

Operations and Supply Chain Management

Study mode

Full-time

Part-time

Duration

12 months

24 months

Apply by: **11 September 2026**Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

Designed by one of the UK's leading Operations and Supply Chain Management research groups, this programme is also accredited by the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) and the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport UK (CILT).

Introduction

Please note, if you're applying for January 2027 entry, your course welcome starts on 25 January 2027. Teaching starts on the 1 February 2027.

The programme is aimed at graduates in management, engineering and science, practising operations professionals and non-sector professionals who wish to increase their understanding of operations and supply chain management.

You will get a theoretical and practical exposition of the factors that are necessary for effective operations and supply management in today's global and highly competitive markets.

In addition, you will learn how successful operations performance can shape and influence the sales and profit ambition of a business. You will develop a profound understanding of the processes and techniques for developing operations strategy and managing operations and supply chain activities.

- Learn via innovative teaching techniques including interactive games, cases and simulations
 - See real-world scenarios with industry visits
 - Supported to work towards gaining full or chartered membership of our accrediting bodies. Graduates of the programme will be exempt from the academic requirements of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS, subject to renewal) and the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport UK (CILT)
 - Apply your knowledge by undertaking a work-based project which is undertaken in conjunction with industry. Recent projects have been undertaken in collaboration with organisations including Bibby Distribution, Corus, Ford Motor Company, Hewlett Packard and Jaguar Land Rover.
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Who is this course for?

If you want to become an expert in operations and supply chain management and boost your career prospects, this programme is a great fit. It's open to graduates from any discipline as well as professionals seeking to advance their knowledge of managing business operations, supply chains, and logistics.

What you'll learn

- Strategic management of operations and supply chain systems
 - How to structure, analyse and optimise global supply chains
 - How to design and evaluate sustainable supply chains
 - How to design lean systems
 - How to model and simulate business decisions
 - How to manage industry-specific projects and project teams
 - Emerging digital technologies and systems, and their applications in different business contexts.
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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.

The MSc Operations and Supply Chain Management programme is accredited by the [Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply \(CIPS\)](#) and the [Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport \(CILT\)](#).

CIPS and CILT are international organisations, based in the UK, serving the purchasing, logistics and supply professions. Student membership is available to students whilst studying for the MSc.

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.

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Course content

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

Semester one

The programme is delivered over 12 months and consists of six compulsory modules and two optional modules followed by a project carried out over the summer on completion of semester two.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT (EBUS506)	15
STRATEGIC OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT (EBUS602)	15
SERVICE OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT (EBUS634)	15

Optional modules	Credits
OPERATIONS MODELLING AND SIMULATION (EBUS504)	15
DIGITAL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT (EBUS603)	15
PROJECT AND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT IN ORGANISATIONS (EBUS614)	15
BIG DATA MANAGEMENT (EBUS622)	15
GLOBAL MARITIME LOGISTICS (EBUS632)	15

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

Semester two

The programme is delivered over 12 months and consists of six compulsory modules and two optional modules followed by a project carried out over the summer on completion of semester two.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
STRATEGIC PURCHASING MANAGEMENT (EBUS535)	15
LEAN THINKING (EBUS507)	15
LOGISTICS AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION (EBUS609)	15

Optional modules	Credits
ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS WITH SAP (EBUS612)	15
BIG DATA ANALYTICS FOR BUSINESS (EBUS633)	15
SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (EBUS636)	15
DIGITAL STRATEGY (EBUS605)	15

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

Final project

During the summer semester, students will take either Business Simulation and Analysis or MSc Project.

Graduates of the MSc programme in Operations and Supply Chain Management can become members of the [Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply \(CIPS\)](#) and the [Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport \(CILT\)](#) by successfully applying to those organisations and paying an annual membership fee.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
BUSINESS SIMULATION AND ANALYSIS (EBUS635)	60
MSC PROJECT (EBUS621)	60

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

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

Modules are taught using the latest active learning techniques including business simulations, real-world case studies, interactive participation software, and lecture capture.

The principal forms of teaching are lectures and seminars, with most taught sessions normally being supported by additional resources such as hand-outs and online materials accessible via the virtual learning environment (Canvas). Seminars give the opportunity for detailed discussion of a topic under the direction of a tutor. You are normally expected to prepare work in advance of the taught sessions and you may also be expected to present work or give presentations.

Following semester two you will complete either a project or a business simulation in the area of operations and/or supply chain management, with the support of an academic supervisor. This will require evidence of in-depth mastery of research techniques, the ability to assemble and analyse data and the evaluation of outcomes and results. All projects/business simulations will investigate specific problems in the field of operations and supply chain management, and propose solutions to these contemporary issues

Teaching time will account for an average of 10 hours per week and you should anticipate an additional 12 hours of self-directed study.

How you're assessed

In semesters one and two, you will take modules totalling 120 credits. The business simulation or 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 Learning Framework

At Liverpool, we take a distinctive approach to education through the Liverpool Learning Framework. This means teaching that is engaging, inclusive and designed to help you succeed during your studies and beyond.

You'll develop specialist subject knowledge alongside the skills employers value most, including:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three Liverpool Hallmarks:

- Research-connected teaching - learning informed by the latest ideas and discoveries
- Active learning - taking part, applying knowledge and learning by doing
- Authentic assessment - assessments designed around real-world tasks and challenges

We also embed key priorities across our curriculum, including AI literacy, employability, and sustainability, helping you prepare for the future and make a positive impact in the world.

We're committed to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

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Careers and employability

This programme offers opportunities to explore current, cross-sector developments in the field through expert-led industrial lectures and a best-practice industry visit.

You'll benefit from dedicated one-to-one careers guidance, skills workshops, employability seminars, and support from a specialist in-house postgraduate careers team.

Graduates are well-prepared for senior roles in operations, logistics, and supply chain strategy. Within twelve months of graduation, 91.2% of alumni are employed, working in roles such as:

- Logistics account representative
- Supply chain coordinator
- Procurement analyst
- Project support
- Senior semiconductor assurance engineer.

Employers include Amazon, Sainsbury's, University of Liverpool, THG, Savino Del BenE, among others. Alumni have also secured roles at Accenture, Airbus UK, Boots, Caterpillar, Deloitte, Diageo, Ford, GlaxoSmithKline, Jaguar Land Rover, Maersk, Unilever, Rolls-Royce, and more.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

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 – £32,000

Part-time place, per year – £16,000

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 £12,858 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.

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 should be in Management, Engineering, Mathematics, Science or closely related disciplines.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, a Pre-Master's can help you gain a place. This specialist preparation course for postgraduate study is offered on campus at the [University of Liverpool International College](#), in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. Although there's no direct Pre-Master's route to this MSc, completing a Pre-Master's pathway can guarantee you a place on many other postgraduate courses at The University of Liverpool.

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.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. If you took a TOEFL test from 21 January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

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.

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 65

PSI Skills for English

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

INDIA Standard XII

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

WAEC

C6 or above

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 writing at 6.0 and no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with writing at 5.5 and no component below 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	12 weeks	Online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component at 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 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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