

MSc

## Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Study mode	Duration	Apply by: <b>11 September 2026</b>
Full-time	12 months	Starts on: <b>28 September 2026</b>
Part-time	24 months	

### About this course

The focus of this programme is on the management of innovations and entrepreneurial firms, both small and large. Whether you have the ambition to start up your own business or you are already running your own company, MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation can help you achieve your career goals.

### Introduction

The relaunched MSc in Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Liverpool Management School equips students with critical and practical skills to become future entrepreneurs, consultants, and innovation leaders in both new ventures and established organisations.

Combining research-based foundations with modules in digital marketing, business analytics, venture finance, sustainability, and international innovation, the programme prepares graduates to thrive in dynamic, evolving work environments.

Students will gain expertise in start-up development, commercialisation, and the ethical and sustainable aspects of innovation, supported by hands-on opportunities like dissertations, entrepreneurship plans, or consultancy projects.

Engagement with industry professionals, guest speakers, and Liverpool's innovation ecosystem further enhances the experience, building essential competencies for career success and leadership in global business and societal impact.

## Who is this course for?

This course is a great fit if you're interested in starting your own business, launching new ideas, or leading innovation within an existing organisation. Whether you've just finished your degree or you already have some professional experience, it's designed to help you build the practical skills and mindset needed to turn ideas into action. You don't need to come from a business background, what matters most is curiosity, creativity, and a drive to make things happen. If you're looking for a course that combines entrepreneurship, innovation, and real-world application, this programme offers a solid foundation to get started or take your next step.

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## What you'll learn

- How to develop and test new business ideas
- Strategies for managing innovation in different types of organisations
- Approaches to financing and growing a new venture
- The role of entrepreneurship in tackling global and social challenges
- Digital marketing and how to reach your audience
- Using data to support business decisions
- How to take ideas to market, both locally and internationally
- The challenges of leading innovation and navigating change

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## Accreditation

The University of Liverpool Management School (ULMS) is one of an elite group of institutions worldwide to hold the gold standard 'triple-crown' accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.

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### Accreditation in detail

#### AACSB

AACSB Accreditation Standards require a high quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, and curricula responsive to the needs of businesses. This achievement means that the Management School meets specific standards of excellence. It also means it's committed to on-going improvement in delivering high quality education.

## **AMBA**

AMBA is the highest standard of achievement in postgraduate business education. MBA students and graduates, business schools and employers all recognise it as a gold standard. AMBA's rigorous criteria and assessment process ensure that only programmes that demonstrate the highest standards in teaching, learning and curriculum design; career development and employability; and student, alumni and employer interaction achieve accreditation.

## **EQUIS**

The School is also accredited by EQUIS, which is the leading international system of quality assessment, improvement and accreditation of higher education institutions in management and business administration. Institutions that are accredited by EQUIS must demonstrate not only high general quality in all dimensions of their activities, but also a high degree of internationalisation and corporate connections.

# Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

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## Semester one

**During the first semester, you will undertake three compulsory 20-credit modules (60 credits in total).**

*Required modules:*

- **ULMS 867: Corporate Entrepreneurship and Innovation**

This module explores how organisations manage and drive innovation in a competitive, technology-driven environment. Emphasising sustainable and AI-enabled practices, it equips students to critically analyse corporate entrepreneurship. Key topics include entrepreneurial strategy, innovation ownership, AI-driven business models, and ethical decision-making.

- **ULMS 559: Strategy for Entrepreneurship and Innovation**

This interdisciplinary module focuses on the practical challenges of bringing innovation and new ventures into existence. Students will explore how resources, organizational structures, and management mechanisms shape the execution of innovative ideas and new ventures.

- **ULMS 560: Financing and Governing Ventures**

This module addresses the financial aspects of entrepreneurship, helping students understand core financial concepts, valuation methods, investment options, and the governance structures that support venture growth. It builds students' confidence in communicating financial details to investors and stakeholders.

These modules collectively provide a robust understanding of entrepreneurship and innovation, preparing students to explore business creation, expansion, and innovation within established firms.

Please note the full structure of this course is still in development and full details will be available soon.

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Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

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## Semester two

**During the second semester, you will choose three optional 20-credit modules from a list of four (60 credits in total).**

*Optional modules:*

- **ULMS 561: International Innovation and Commercialisation**

This module covers the global management and commercialisation of innovation, with a focus on intellectual property (IP) strategies. Students will explore how different institutional contexts (e.g., US vs. emerging economies) impact IP management and commercialisation strategies.

- **ULMS 562: Business Analytics for Organisations**

Students will learn how data-driven approaches are transforming entrepreneurship and business strategy. The course covers the role of big data, AI, and analytics in reshaping businesses, mitigating disruptions, and driving innovation.

