



# **MSc Project Management (Part-Time)**

# **London Campus**

Level of study: Postgraduate

Mode of study: Part-time

**Duration:** 2 years (18 weekends)

Please note that May 2019 is the last intake for this programme. From October 2019, it will be replaced with MSc Programme and Project Management.

#### **Overview**

Project management is a highly valuable skill, involving the coordination of multiple work streams to deliver projects on time, within budget and resource constraints, and according to stakeholder expectations. To be a successful project manager you need to be a strong communicator, with the leadership skills to inspire widespread engagement with the project.

This MSc Project Management will focus on developing your competence as a well-rounded project or programme leader alongside the wider leadership and management skills required to succeed in any organisation or sector. Live industry projects play a key role and have involved clients such as Volvo, Airbus, Balfour Beatty, the NHS and Google.

#### **Key facts**

- Part-time Masters degree based in Central London
- Accredited by the Association for Project Management (APM)
- Continue working while you study with lectures delivered on 18 weekends throughout the 2 year course
- Develop your knowledge within the context of project environments, with a focus on the importance of people and project teams in achieving success
- Undergraduate degree not essential for entry
- Also available as a <u>full-time programme</u> for those looking to complete their Masters in a 1 year period

#### **Course information**

Level of study: Postgraduate

**Fee (UK/EU):** £7,650

**Entry requirements:** 2:2 (second class) honours degree or equivalent from a recognised university Or an equivalent professional qualification with 2 years professional experience in project management .**Mode of study:** Part-time

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Assessment methods: Coursework and exam

Scholarships or bursaries: unavailable

Student finance: available
Payment plan: available
Starts: Jan, Jun, Sep,

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**Next application deadline: TBC** 

#### **About this course:**

# What will I study?

Our part-time MSc Project Management course is taught at our London Campus by our experienced academics and expert practitioners.

This MSc in Project Management will focus on developing your competence as a well-rounded project or programme leader alongside the wider leadership and management skills required to succeed in any organisation or sector.

Key study areas include risk and value management, project economics, project strategies, sustainable project management, and partnership and collaboration. You will develop your knowledge within the context of project environments, highlighting the importance of people and project teams in achieving success. Live industry projects play a key role and have involved clients such as Volvo, Airbus, Balfour Beatty, the NHS and Google.

This programme is also available as a <u>full-time</u> programme and as **MSc Project Management with Advanced Practice** which includes either an internship or a project.

### How will I be taught and assessed?

This part-time programme is designed to allow you to fit your studies around your busy schedule and as such this work-related award is delivered across 18 weekends over a two year period. It is also designed to allow you to relate your assessments back to your workplace, projects and programmes you are familiar or organisations in which you aspire to work. The programme is assessed through modular assignments and a final dissertation, with one examination.

Overall, the programme uses a combination of teaching and learning materials and techniques including:

- Workshops delivered at weekends to enable face to face learning and interaction with fellow learners and tutors.
- Self-study materials, providing knowledge and understanding and helping you to apply ideas to your workplace.
- Work-related assignments that give you an opportunity to develop and demonstrate your knowledge and understanding and provide evidence of competence.
- Face to face or on-line tutorials where required to support your learning.

For each module, you can expect 36 hours of overall contact time delivered through interactive workshops and face-to-face classroom sessions. You will also be expected to engage in independent study, around 3-4 hours per week. This will be supported by your module tutor and will consist of pre-class reading preparation, research, assessment preparation, development and writing as well as skills development.

The assessment for this programme is 100% coursework, including online tests, assignments, presentations and group work.

You II be taught by experienced lecturers and academics who use their industry experience to demonstrate how the theories you will learn translate into real life situations.

Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) is embedded throughout the course with tools such as the 'Blackboard' eLearning Portal and electronic reading lists that will guide your preparation for seminars and independent research.

We offer extensive student support in and outside of the classroom with a dedicated student support team based in London.

#### Careers and further study

This MSc Project Management programme has successfully attained academic accreditation by the Association for Project Management (APM). The APM, through its academic accreditation process, assesses programmes and modules to help students and professionals choose the best education available in support of their project management careers. Our APM Academic Accreditation identifies that the MSc Project Management programme at Northumbria University is aligned to the APM Body of Knowledge, 6th edition.

This course will open up opportunities in project management roles in many industries. Past Northumbria University graduates have gone on to work for multinational companies such as BAE Systems, Volvo Car Group, NHS, Siemens, IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Shell and Virgin Money. Job roles have included project managers, programme managers, project portfolio managers, management consultants, business developers, entrepreneurs, quality managers and directors.

The average UK (median) project management salary, as identified in a 2018 Salary and Market Trends Survey undertaken by the Association for Project Management (APM) is £47,500.

