support staff, ensuring that students receive expert guidance during the duration of their studies. Meanwhile, our student support team is here to assist with any pastoral non-academic concerns, providing assistance through whatever channel the student prefers to use, whether app, email, or phone.

Using a ticketing system in our student information management system, the student support team efficiently manages inquiries, ensuring no issue goes unresolved. The team is equipped to handle a wide range of student support needs, from technical difficulties to time management and personal challenges.

We understand that timely assistance is crucial, which is why our support staff monitor key engagement metrics and proactively outreach to any at risk student, to ensure swift responses and effective resolutions. Every student interaction is logged in the student information management system, ensuring a seamless support experience.

Part B: Programme Structure

Year 1

Students must take 90 credits from the modules in Year 1 comprising six from the eight 15 credit modules in the programme.

The order in which students take modules depends on their intake month.

Year 1 Compulsory Modules (Year 1 and Year 2)

Students must take 90 credits from the Compulsory Modules (Year 1 and Year 2) in Year 1. Students must take the remaining 30 credits in Year 2.

The order in which students take modules depends on their intake month.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMMTEK-15-M	Project Complexity and Risk Management 2025-26	15
UMATEL-15-M	Crisis Management and Resilience 2025-26	15
UMATEM-15-M	Enterprise Risk Management 2025-26	15
UMOTEN-15-M	Strategic Leadership 2025-26	15
UMATEP-15-M	Corporate Governance and Sustainability 2025-26	15
UMATEQ-15-M	Business Decision Making 2025-26	15
UMATER-15-M	Financial Risk Management 2025-26	15
UMMTES-15-M	Operational Risk Management 2025-26	15

Year 2

Students must take 90 credits from the modules in Year 2 comprising the remaining two 15 credit modules not taken in Year 1 plus the 60 credit Applied Project in Risk Management.

Year 2 Compulsory Modules
Students must take 90 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules comprising the remaining two 15 credit modules not taken in Year 1 plus the 60 credit Applied Project in Risk Management.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMATET-60-M	Applied Project in Risk Management 2026-27	60

Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

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Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

The programme is designed to meet the requirements and expectations of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) of a Level 7. The curriculum incorporates sufficient technical content to provide students with a critical understanding of industry practice and environment, but with a greater focus on strategic and critical thinking and strategic problem solving.

The programme has been developed with reference to:

QAA UK Quality Code for HE
Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)

Qualification characteristics for master’s degrees

Strategy 2030

University policies

Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.