- **ULMS 563: Sustainable Innovation for Societal Value**

This module explores how innovation can address urgent social and environmental issues. Students will learn to design, evaluate, and scale sustainable innovations that have a positive societal impact.

- **ULMS 564: Entrepreneurship in SMEs**

Focusing on small and medium enterprises (SMEs), this module examines how entrepreneurship is practiced in different types of SMEs, including family businesses and digital enterprises. Students will analyse the challenges faced by SME managers and explore policies supporting their growth and integration into entrepreneurial ecosystems.

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## **Final project**

In the final semester, students enter the “capstone” phase of their studies and have two options:

1. **ULMS 719: Advanced Management Research**

Develop a business plan for a new enterprise or create a consultancy report addressing an organizational innovation challenge.

2. **ULMS 790: Dissertation**

Conduct an academically oriented research project based on a case,

organisation, or context of their choice.

## Modules

Optional modules	Credits
<u>DISSERTATION (ULMS790)</u>	60

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## Teaching and assessment

### How you'll learn

This interdisciplinary programme is built on an educational approach that ensures students develop the essential skills to pursue careers in entrepreneurship and innovation. This commitment extends beyond the curriculum, with school-wide strategies to foster employability, including an integrative programme of enhancement weeks that engage students with industry, alumni, and peers from other programmes.

The curriculum is delivered through a blend of lectures, seminars, workshops, case studies, tutorials, and project work. Lectures impart core subject knowledge, while case studies and practical exercises demonstrate the real-world application of theoretical concepts. The programme includes both team-based and individual exercises to foster collaboration and independent critical thinking.

Designed for students with diverse industrial, business, and academic backgrounds, this programme is structured around six 20-credit modules and one final 60-credit module. The first two semesters each feature three taught modules, interspersed with four week-long enhancement weeks that provide industry exposure, networking, and employability skills development. In Semester 2, students select one 60-credit module and undertake either an applied project or a research dissertation. All Semester 2 modules are optional.

### How you're assessed

In semesters one and two, you will take modules totalling 120 credits. The dissertation or Strategy, Planning and Implementation project completed during

the summer period is worth 60 credits and students will be supported by their academic supervisor.

Students are required to complete 180 credits to achieve a full MSc.

Subject to meeting specific criteria outlined by the University, students will graduate with a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Assessment tasks are varied and some may be designed specifically to meet the learning outcomes of a particular programme of study, but students can expect to be assessed via coursework, essay, group work, presentations, case studies, negotiation exercises, reports and examinations. The weighting of individual components will vary from one module to another. All assessment information is included within the module specification.

## **Liverpool Hallmarks**

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

# Careers and employability

This Entrepreneurship and Innovation MSc seeks to develop an understanding of core business and management disciplines, and to show how they link together in terms of enabling managers to address the tasks they face. The programme emphasises the development of business and management skills in solving problems via analysis, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and leadership, which can be applied in the modern organisation.

From day one, you'll have access to a specialist, in-house postgraduate careers team and have access to one-to-one careers guidance, workshops, seminars, and employability initiatives.

Within 12 months of graduation, alumni are employed holding roles such as:

- Project Officer in Climate Technology
- Commercial Manager
- Executive Director
- Assistant Vice President.

Recent employers include UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre and Mizuho.

Employment locations include India, the UK, China, Copenhagen, Dubai, France and Japan.

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## Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

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### Career planning

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### From education to employment

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### Networking events

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# Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

## Tuition fees

### UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £15,000

Part-time place, per year – £7,500

## International fees

Full-time place, per year – £30,000

Part-time place, per year – £15,000

Tuition fees are for the academic year 2026/27.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can pay your tuition fees in instalments.
- All or part of your tuition fees can be funded by external sponsorship.
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to pay a tuition fee deposit.

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. Learn more about paying for your studies.

## Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the additional study costs that may apply to this course.

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# Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

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## Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree can be in any subject discipline. Non-graduates with very extensive professional experience and/or other prior qualifications may also be considered.

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## International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

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## English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a majority English speaking country.

We accept a variety of international language tests and country-specific qualifications.

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our Pre-Sessional English courses to achieve the required level.

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### IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0

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## **TOEFL iBT**

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

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## **Duolingo English Test**

125 overall, with writing not less than 125, speaking and reading not less than 115, and listening not below 110. For academic year 2025/26 only, we will also accept the production, literacy, comprehension and conversation score set: 120 overall, with no component below 105.

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## **Pearson PTE Academic**

61 overall, with no component below 59

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## **LanguageCert Academic**

70 overall, with no skill below 65

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## **PSI Skills for English**

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

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## **INDIA Standard XII**

National Curriculum (CBSE/ISC) - 75% and above in English. Accepted State Boards - 80% and above in English.

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## **WAEC**

C6 or above

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## **Pre-sessional English**

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

## Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 6.0	6 weeks	On campus
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
6.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.0, and no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0, for further details.

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