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# **Entry requirements**

Applicants should have:

## Standard entry requirements

• 2:2 or above from a recognised university

# Non-standard entry requirements

- An equivalent professional qualification with 2 years professional practice experience in project management or a related field.
- Mature applicants lacking standard academic qualifications may be considered for entry if s/he has demonstrable work experience over 5 years

#### **Enquire now**

#### **Modules**

All modules on this course are core.

#### Project, Programme and Portfolio (20 credits)

This module will explore the aspects and integration of project management activities and skills across the initial design, build and commissioning phases of complex products and extensions of these in the lifecycle support systems, coordination and communication in stakeholder engagement, intense markets, and markets that require agility.

#### **Project Organisations and Information Management (20 credits)**

In this module you will explore leadership issues, critically reviewing a range of models and practices with particular emphasis on the leader as a communicator and negotiator. You will be introduced to a variety of approaches to organisational analysis thus enabling you to challenge and critique, both organisational practice, and the theories, models and frameworks underpinning management, business and organisation. With a focus on developing you as a competent project leader, the module will develop your understanding of, and ability to apply, organisational

leadership and management practices with progression to exploring alternative ways of 'seeing' organisation and organising.

### People in Project Management (20 credits)

Of all the variables that contribute to the success or failure of projects, the one that is most neglected, and therefore in need of the most attention, is the project team itself. This module aims to provide a clear and concise overview of the key concepts and theories of project, social and organization psychology pertaining to effective project team dynamics. Of equal importance, the module will also explore the key concepts and theories associated with management and organizational behaviour which influence people and project-orientated team working.

#### Project Change, Risk and Opportunities Management (20 credits)

Effective project management involves the need to identify risks, make appropriate decisions, ensure effective governance, initiate and lead change and develop an engaged and performance focused team. This is the focus of this module, alongside developing your applied knowledge and skills in effective change management, risk management and decision making.

#### **Project Feasibility and Economics (20 credits)**

This module is designed to develop your knowledge and ability to practice as a Strategic Project Manager. In this module you will learn the various economic environments surrounding project organisations and project delivery, and examine the resources and constraints relating to strategic and financial decision-making for project formulation, initiation, delivery, and review. This module goes to assist in defining the levels of responsibility and directions of accountability required of a strategic project manager

#### **Research Methods (20 credits)**

Your postgraduate degree will culminate in the completion of an individually negotiated work or career based research project. This module will introduce you to effective research practice, providing you with an understanding of the 'dos and 'don'ts that are associated with employing particular approaches to the collection and analysis of data. Awareness of research methodologies and methods will enable you to practice appropriate techniques and to implement methods accurately.

#### Dissertation (60 credits)

The module will build upon the concepts and theories presented during the research methods module. It will require you to develop, consolidate and apply your independent research, academic study and research project management skills to the investigation of a topic of your own choice that is relevant to your programme of study, your workplace or your future career aspirations.

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# Fees and finance

# Tuition fees 2018/19: £7,650

Please note that your tuition fees do not include the cost of course books that you may choose to purchase, stationery, printing and photocopying, accommodation, living expenses, travel or any other extracurricular activities. As a Northumbria University London Campus student, you will have full access to our online digital library with over 400,000 e-books and 50,000 electronic journals.

The modules you will study do not require you to purchase additional textbooks although we recommend you allow an additional £200-250 for the duration of your studies should you choose to purchase any additional reading materials.

# **Payment plans**

We offer an interest-free monthly payment plan available to all self-funded students after payment of your deposit.

# **Government Loan for Masters study**

For the Academic Year 2018/19, the Government will be providing a Postgraduate Loan (PGL) up to the value of £10,000+ for UK and EU students. If you enter either full-time or part-time postgraduate study, you could be eligible to receive this funding.

#### Payment plans and PGL

# **Early Application Discounts**

Our Early Application Discount is awarded to you when you submit your application and holding deposit, before the deadlines specified on our **dates and fees page**. The discount is applied to your remaining fees after you pay your full deposit. This discount cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer – please contact us for more details on eligibility.

### **Enquire now**

# How to apply or find out more

### How to find out more

Enquire now to find out more information about the course, studying with us, the application process, and to ask any other questions you may have.

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## How to apply

Once you re ready to apply, you can apply online to study the part-time MSc Project Management programme. This method allows you to upload your supporting documents at the time of application and automatically receive your

student application number.

### Apply online

We strongly recommend that you submit your application as early as possible to allow you to complete all of the preparations needed to study your programme. Please refer to the **Dates and Fees** page.

### **Supporting documents**

For us to assess your application in a timely manner, it is important that you provide us with the following documents:

- Fully completed application form
- Personal email address must be included on the application form
- Transcripts and/or certificates (including a certified translation if not in English)
- Passport copy of personal details page
- Proof of financial sponsorship if applicable
- Details of two referees
- Confirmation of immigration history including copies of previous and current visas if applicable
- An attached CV is desirable

You can check more information on how to apply here, including guidelines for the application forms.