



MSc Project Management with Advanced Practice

London Campus

Level of study: Postgraduate

Mode of study: Full-time

Duration: 16-24 months

Please note that May 2019 is the last intake for this programme. From September 2019, it will be replaced by the MSc International Project Management with Advanced Practice.

Overview

Our course in MSc Project Management with Advanced Practice will give you project management skills that are widely transferable to any industry. You will develop the skills to coordinate multiple work streams to deliver projects on time, within budgetary and resource allocations.

The Advanced Practice element of this programme gives you the opportunity to secure a 12-15 week internship in your penultimate semester. You will benefit from valuable work experience and be able to put your learning into practice in real business environments, building your employability.

This option offers the opportunity to spend three months gaining all-important work experience and employability skills in a professional work setting. You may be able to extend this over more than one semester in cases where it is adjacent to a vacation period. Support is provided to help source opportunities and to perfect the applicant CV but ultimately the onus is on the student to secure the internship position.

Key facts

- Course content is aligned with the academic requirements of the APM (Association for Project Management)
- Prepare yourself for a career in a wide range of industries
- Put your learning into practice and build key skills with either an internship or an research project
- Upon graduating, opt to join one of our Professional Pathways programmes, to further build your skills and employability with one of the UK's leading IT and project management training providers, QA.

Course information

Level of study: Postgraduate

Fee (UK/EU): £8,995

Fee (International): £17,000

Entry requirements: 2:2 (second class) honours degree, or equivalent from a recognised university Professional qualifications may also be accepted IELTS 6.5 (or above) with no single element below 5.5, or equivalent .

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5 (or above) with no single element below 5.5, or equivalent

Mode of study: Full-time

Duration: 16-24 months

Assessment methods: Coursework

Scholarships or bursaries: available

Student finance: available

Payment plan: available

Starts: Jan, May, Sep,

Next application deadline: 06 May 2019

About this course:

What will I study?

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.

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.

The course content spans a range of highly topical subject areas. This includes: how to assess project feasibility, how to manage risks in projects, how to keep people working together, and how to develop a portfolio of projects. The curriculum is aligned with the academic requirements of the Association for Project Management (APM), which is the UK's largest professional body for project managers.

This programme is also available as a **part-time** programme, or as MSc Project Management which lasts for 1 year.

Advanced Practice stage

The Advanced Practice version of this course offers you a valuable opportunity to secure a work placement or complete an individual research activity, giving you experience of the workplace environment or being part of an academic research team, and an excellent way to put your learning into practice or developing your research career potential.

This stage of the programme will take place between your second and final semester, and is a semester long (12-15 weeks) in duration. Internships as part of the Advanced Practice stage may be paid or unpaid. The alternative research module allows you to work with an academic or applied research team on a range of research topics. Whether you choose the internship or the research project you will successfully develop your business skills and further enhance your employability.

The full duration of your programme depends on your start date:

- **September start dates:** your programme will last up to 21 months. You will have a summer break after Semester 2, and commence your Advanced Practice stage in September.
- **January start dates:** your programme will run for 24 months. There are two summer breaks included in this programme for those starting in January. Your Advanced Practice stage will commence in the following January.
- **May start dates:** your programme will run for 16-18 months. There is no summer break included in this programme for those starting in May. Your Advanced Practice stage will commence in January.

The programmes are structured as below:

	Sept-Jan	Jan-May	May-Sept	Sept-Jan	Jan-May	May-Sept	Sept-Jan
September starts	Semester 1	Semester 2	Summer break	Advanced Practice stage	Final semester		
January starts		Semester 1	Summer break	Semester 2	Advanced Practice stage	Summer break	Final semester
May starts			Semester 1	Semester 2	Advanced Practice stage	Final semester	

Teaching and assessment

You will be taught through a mix of lectures, seminars and workshops, totalling around 12 hours per week, to enable you to grow your knowledge of project management frameworks and skills. In addition, you will be expected to engage in independent study involving directed and self-directed learning, around 28 hours per week.

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.

During your studies, you will be assessed through a mix of individual and group assessments, presentations, computer simulations and exams.

Careers and further study

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.

Upon successfully completing your course, you may be eligible to further your skills with Professional Pathway programmes. These are offered to our graduates for free, from our partner, QA. The pathways offer you an excellent opportunity to undertake professional training at the end of your Masters from one of the UK's leading corporate training providers, further enhancing your learning from your Advanced Practice route. [Find out more about Professional Pathways and your eligibility.](#)

You can also gain access to the Northumbria University Graduate Enterprise scheme where we can help provide you with advice and skills to enable you to set up your own business.

