

Course Specification

Cou	Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	BA (Hons) Business Management with Supply Chain	
2	Course Code	US1126-03	
3	Awarding Institution	Birmingham City University	
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)		
5	Professional Statutory or	Chartered Management Institute (CMI)	
	Regulatory Body (PSRB)		
	accreditation (if applicable)		

6 Course Description

"Be the change you want to see in the world" – Nelson Mandela. If you want to play a role in the changing world, then this is the course where you can find out what you can be.

The Business Management course will offer you a practical based degree applicable to a wide range of sectors. You will be able to contribute to critical debates on industry related contemporary issues and understand the dynamic needs of business managers in the 21st century to reflect current knowledge and best practices.

You will gain specialist knowledge on a number of core functions of management, building your self-confidence to prepare you for a progressive and successful career in management. Exciting opportunities including integrated work projects and business placements in the UK or abroad are all featured in your course, therefore your career can start whilst achieving your qualification. You will have the benefit of renowned industry speakers and live projects to inspire and help you to develop.

This course gives you an opportunity to undertake specific modules designed for those who seek a deeper insight into the operation and complexity of the supply chain. You will explore contemporary supply chain initiatives and review corporate strategy, globalisation, international alliances and the key features of procurement and outsourcing. This programme provides you with the opportunity to examine the tools and techniques used to sustain and develop global supply networks. If you are successful you will be able to apply for modular exemptions, should you wish to pursue the professional qualifications of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS).

The international focus of the course is derived through a variety of means including the student body, the teaching team and the use of international teaching materials. Moreover, students can choose to spend a year or a full semester studying their modules overseas at a partner institution. Similarly, the Business Management course embeds the UN Sustainable Development Goals as an integral part of the course.

What's covered in the course?

The development and operation of contemporary and international business markets will be embraced in your learning. This will also include the management of key resources including human capital, financial management, strategic management and cultural awareness. You'll gain an important insight into digital business exploring how technology remodels the business world and consider the accompanying issues around social responsibility and ethical behaviour.



This course is accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). This ensures you'll be provided with the latest information and knowledge, as well as providing key industry links and insight. Success on the programme will additionally award you with a CMI professional certificate.

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business Management with Supply Chain	Level 6	360
	Batchelor of Arts with Honours Business Management with Supply Chain with Professional Placement Year	Level 6	480
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Business Management with Supply Chain	Level 4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Business Management with Supply Chain	Level 5	240
	Bachelor of Arts Business Management with Supply Chain Bachelor of Arts Business Management with Supply Chain with	Level 6	300
	Professional Placement Year	Level 6	420

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	None

9 Delivery Patterns				
Mode(s) of Study				
Full Time	City Centre	3 years	US1126-03	
With Professional	City Centre	4 years	US1128-03	
Placement Year	_			
Part Time	City Centre	5 years	US1127-03	

10 Entry Requirements

The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/, or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.



11a	Course Level Outcomes	
	This degree course will progress you through level learning outcomes detailed below to ensure	
	that you meet the benchmarks set out in the latest Quality Assurance Agency for Higher	
	Education (QAA) subject benchmark for Business and Management standards as well as the	
	overall course learning outcomes detailed.	
	Level 4 - Theoretical Underpinning	
1	Develop knowledge and understanding of the major theories, principles and concepts within	
	business management.	
2	Develop knowledge and understanding of the key functional areas in business management.	
3	Acquire key transferable skills essential to a career in business management.	
4	Apply acquired business management knowledge and transferable skills within a defined	
	business environment.	
	Level 5 – Professional Practice emphasis	
1	Utilise principles of business management practices in an operational context.	
2	Critically analyse and choose a range of business techniques and tools to identify the most	
	applicable for a range of business scenarios, applying findings to solve a set business problem.	
3	Critically analyse and apply supply chain knowledge and techniques to create supply chain	
	solutions.	
4	Effectively communicate and present information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms	
	Level 6 – Strategic Focus	
1	Formulate business knowledge, understanding and skills to critically evaluate and formulate	
	evidence-based arguments and identify solutions to both defined and uncertain national and	
	international business problems	
2	Apply supply chain skills and knowledge to create a sustainable supply chain strategy.	
3	Construct effective methods of communicating business concepts and other relevant work,	
	accurately and reliably using a range of specialist techniques and practices.	
4	Implement professional skills in contexts where the scope of the task and the criteria for	
	decisions are generally well defined, but where some personal responsibility and initiative is required.	



