



## **Programme Specification**

### **Marketing{Top-Up} [Frenchay]**

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## Section 1: Key Programme Details

### Part A: Programme Information

**Programme title:** Marketing{Top-Up} [Frenchay]

**Highest award:** BA (Hons) Marketing

**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:** Not applicable

**Modes of delivery:** Full-time

**Entry requirements:** Entry to this programme is normally based on the satisfactory completion of appropriate externally validated prior study equivalent to FHEQ levels 4 and 5 of a suitable credit volume in a related subject area which enables applicants to have achieved the prerequisite knowledge and academic competence required for level six study in Marketing.

This prior study may include, but is not limited to:

Successful completion of a foundation degree in marketing, business, management or a related discipline where marketing content is a significant proportion.

Successful completion of a Higher National Diploma in marketing, business, management or a related discipline where marketing content is a significant proportion.

Successful completion of prior study at least equivalent to 240 credits at a level commensurate with FHEQ levels four and five (subject to individual assessment of prior learning and/or prior qualification mapping)

International students seeking admission require IELTS with 6.0 in all components or an overall band score of 6.5 or above.

**For implementation from:** 01 September 2027

**Programme code:** N50J00

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

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

**Overview:** The BA (Hons) Marketing (top up) combines a current and integrated practice based business education covering the main disciplines and operational areas of business with a specific and specialist focus on the discipline of marketing. Marketing is a fast-paced and dynamic business discipline and area of practice. Its focus on the understanding of customer needs and the delivery of customer satisfaction effectively and efficiently, emphasises how marketing is central to many successful businesses.

This one year programme enables students to acquire relevant marketing and business knowledge and skills so that they can make an early and developing contribution in a range of organisational roles, but particularly brand management and other marketing roles, alongside support to develop personally, professionally, and academically.

Building on prior relevant learning the curriculum aims to challenge students in their ways of thinking, behaving, and learning. The Educational Development Strands of professional development, research and academic skills, sustainability, and

development of entrepreneurial mindsets are embedded throughout the programme of study.

As a practice-focused programme, students engage with authentic learning, teaching and assessment approaches throughout. This culminates in a final year of real-world practice modules including a capstone module which draws together learning into practice and a beyond campus module choice which has a direct emphasis on student centred practice-led activity which is CV enhancing and “real world”, engaging students beyond the campus. This includes the sandwich year modules for placement, the study year abroad module, a work based learning module for students in employment, and a global teams live brief module enabling student the opportunity to working in global teams.

Working in mentor groups students are supported to develop a portfolio of practice, completing activities, identifying their skills, developing action plans, and reflecting on how their degree, and other activities, are helping them to gain the skills they need for their personal and professional development.

**Features of the programme:** For students interested in communication, understanding consumers, and co-ordinating and managing marketing based projects from start to end in line with targets . Students study specialist marketing modules in the key areas of contemporary marketing, learn how to create a brand, undertake market research and respond to briefs.

The flexibility of the course allows students to hone their interests and skills.

This one year programme has the following distinctive features:

**Transferable enterprise and employability skills:** The programme focuses on developing a diversified skill set, including technical competencies, digital literacy, critical thinking, ethical values, and communication skills. This approach aims to produce graduates who are work-ready and able to succeed and flourish.

**Practice-Led & engaged with industry:** Grounded in a practice-led approach, the

curriculum integrates cutting-edge research, ethics and sustainability. This provides students with practical insights. Engaging closely with employers, entrepreneurs, and professional bodies, students are encouraged to explore diverse applications of acquired skills. Integrated activities, such as fieldwork, pitches and industry guest lectures, enrich the learning experience and offer networking opportunities.

**Digital Capability:** Technology literacy will be essential for future business leaders to thrive and the programme recognizes the importance of digital literacy and integrates this into teaching students to use a range of digital tools effectively. Whilst the changes in this area are rapid, emerging technologies (ET) including Artificial intelligence (AI) are transforming modern business. As Business educators, we embed critical thinking and practical application that motivates learners to embrace new technologies and understand how they will be applied in future enterprises.

