

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Internal Audit, Governance and Risk Management was established by Birmingham City Business School in 1990 and is internationally recognised as a leading Institution with regard to learning and research. The Centre's principal aims are to ensure that practitioners and trainees alike:

- Realise their full potential as professionals and can progress to the highest posts within their organisation
- Are able to practise at the leading edge and excel in any type of organisation - national, multi-national, commercial, public or not-for-profit
- Develop deep insights into the contemporary challenges faced by organisations and management and the ability to assist them in their resolution
- Become lifelong learners and researchers in order to keep their knowledge and expertise up-to-date in light of the rapidly changing environment.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- Qualification is directly related to the career path of a risk manager, or senior managers within an organisation who need to understand perceptions of Risk with a contemporary context.
- The flexibility of distance learning allows you to learn at your own pace with a cohort of students to support you, and a module leader with specific knowledge and experience of risk management.
- A personal tutor will support your studies and is also likely to become your dissertation supervisor, allowing you to create a strong working relationship throughout the course. We see ourselves as a community of learners working towards a common goal, and as such encourage interaction between students as well as between lecturers and students.
- You will enjoy student membership of the Institute of Risk Management throughout the duration of your study.
- Competitive pricing:
 - The Certificate and Diploma level each costs just £2,000 per stage/year
 - MSc level costs £3,500.



REACHING OUT

The Centre now has an active social media programme with contacts being made through the Centre website www.bcu.ac.uk/audit supported by further facilities within LinkedIn where there is a Centre Group, Twitter (@bcuauditcentre) and the Centre Blog (tinyurl.com/bcuauditblog) which will reflect an active commentary of relevant issues.

The Centre is particularly encouraging past students to join the Centre's LinkedIn group as this provides an active source of contacts for research, information and advice.



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COURSE FACTS

Faculty	Birmingham City Business School
Enquires and Applications	Please contact the Centre direct T: +44 (0)121 331 6595/6935/5623 E: mscaudit@bcu.ac.uk
Attendance	Part-time three years block release and flexible distance learning



ABOUT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY

With around 23,500 students from 80 different countries, Birmingham City University is a large and lively university and our popularity has grown significantly in recent years.

Our six academic faculties offer over 300 courses, from foundation level, through undergraduate degree programmes, to taught Master's courses and research doctorates. About a quarter of our students study part-time, combining employment with our professionally relevant courses, improving their career prospects.

Situated in Birmingham, the UK's second city, we're proud of our strong links and close collaboration with the region.

ABOUT BIRMINGHAM CITY BUSINESS SCHOOL

Birmingham City Business School is one of the longest established and most respected Business Schools in the UK. With over 3,200 students, it is also now one of the largest. Students can choose to study for professional qualifications such as those offered by the Centre for Internal Audit, Governance and Risk Management as well as more general courses in finance, international business, marketing or management.

The School is internationally recognised and provides practice-based learning alongside links to services and business. Where appropriate placements can be arranged with organisations in many sectors in order to maximise on the benefit of the learning experience through practical application.

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ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

To register for the Master's degree you should normally hold a recognised Bachelor's degree of a good standard. Applicants with suitable work experience and/or qualifications other than those above may be considered for entry. Credit (exemption) may be given on a case-by-case basis for individual modules on the basis of prior learning and practice based experience against a standard list of exemptions which can be provided.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

- For those wishing to gain a qualification directly related to their existing or future role as a risk manager, whilst gaining external recognition.
- Senior managers who wish to gain a thorough appreciation of risk management in the public, private or not-for-profit sectors.
- Anyone who would like the chance to apply the theories and concepts directly to your current employment.

COURSE OVERVIEW

- The course is uniquely available via distance learning, delivered by the Moodle Virtual Learning Environment to both UK and International students. Each module is closely aligned to the IRM equivalent module, and a wide variety of assessment methods are used, including one examination at each certificate and diploma level.
- In the first year the modules Principles of Risk Management, Risk and Organisations and Risk Decisions are studied. Successful completion of these three modules awards you with the Postgraduate Certificate in Risk Management.
- In the second year the role of the Risk Manager is explored as you move towards being a more independent learner, studying the module Risk Leadership, Risk Solutions and Experiencing Risk. Successful completion of these three modules awards you with the Postgraduate Diploma qualification.
- Assessment is predominantly by assignment, in a variety of styles including presentations, reports, essays and literature reviews, plus learning diaries.
- In the final year of part-time study, you are introduced to the world of academic research, ethics and rigour in the module Research Methods. The culmination of your study is the Dissertation, a substantive project that is usually related to your workplace, and connects the theoretical and practical aspects of your study.

ENROLMENT

Applications for entry to the Centre's programmes in MSc Risk Management are now being taken throughout the year. Interested students can apply through the Centre website or by email to mscaudit@bcu.ac.uk

You can register to start your study programmes in September each year and study through block release or flexible distance learning modes.

The Centre has an exemptions programme which recognises previous academic or professional success and provides access to the relevant level of study within both programmes, including admission of professionals directly to the MSc stage subject to submission of a detailed CV.

You can also contact the Centre directly on **+44 (0)121 331 6595/6935/5623** for an informal discussion regarding the programme.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

- Accreditation of the MSc Risk Management by the Institute of Risk Management (IRM) allows exemptions from the relevant stages of the IRM qualification to Stage 2.
- You will need to attain Stage 3 independently through the IRM to qualify for full IRM professional recognition.
- Because of the course's high quality and real world focus; successful completion of modules is globally recognised for exemption from professional examinations by the IRM.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT US

“ I have found the three year MSc Risk Management course to have been of great benefit to me both professionally and personally. From a professional perspective, working in the NHS there is an ever-changing culture around patient safety and risk management and the course has helped especially in relation to corporate risk management and considering the wider risk management issues which face the organisation. Personally I now feel much more confident about my academic capabilities and have found all of the tutors to be supportive and encouraging, it would be a course I would recommend. ”

Liz Jageleman, Assistant Risk Manager, NHS Somerset

“ I have been working confidently within a 'healthcare risk management role' for the past five years. However, since enrolling and working towards achievement of the MSc Risk Management programme I have gained a far greater insight into the field; discovering transferable themes and systems for efficiently targeting a common goal to effectively managing risk; and consequential improved ability to identify and target system weaknesses. In light of Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry, healthcare workers can only benefit from skills, knowledge and abilities acquired by means of attending such a course to support organisational compliance to stated recommendations. ”

Anon Student

“ The BCU MSc Risk Management programme is challenging but interesting. It is comprehensive in content and relevant for survival; both for individuals and corporate organisations. As an emerging discipline, the BCU MSc Risk Management programme helps to address scarcity of qualified Risk Management personnel, particularly in the developing world. ”

Akinlolu Akintunde, Current Student