Related reading

Meet your Programme Leader, Phil Thomas:

Project Management reading:

- [Staff Q&A: Introducing Prendo Project Management Simulation](#)
- [Why Projects Fail](#)
- [Project Management Jobs Across Industry](#)
- [Infographic: MSc Project Management Intake Snapshot](#)

Advanced Practice:

- [Master Your Future: MSc with Advanced Practice](#)
- [What is a 'Masters with Advanced Practice' ?](#)
- [Infographic: The Stages of a Masters with Advanced Practice](#)
- [Studying a Masters with Advanced Practice](#)

Entry requirements

Applicants should have the following:

Academic requirements

- Minimum of a 2:2 (second class) honours degree or equivalent from a recognised university

If you don't meet the academic requirements

Other qualifications and relevant professional practice experience will be considered on merit by the Admissions Tutor, but should demonstrate at least 5 years full-time experience in a relevant industrial context at a professional level.

If you are unsure if you meet the entry criteria, please [contact us](#) and our team will be able to advise you.

Alternatively, you may be eligible to join one of our **Pre-Masters programmes**. These are specifically designed for students who do not yet meet the entry requirements for our postgraduate degrees and would like to bridge this gap in their qualifications. Upon successful completion of one of our Pre-Masters programmes you will be eligible to join one of our Masters programmes.

English language requirements

Students require IELTS 6.5 (or above) with no single element below 5.5 or equivalent.

If you have IELTS 5.5 – 6.0, you may be able to join our [Pre-Sessional English](#) before beginning this programme.

[Enquire now](#)

Modules

All modules are core.

LD7030 - Research Methods (20 credits)

Training in research methods provides researchers 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 researchers to practice appropriate techniques and to implement methods accurately.

The primary aim of the module is to inform and sensitise you to the choices that are available when planning to undertake a research project.

LD7031 - Project, Programme and Portfolio Management (20 credits)

You will evaluate projects, develop proposals for project management, and understand the dynamics associated with project teams within your own professional practice/industrial context. This will lead to an appreciation of the nature of project management together with appropriate approaches, skills, tools and techniques that are available and suitable to a practicing project manager.

LD78032 - Project Organisations & Information Management (20 credits)

In Project Organisation and Information Management 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. Mainstream views of organisational practices and learning are introduced, with progression to exploring alternative ways of 'seeing' organisation and organising.

This approach will enable you to develop your critical thinking and draws on contemporary research to explore alternative ways of organising.

LD7033 - Project Change, Risk and Opportunities Management (20 credit)

You will learn about the theories and practices that inform the steering of projects for the delivery of benefits and how they enable you to respond to the challenges of managing organisational change initiatives.

The module integrates several topics under each of the competencies within relevant Project Management Bodies of Knowledge: Contextual, Behavioural and Technical.

LD7036 - People in Project Management (20 credits)

Group dynamics are the influential actions, processes and changes that occur within and between groups of people. Groups come in all shapes and sizes and their functions are many and varied. To understand groups and their dynamics, you must understand how people interact and function whilst working together in formalized organisational contexts.

The module aims to unite and contextualise selected key theories associated with team dynamics from psychology and the social sciences with selected key theories associated with groups, teams and management processes from management and organisation sciences.

The overarching aim is to equip and empower you with the knowledge, skills and abilities to create, participate in and lead real and virtual project-orientated teams.

LD7037 - Project Feasibility and Economics (20 credits)

In this module you will learn the various economic environments surrounding project organisations and project delivery, and examine the resources and constraints relating to 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 project manager.

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.

For students completing an Internship

Internship (60 credits)

This option offers the opportunity to spend 12-15 weeks working full time in an approved organisation. You will be supported in securing this internship opportunity and receive ongoing guidance from an internship tutor. You will complete a work based assessment during your internship.

For students completing a Research Project

Research Project (60 credits)

As an alternative to the internship you may choose to join one of our research teams and develop a collaborative academic or applied research output.

[Enquire now](#)

Fees and finance

Tuition fees 2018/19

- **UK/EU students:** £8,995
- **International:** £17,000

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 £120 for the duration of your studies should you choose to purchase any additional reading materials.

Scholarships and bursaries for international students

Depending on the country you are from, you may be eligible for a country bursary and/or scholarship when studying this Masters programme.

All of our scholarships and bursaries are automatically applied when we process your application and one of our team will be able to confirm your eligibility.

Scholarships and bursaries

Payment plans for self-funded students

If you need support to spread the cost of your tuition, you may be eligible for our payment plan.

Payment plans

Government Loan for Masters study

For the Academic Year 2018/19, the UK 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.

Postgraduate Loan

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.

Enquire now

How to apply

Students can apply for this course by clicking the button below.

[Apply now](#)

Alternatively, you can download a PDF application form and email it to **london.admissions@northumbria.ac.uk**.

[International students application form](#) [UK/EU students application form](#)

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
- Reference
- Confirmation of immigration history including copies of previous and current visas if applicable

You can check more information on [how to apply here](#), including guidelines for the application forms.