**Sustainability:** Students will study core modules that focus on ethical and sustainable practices, in addition our programme aims to inspire students to embrace sustainable innovation. Through practical application and use of real-world case studies, students are challenged to consider their role in shaping a sustainable future.

**Professional Practice development:** A distinctive feature of the programme is the academic and professional development module, which is embedded as a core module in the curriculum. This module supports students' developmental journey, offering learners group mentor support and providing the structure to allow students to develop a compelling narrative of their degree journey to present to potential employers.

**Educational Aims:** The overarching aim of the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy is that "our students will enjoy a personalised, inclusive and transformative experience that empowers them to be engaged, committed and passionate learners who thrive in our university environment and achieve their best".

The BA (Hons) Marketing (top up) actively seeks to provide personalised experiences for all learners, grounding student learning in marketing and the

business context. This is supported through the use of engagement with professionals and authentic assessments that afford students opportunities to test out concepts in practice and reflect on their own experience of marketing within a business context.

Student achievement is supported by a clear professional practice and personal development strand of transferable skills and entrepreneurial mindsets that facilitates the transition into, through, and beyond the programme and which underpins enterprise, employability, and lifelong learning.

#### Educational Aims:

1. Provide students with high quality learning and teaching experiences that are practice-led, and sustain a culture of student-centred learning, incorporating current research to ensure learning is research-informed.
2. Provide students with an in-depth knowledge and critical understanding of the changing external environment, marketing and management of profit and not for profit businesses.
3. Develop students' independent thinking and informed understanding of critical contemporary marketing and marketing related business issues and theoretical debates to work with academic theory in practice.
4. Develop students' analytical and enquiring approaches to the analysis of business and marketing problems so that considered and appropriate conclusions are drawn, and which can be communicated effectively and appropriately.
5. Develop students' collaborative skills, strong sense of self and life-long learning skills, including ethical, personal, and social responsibility as global citizens.
6. Prepare students with the enterprise and employability skills and attributes necessary to plan effectively for their chosen future and be able to undertake

appropriate personal development for a career with particular reference to marketing and/or further study.

### **Programme Learning Outcomes:**

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

### **Programme Learning Outcomes**

- PO1. Knowledge and understanding  
Demonstrate systematic, thorough, and comparative appreciation of the core theories, functions, and practices of marketing; with an advanced knowledge and critical understanding of core and optional specialist subjects relevant to marketing including the roles and responsibilities of marketing managers and organisations.
- PO2. Critical analysis  
The ability to apply a conceptual understanding to devise, sustain and critically analyse arguments. Effectively solving problems with a critical appreciation of context, ambiguity, and uncertainty.
- PO3. Skills and attributes  
The ability to apply skills and attributes necessary to work collaboratively and individually, in a marketing profession and digital world; effectively communicating complex information, ideas, problems, and solutions as appropriate to the needs of varied and different audiences.
- PO4. Personal and professional futures  
Demonstrate self-awareness informing the learners' ongoing personal and professional development, alongside a reflective understanding of how the knowledge and skills developed throughout the programme can enhance their entrepreneurial thinking, practice, and employability.
- PO5. Social value and sustainability  
Demonstrate critical understanding of the learners' role and social responsibilities as global citizens, and the sustainable development goals and activities of marketing and organisations in society.

**Assessment strategy:** The programme's assessment strategy emphasises subject knowledge and practical and professional skills within marketing environments within business contexts. Assessments are designed programmatically so as to facilitate a progression from relevant L5 entry qualifications through to level 6 top up year of study:

Level 6 (evaluating and creating), a systematic understanding of a complex body of knowledge, some of it at the current boundaries of the academic discipline, with the ability to critically apply and evaluate arguments and assumptions appreciating uncertainty and the limits of knowledge.

Opportunities to demonstrate achievement of the learning outcomes are provided through a broad mix of assessment types, using the following assessment methods which are assessed against publicised marking criteria:

1. Regular formative assessment is used to monitor students' progress and provide feedback about knowledge and understanding gained and development of skills and attributes, providing an opportunity for identifying and rectifying students potential challenges, as well as contributing to summative assessment in some instances.