11b	Course Learning outcomes:	
	Knowledge and Understanding:	
	On successful completion of the BA (Hons) Business Management with Supply Chain degree	
	course you will be able to:	
K1	Evaluate the integrated nature of core functional areas of business to make effective business	
	decisions.	
K2	Apply practice-based understanding of management frameworks, tools and techniques to a	
	variety of business contexts.	
K3	Analyse complex business issues in a turbulent world to provide business advantage and	
	sustainability, and foster an enterprising outlook.	
K4	Assess cultural differences and their impact on international management practices and	
	opportunities.	
K5	Critically discuss key contemporary and emerging theories, concepts and methods and their	
	effect on dynamic businesses.	
K6	An appreciation of the complexity of global supply chains and their management.	
	Skills and Other Attributes:	
	On successful completion of the BA (Hons) Business Management degree programme, you	
	will have acquired skills and abilities in the following areas:	
T1	Present, in person and in writing, an argument to inform an audience.	
T2	Demonstrate good citizenship through contributing ethically to the world to benefit both	
	organisations and society.	
Т3	Effectively collaborate together as a diverse team with internal and external stakeholders.	
T4	Interpret complex problems, and critically analyse business data to construct creative and	
	innovative recommendations and solutions.	



12	Course Requirements
120	Level 4:

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In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
MAN4036	Insights into Management	20
MKT4022	Principles of Marketing	20
MKT4024	Developing your Personal Brand	20
BUS4087	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	20
BUS4088	Operations Management	20
ACC4034	Finance for Managers	20

Level 5:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 100 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
BUS5077	Supply Chain Management	20
MAN5082	One Planet Issues	20
MAN5060	Management Development	20
MAN5077	Data Analytics for Business Optimisation	20
MAN5084	The Global Manager	20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
MAN5XXX	Entrepreneurship in Action	20
MAN5XXX	Cross Cultural Management	20
MAN5XXX	Introduction to Consultancy	20
BUS5XXX	Study Abroad	20

In order to qualify for the award of BA (Hons) Business Management with Supply Chain with Professional Placement Year a student must successfully complete the following module:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PPY5001	Professional Placement Year	120



Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 80 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
MAN6XXX	Leading and Managing Change	20
MAN6XXX	Continuous Innovation	20
MAN6XXX	Strategic Management	20
MAN6XXX	Strategic Supply Chain Management	20

In order to complete this course a student must choose ONE of the following optional project routes (totalling 40 credits):

Module Code	Project Routes	Credit Value		
BUS6XXX	Business Advice Project (Major)	40		
BUS6XXX	Business Research Project (Major)	40		
BUS6XXX	Business Start-Up Project (Major)	40		
BUS6XXX	Community Advice Project (Major)	40		
BUS6XXX	Employability Project (Major)	40		
QME6XXX	Economics Research Project (Major)	40		
BUS6XXX +	Business Research Methodology and Practice +	20		
BUS6XXX	Business Research Project	20		
BUS6XXX +	Business Research Methodology and Practice +	20		
BUS6XXX	Business Start-Up Project	20		
BUS6XXX +	Business Research Methodology and Practice + 20			
BUS6XXX	Community Advice Project	20		



12b Structure Diagram

Full Time Course Structure:

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO	
Core	Core	
MAN4036 Insights into Management (20 credits)	BUS4087 Introduction to Entrepreneurship (20 credits)	
MKT4022 Principles of Marketing (20 credits)		
MKT4024 Developing your Personal Brand	BUS4088 Operations Management (20 credits)	
	ACC4034 Finance for Managers (20 credits)	

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Core	Core		
MAN5082 One Planet Issues (20 credits)	MAN5084 The Global Manager (20 credits)		
MAN5060 Management Development (20 credits)	BUS5077 Supply Chain Management (20 credits)		
MAN5077 Data Analytics for Business Optimisation (20 credits)			
	Optional		
	MAN5XXX Entrepreneurship in Action		
	MAN5XXX Cross Cultural Management		
	MAN5XXX Introduction to Consultancy		
	ACC5XXX Study Abroad (20 credits)		

