# Course Specification

| Course Summary Information | | |
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| 1 | **Course Title** | MSc Project Management |
| 2 | **BCU Course Code** | PT0937 |
| 3 | **Awarding Institution** | Birmingham City University |
| 4 | **Teaching Institution(s)** (if different from point 3) | |
| 5 | **Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation** (if applicable) | Association for Project Management (APM) |

| 6 | Course Description |
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| | Our MSc Project Management course will help you gain the administrative, organisational and creative skills you'll need to become one of tomorrow's leading managers. **What's covered in the course?** The course will encourage creative thinking, and the development of leadership and management skills through teamwork, discussion and peer review. You'll develop new skills to an advanced level, becoming a highly-skilled manager capable of administering major projects within and across different organisations. In addition to further academic research opportunities, career prospects are expected to keep pace with the rapid advances in project management methods and intelligent based technologies, hence, there is expected to be continuing demand for competent, versatile postgraduates who can design and implement innovative solutions for industry. |

| 7 | **Course Awards** | | |
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| 7a | **Name of Final Award** | **Level** | **Credits Awarded** |
| | Master of Science Project Management | 7 | 180 |
| | Master of Science Project Management with Professional Placement | 7 | 240 |
| 7b | **Exit Awards and Credits Awarded** | | |
| | Postgraduate Diploma Project Management | 7 | 120 |
| | Postgraduate Certificate Project Management | 7 | 60 |

| 8 | **Derogation from the University Regulations** |
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| | Not applicable |

| 9 | Delivery Patterns | | | |
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| **Mode(s) of Study** | **Location(s) of Study** | **Duration of Study** | **Code(s)** | |
| Full Time September | City Centre | 12 months | PT0937 | |
| Full Time January | City Centre | 17 months | PT0937 | |
| Part Time September | City Centre | 24 months | PT0943 | |
| Part Time January | City Centre | 28 months | PT0936 | |
| Full Time January 'with Professional Placement' | City Centre (and placement provider) | 23 months | PT1329 | |

| 10 | Entry Requirements |
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The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/.

| 11 | Course Learning Outcomes |
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**Knowledge and Understanding**

| 1 | Concepts, theories and principles of project management and professional practice. |
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| 2 | The skills of analysis, synthesis and decision making in the resolution of project challenges. |
| 3 | Project management methodologies, innovation and creativity in management across the extended enterprise and global arena. |
| 4 | The structure of industrial systems and how these systems may be used to meet the varying demands placed on companies. |
| 5 | Organisational configuration to achieve more rapid responsiveness to a changing global environment. |

**Cognitive and Intellectual Skills**

| 6 | Argue rationally and draw independent conclusions based on a rigorous, analytical and critical approach to support an argument. |
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| 7 | Write fully researched and referenced reports which evaluate both technical and management issues. |
| 8 | Synthesise theory and practice systematically and creatively to specify, design and implement effective solutions. |
| 9 | Demonstrate, in an analysis of a specified problem, a high level of competence and understanding of the data manipulation, information presentation and delivery. |
| 10 | Apply new technologies and techniques to solve present and future industrial and commercial problems nationally and internationally. |

**Practical and Professional Skills**

| 11 | Access information from a variety of sources and appraise its suitability for master's level research. |
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| 12 | Apply the knowledge, skills and methodologies of project management to the analysis and solution of complex problems. |
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| 13 | Possess a defined body of knowledge, skills and understanding and analyse its relationships with conceptual frameworks and professional practice. |
| 14 | Reflect on personal attributes, both theoretical and practical, and modify approach to maximise learning opportunities. |
| 15 | Interpret and critically evaluate knowledge, concepts and ideas and/or forms of creative expression, to deliver a quality product or service. |
| **Key Transferable Skills** | |
| 16 | Manage learning and self-development, including time management and prioritising of work when tackling and solving complex problems. |
| 17 | Communicate effectively in writing, orally and in presentations to specialist and non-specialist audiences. |
| 18 | Make effective use of IT including word and data processing packages, internet and electronic information sources. |
| 19 | Systematically research a topic, synthesise and critically evaluate data and information from a variety of web-based and traditional sources. |
| 20 | In cooperation with others, plan and implement tasks at a professional level and contribute to team goals through making sound judgements. |

| 12 | **Course Requirements** |
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| 12a | **Level 7:**<br><br>***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 180 credits):*** |

| Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
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| ENG7142 | Research Methods | 20 |
| ENG7141 | Resource Management | 20 |
| ENG7146 | Procurement and Contract Law | 20 |
| ENG7145 | International Operations and Logistics | 20 |
| ENG7143 | Principles of Project Management | 20 |
| ENG7144 | International Business and Marketing | 20 |
| ENG7200 | Individual Master's Project | 60 |