2. Presentations and posters (individual and collaborative) including set exercises, campaign pitches and trade shows, are formally and informally assessed for content and process in modules at each level. In addition to assessing the students' analytical skills and relevant theoretical understanding, these provide opportunities to assess students' oral communication skills and prepare them for presentation processes common in business environments. These include opportunities for peer review assessment, where group members can allocate marks to reflect each group member's contribution when working collaboratively. This also provides an opportunity for personal reflection.

3. Written assignments, projects, case studies, reports, and set exercises. These are expected to be well written and presented and are used to assess the students' development of key skills as well as theoretical knowledge and critical understanding. They provide opportunities for in depth focus on specific marketing-related issue.

4. Academic and Professional practice portfolio of evidence demonstrates that students have developed the required professional skills and attributes for a career in marketing related roles. Students will also reflect and comment on their own

learning and personal development.

5. Formal examinations are used very occasionally and only if they are the most appropriate assessment approach for assessing students' theoretical understanding and critical abilities and manage time effectively. The University has systems in place to ensure that examining procedures are moderated and regulated.

6. In line with inclusionary learning and teaching principles the programme provides alternative assessment proposals where students with logistical or other difficulties can elect to submit in an alternative format. This relates primarily to presentations/vivas and in these instances students will be offered a choice of face to face, online or recorded where possible. With regard to group work this will be encouraged in many modules, collaborative working is assessed summatively in the academic and professional practice module where group activities are undertaken and group mentor support is provided.

**Student support:** Programme and Module Leaders:

Student support for overarching academic and professional concerns, is provided by Programme Leaders, all issues relating to the content, delivery and assessment of modules is provided by Module Leaders.

**Mentor Groups and Personal Tutors:**

As part of the programmatic design the year-long academic and professional development module students are allocated to mentor groups. It is intended that, in the main, students remain in their mentor groups on this module throughout the duration of the programme, creating peer to peer understanding and support. This integrates the personal tutors as group mentor within a taught and portfolio assessed module strand. The Personal Tutor, is an academic member of staff who will have access to information on the performance and profile of the student, allowing them to effectively support students' personal and academic development. This embedded relational approach to student support enables wellbeing to be addressed through the curriculum, and students direct academic personal support at the individual and group level.

Through the library you'll have access to recommended books, trade press, academic journals, and industry databases on and off campus.

## Part B: Programme Structure

### Year 1

#### Year 1 Compulsory modules

The student must take 90 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMOTHK-15-3	People and Organisations 2027-28	15
UMKTHR-30-3	Academic and Professional Development: Creating New Products 2027-28	30
UMMTBF-30-3	Marketing in a Digital World 2027-28	30
UMKT6R-15-3	Socially Responsible Marketing Practice 2027-28	15

#### Year 1 Optional modules

The student must take 30 credits from the modules in Optional Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UMMTBG-30-3	Corporate Connections: Succeeding in B2B Marketing 2027-28	30
UMMTBK-30-3	Brand Evolution: Identity, values and market edge 2027-28	30

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

The programme offers a current integrated marketing education covering a range of contemporary marketing disciplines and has been designed to give students a grounded understanding of marketing practices that are central to any successful

business: that of understanding of customer needs and the delivery of customer satisfaction effectively and efficiently. Throughout the programme, learning and skills are developed through the study of a wide range of marketing issues across organisations within a range of sectors including brand management, digital marketing and social marketing.

#### **Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks**

The following reference points and benchmarks have been used in the design of the programme:

The learning outcomes of the programme map against both the QAA subject benchmark statement for General Business and Management and the following University and Faculty strategies and policies:

University strategies and policies:

University's 2030 Strategy

UWE Charter

College and School strategies and policies:

Blended Learning Framework

Curriculum Principles

Employability Strategy

College of Business and Law LTA Strategy

Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Strategy

Staff research projects:

Where ever possible staff are encouraged to utilize their research – and that of colleagues – to inform their teaching, both in terms of content and pedagogic approach

Employer interaction and feedback:

Employers and alumni are regularly consulted to ensure the currency and relevance of the programme

**Part E: Regulations**

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.