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Core	Core	
MAN6XXX Leading and Managing Change (20	MAN6XXX Strategic Management (20 credits)	
credits)	MAN6XXX Strategic Supply Chain Management	
MAN6XXX Continuous Innovation (20 credits)	(20 credits)	
Core: BUS6XXX Project Route (40 credits)		



Full Time with Professional Placement Year Course Structure:

PLA5XXX Professional Placement Year (120 credits)

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO	
Core	Core	
MAN4036 Insights into Management (20 credits)	BUS4087 Introduction to Entrepreneurship (20 credits)	
MKT4022 Principles of Marketing (20 credits)	BUS4088 Operations Management (20 credits)	
MKT4024 Developing your Personal Brand	ACC4034 Finance for Managers (20 credits)	

Level 5

Core	Core		
MAN5082 One Planet Issues (20 credits)	MAN5084 The Global Manager (20 credits)		
MAN5060 Management Development (20 credits)	BUS5077 Supply Chain Management (20 credits)		
MAN5077 Data Analytics for Business Optimisation (20 credits)			
	Optional		
	MAN5XXX Entrepreneurship in Action		
	MAN5XXX Cross Cultural Management		
	MAN5XXX Introduction to Consultancy		
	ACC5XXX Study Abroad (20 credits)		
Core:	,		

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Core MAN6XXX Leading and Managing Change (20 credits) MAN6XXX Continuous Innovation (20 credits)	Core MAN6XXX Strategic Management (20 credits) MAN6XXX Strategic Supply Chain Management (20 credits)			
Core:				
Business Project Route (40 credits / 20/20 credits) (choose one of the routes below)				



Part Time Course Structure:

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO	
Core:	Core:	
MAN4036 Insights into Management (20 credits)	BUS4087 Introduction to Entrepreneurship (20	
MKT4024 Developing your Personal Brand (20 credits)	credits)	
	BUS4088 Operations Management (20 credits)	

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MKT4022 Principles of Marketing (20 credits)	ACC4034 Finance for Managers (20 credits)
MAN5060 Management Development (20 credits)	BUS5077 Supply Chain Management (20 credits)

Level 5

Core:	Core:		
MAN5082 One Planet Issues (20 credits)	MAN5084 The Global Manager (20 credits)		
MAN5077 Data Analytics for Business Optimisation (20 credits)			
	Optional 20 credits from:		
	ACC5XXX: Study Abroad (20 credits)		
	MAN5XXX Entrepreneurship in Action (20 credits)		
	MAN5XXX Cross Cultural Management (20 credits)		
	MAN5XXX Introduction to Consultancy (20 credits)		

Level 6

Core:	Core:		
MAN6XXX Leading and Managing Change (20	MAN6XXX Strategic Management (20 credits)		
credits)	MAN6XXX Strategic Supply Chain Management		
MAN6XXX Continuous Innovation (20 Credits)	(20 credits)		



Level 6 (Year Five)

Core:

Business Project Route (40 credits / 20/20 credits) (choose one of the routes below)

Project Routes:

	Route 1	Route 2	Route 3	Route 4	Route 5	Route 6	Route 7
S1	Business Advice Project	Business Research Project	Business Start-Up Project	Community Advice	Employability Project	Economics Research	Business Research Methodology and Practice (20 credits)
S2	(Major) (40 credits)	(Major) (40 credits)	(Major) (40 credits)	Project (Major) (40 credits)	(Major) (40 credits)	Project (Major) (40 credits)	Business Research Project (20 credits) or Business Start-up Project (20 credits) or Community Advice Project (20 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 4 Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216 (9 hours per week x 24 weeks)
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	0%
In-Person	0%

Level 5 Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216 (9 hours per week x 24 weeks)
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	75%
Exam	0%
In-Person	25%

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Level 6 Workload

18% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216 (9 hours per week x 24 weeks)
Directed Learning	360
Private Study	624
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	67%
Exam	0%
In-Person	33%