**Level 6:**
**In order to qualify for the award of MSc Project Management with Professional Placement, a student must successfully complete all of the Level 7 modules listed above as well as the following Level 6 module:**

| Module Code | Module Name | Credit Value |
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| **TBC** | **Professional Placement** | **60** |

## 12b   Structure Diagram

**Level 7**

**September Full Time**

| Year 1 1st Semester (Sept – Dec) | International Operations and Logistics (20 credits) | Principles of Project Management (20 credits) | International Business and Marketing (20 credits) |
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| Year 1 2nd Semester (Jan – May) | Research Methods (20 credits) | Resource Management (20 credits) | Procurement and Contract Law (20 credits) |
| Year 1 3rd Semester (May- Sept) | Individual Project (60 credits) | | |

**January Full Time**

| Year 1 1st Semester (Jan – May) | Research Methods (20 credits) | Resource Management (20 credits) | Procurement and Contract Law (20 credits) |
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| Year 1 2nd Semester (Sept – Dec) | International Operations and Logistics (20 credits) | Principles of Project Management (20 credits) | International Business and Marketing (20 credits) |
| Year 2 1st Semester (Jan – May) | Individual Project (60 credits) | | |

**September Part Time**

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| **Year 1**<br>**1st Semester**<br>**(Sept – Dec)** | International Business and Marketing<br>20 Credits | Principles of Project Management<br>20 Credits |
| **Year 1**<br>**2nd Semester**<br>**(Jan – May)** | Research Methods<br>20 Credits | Procurement and Contract Law<br>20 Credits |
| **Year 2**<br>**1st Semester**<br>**(Sept – Dec)** | International and Operational Logistics<br>20 Credits | Individual Master's Project<br>(60 Credits) |
| **Year 2**<br>**2nd Semester**<br>**(Jan – May)** | Resource Management<br>20 Credits | |
| **Year 2**<br>**3rd Semester**<br>**(May – Sept)** | | |

**January Part Time**

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| **Year 1**<br>**1st Semester**<br>**(Jan – May)** | Procurement and Contract Law<br>20 Credits | Research Methods<br>20 Credits |
| **Year 1**<br>**2nd Semester**<br>**(Sept – Dec)** | International Business and Marketing<br>20 Credits | Principles of Project Management<br>20 Credits |
| **Year 2**<br>**1st Semester**<br>**(Jan – May)** | Resource Management<br>20 Credits | Individual Master's Project<br>60 Credits |
| **Year 2**<br>**2nd Semester**<br>**(Sept – Dec)** | International and Operational Logistics<br>20 Credits | |
| **Year 3**<br>**1st Semester**<br>**(Jan – May)** | | |

**Professional Placement - January Full Time**

| Year 1<br>1st Semester<br>(Jan – May) | Research Methods<br>(20 credits) | Resource Management<br>(20 credits) | Procurement and<br>Contract Law<br>(20 credits) |
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| Year 1<br>2nd Semester<br>(Sept – Dec) | International<br>Operations and<br>Logistics<br>(20 credits) | Principles of Project<br>Management<br>(20 credits) | International Business<br>and Marketing<br>(20 credits) |
| Year 2<br>1st Semester<br>(Jan – May) | Individual Project<br><br>(60 credits) | | |
| Year 2<br>2nd Semester<br>(May – Nov) | Professional Placement<br><br>(60 credits) | | |

## 13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

**Level 7**
**Workload**

**% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

| Activity | Number of Hours |
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| Scheduled Learning | 252 |
| Directed Learning | 12 |
| Private Study | 1536 |
| **Total Hours** | 1800 |

**Balance of Assessment**

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
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| Coursework | 65% |
| Exam | 14% |
| In-Person | 21% |