Qualification type
MSc

Project Management

Study mode
Full-time
Duration
12 months
Start date and application deadlines

Apply by:
15 January 2027
Starts on:
25 January 2027

About this course

Accredited by the Association of Project Managers (APM), this programme provides an opportunity to learn both the theoretical fundamentals of project management as well as develop the critical skills required for entry into a project management career.

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.

Project Management uses organisational initiative to complete a range of tasks such as the construction of new buildings, developing the next app or designing innovations in the healthcare industry. Underpinning the fundamentals of the field is the need to manage projects within constraints including time, cost, quality and scope.

The journey to becoming an effective project manager starts with the acquisition of the right tools and technologies to support decision-making and ensure timely delivery of project objectives. The MSc in Project Management has been designed to reflect on the principles and methodologies of the leading professional project management bodies and has been successfully awarded Academic Accreditation by the Association of Project Managers (APM).

The programme is designed to facilitate the development of technical competence in key areas including: risk management, monitoring and control of projects and procurement. Students will establish a core understanding of operations management, big data management and the ability to model and simulate complex problems which can plague project delivery.

You will begin by developing an understanding of the terminology, core theory and tools requisite for project management activity. This is reinforced by other core modules such as uncertainty and risk (i.e. the ability to reduce/prevent problems in projects), controlling and monitoring and leadership, which is a requirement for leading large/small project teams. A variety of electives are also offered including big data, logistics, operations and simulation

modelling which provide an opportunity for students to focus on their areas of interest and diversify their learning, based on future career decisions.

Additionally, this programme offers other opportunities:

- Equip those who wish to pursue qualifications, such as the PMP and PMI-CAPM for those with some project management experience, the PFQ for beginners, and the CQRM depending on their project management interests, with the appropriate knowledge and expertise
- To foster more practice as a project manager we have a suite of games available to test your PM skills: UNLOCK PM and Scope, Resources, Schedule
- Networking with industry experts, through guest lectures & case challenges, provide opportunities for students to experience real-world scenarios which affect projects.
- Students have a choice of either a three-month MSc project (industrial partner or research-based) or Business Simulation Analysis both with the same 60 credit value.

Who is this course for?

Ideal for those aiming to advance in project management roles across various sectors, including construction, IT, healthcare, and finance. The programme is designed for those seeking to enhance their leadership and strategic planning skills in project environments.

What you'll learn

- Contemporary Project Management principles
- Risk and Uncertainty in Project Planning
- Portfolio, Programme, and Project Execution
- Leading and Managing Project Teams
- Strategic Procurement Management
- Supply Chain Operations Management
- Finance and Data Analysis for Managers
- Research Methods.

Accreditation

This programme is accredited by the Association of Project Managers (APM), the only chartered membership organisation for the project profession in the world. Additionally, the University of Liverpool Management School (ULMS) is one of an elite group of institutions worldwide to hold the gold standard triple-accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.

▼ 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.

APM

The Association for Project Management is the only chartered membership organisation for the project profession in the world and provides a range of professional qualifications and events for its 40,000 members. APM's Academic Accreditation identifies courses and modules that meet its rigorous criteria for course content, quality and standards.

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 four compulsory modules and two optional modules. Students are required to complete a project carried out over the summer on completion of semester two (EBUS635 or EBUS621).

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES (EBUS704)	20
PROJECT RISK MODELLING (EBUS705)	20

Optional modules	Credits
MANAGING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES (EBUS702)	20
STRATEGIC OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT (EBUS703)	20

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

▼ Semester two

The programme is delivered over 12-months and consists of four compulsory modules and two optional modules. Students are required to complete a project carried out over the summer on completion of semester two (EBUS635 or EBUS621).

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
LEADING AND MANAGING PROJECTS (EBUS711)	20
SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT NETWORKS (EBUS712)	20

Optional modules	Credits
AI ETHICS AND GOVERNANCE (EBUS708)	20
ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS WITH SAP (EBUS710)	20

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

▼ Final project

The programme is delivered over 12-months and consists of four compulsory modules and two optional modules. Students are required to complete a project carried out over the summer on completion of semester two (EBUS635 or EBUS621).

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
MSC PROJECT (EBUS621)	60
BUSINESS SIMULATION AND ANALYSIS (EBUS635)	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, lecture capture and flipped classroom.

The principal forms of teaching are face to face lectures and seminars, with lectures normally being supported by materials such as presentations. 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 for seminars and will benefit from taking part in discussions.

In addition, this course offers an enhanced programme of events and activities such as guest speakers, coding bootcamps and support for your future career.

Following semester two you will either complete a dissertation with the support of an academic supervisor, or work on a group simulation project before submitting an individual report.

Teaching time will account for an average of 10 hours per week and you should anticipate an additional 30 hours of self-directed study and group work.

How you're assessed

In semester one and two, you will take modules totalling 120 credits. The project or simulation 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 the latest cross-sector developments in project management, equipping graduates with the tools and insights needed for leadership roles in the field.

You'll benefit from expert careers support, including one-to-one guidance, workshops, employability seminars, and dedicated assistance from our in-house postgraduate careers team.

Within twelve months of graduation, 87% of MSc Project Management alumni are employed, holding roles such as:

- Project design coordinator
- IT project manager
- Graduate project manager
- Project officer.

Recent employers include Amazon, BAE Systems, WSP, DWP, GBS, and the National Energy Foundation. Employment locations include Liverpool, London, across the UK, India, Saudi Arabia, and Dubai. Graduates have also secured positions at leading global companies such as: ExxonMobil, IBM, BP, China National Machinery Industry Corporation, and Grayce.

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

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £32,000

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 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. You can find information on the general and subject-specific costs you could expect to incur on our study costs webpage.

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Entry requirements

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

Qualification	Details
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, Architecture, Mathematics, Business, Engineering, Science or closely related disciplines. Non-graduates with very extensive professional experience and/or other prior qualifications may also be considered. Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.
International qualifications	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.

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.

Qualification	Details
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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