



MSc International Project Management with Advanced Practice

London Campus

Level of study: Postgraduate

Mode of study:

Duration: 16 - 24 months

Response to Covid-19: Our focus is on providing a safe and welcoming learning environment and ensuring continued access to learning.

As a result of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and resulting social distancing requirements, we are intending to teach this course using a mix of on-campus and online learning activities. We continue to be guided by the Government to ensure our campus is Covid-secure. More information about our [response to Covid-19 and FAQs](#) are available [here](#).

All information is accurate at the time of sharing. Courses starting in 2021 are offered as a mix of face to face and online learning. We continue to monitor government and local authority guidance in relation to Covid-19 and we are ready and able to flex accordingly to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Contact time is subject to increase or decrease in line with additional restrictions imposed by the government or the University in the interest of maintaining the health and safety and wellbeing of students, staff, and visitors, potentially to a full online offer, should further restrictions be deemed necessary in future. Our online activity will be delivered through Blackboard Ultra, enabling collaboration, connection and engagement with materials and people.

Overview

Managing international projects presents unique challenges. This Masters programme addresses the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to successfully manage projects that span organisations, national boundaries and cultural differences.

In this programme, you will explore the impact on project management of culture, language variations, religious, contractual, regulatory and legal practices, technology penetration, temporal orientation, gender issues, corruption, ethics, personal liberty and political contexts. We learn how to meet international project challenges through efficient use of practices and technology. The programme will utilise available case studies and examples from global companies to help you sharpen the skills needed to recognise and foster a successful international project environment.

The Advanced Practice option integrates an Internship, Consultancy Project or Research Project into the Masters programme, offering the opportunity to spend three months gaining all-important work experience and employability skills in a professional work setting.

Key facts

- Learn how to lead international projects and teams on budget and to a high standard
- Develop your cultural awareness skills and understanding of different legal, social and political norms
- Gain real-world experience through an internship or project through the Advanced Practice option
- Upon graduating, opt to further develop your skills and employability with Professional Pathways programmes through one of the UK's leading IT and project management training providers, QA

Course information

Level of study: Postgraduate

Fee (UK/Home): £10,350

Fee (International): £19,000

Entry requirements: 2:2 honours degree, or equivalent IELTS 6.5, with no single element below 5.5, or equivalent .

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

Mode of study:

Duration: 16 - 24 months

Assessment methods: Coursework

Scholarships or bursaries: available

Student finance:

available

Payment plan: available

Starts: Jan, May, Sep,

About this course:

What will I study?

You will learn how culture affects how teams perceive each other, lead, solve problems and execute tasks. Although the world is increasingly connected, the people behind the projects have biases, expectations and a perception of life that impacts all decisions. You will also learn how to effectively manage international teams including how to build trust and collaboration across various cultures, time zones and technological settings. You will learn how to design communication channels and project structures effectively in an international project environment.

This programme is also available as **MSc International Project Management** which lasts for one year.

You will become familiar with the issues underlying the problem of corruption, which is the abuse of trusted power for private gain. Reducing the risk of corruption strengthens a company's reputation, builds the respect of employees and raises credibility with key stakeholders. Finally you will learn how the adoption of collaboration tools can enhance the international project experience. The programme is designed to teach you how to successfully deliver projects in an international environment.

To accelerate your learning, you will be exposed to theories and principles relating to financial and contractual management, leading teams including those that are geographically diverse, strategic leadership and the management of change, risk and opportunities. You will also be exposed to the fundamental concepts, principles of leadership theory, contractual arrangements, budgeting and forecasting and business case analysis.

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 the 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 (15 weeks) in duration. Internships as part of the Advanced Practice stage may be paid or unpaid.

The alternative to the Internship, the Research Project or Consulting Project, will successfully develop your business skills and further enhance your employability.

The full duration of your programme will depend 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. You will commence your Advanced Practice stage in the following January. Please note there are two summer breaks included in this programme for those starting in 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	

How will I be taught and assessed?

- Teaching is delivered through a mix of lectures, seminars and workshops totalling around **10 hours per week**
- You are expected to engage in independent study, around **28 hours per week**
- **Assessment** is 100% coursework including critical report writing, practical exercises and research project work.
- Taught by **experienced lecturers and academics** who use their industry experience to demonstrate how theories translate into real-life situations.
- **Technology-enhanced** learning is embedded throughout the course to guide your preparation for seminars and independent research
- Benefit from **weekly academic support sessions** designed to build your ability and confidence as an academic learner
- You will be assigned a **guidance tutor** at induction who you will meet with regularly during your studies

Career 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 undertake further professional development and training through Professional Pathways programmes. These are offered to our graduates for free, from our partner, QA. [Find out more about Professional Pathways and your eligibility.](#)

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Entry requirements

Academic requirements

- Minimum 2:2 (second class) honours degree from a UK university, or equivalent

If you don't meet the academic requirements

Applicants who do not meet the academic requirements but who do have substantial experience of working in a business organisation and/or possess a relevant professional qualification will also be considered. 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 also be eligible for our **Pre-Masters courses**. These are pathway programmes designed specifically for students who are looking to progress on to a Masters degree.

Please visit our [entry requirements](#) page for country-specific qualifications.

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 eligible to join our **Pre-Sessional English and Study Skills** before starting this programme.

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Modules

All modules on this course are core and 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Strategic Management

It is very important for future Project and Programme Managers to understand strategic management and how projects deliver the strategy of an organisation.

The business world today is considerably different and more complex than it was in the previous years. Both the challenges and opportunities facing organizations of all sizes today are greater than ever. Organizations are required to continuously find better ways to compete in the rapidly changing global business environment. Survival and

competition have become imperative for organizations in the current global scenario.

In this context, the module develops the strategic thinking and decision making abilities of students, especially in relation to understanding the employability of various strategies in different situations.

Project Implementation in a Multinational Context

It is very important for International Project Managers to possess the knowledge and understanding as to how projects are successfully delivered in an international context.

The international business world today is considerably different and more complex than it was in previous years with many global multi-national organisations delivering projects in up to 150 different countries. The challenges and opportunities facing global organizations to deliver successful projects in order to deliver their strategy require project managers with a knowledge and understanding of the key issues when working in an international environment. Organizations are required to continuously find better ways to compete in the rapidly changing global business environment. Survival and competition have become imperative for organizations in the current global scenario.

In this context, the module develops the thinking and decision making abilities for you to effectively deliver strategic programmes and projects in different cultural and country situations.

International Financial and Contractual Management

This module will provide a general introduction to the subject matter of international project feasibility and economics as located within the project, programme and portfolio environments of global organisations including the relevant financial drivers affecting option selection and project selection, procurement and contract strategies in international markets. It will also explore the key features of contracting, performance monitoring and the management of claims and disputes.

You will achieve an understanding of

1. the different facets of feasibility including financial, economic, environmental, and social feasibility;
2. the different economic environments surrounding projects including, macro and microenvironments, and regulatory/legal environments, and
3. stakeholder environments including the Sponsor, Professional, and Contracting environments, all contextualised in an internationalised project management environment.

This knowledge and understanding are essential for future employment working on international programmes and projects. Employers are looking for graduates with project feasibility and economics skills who can work individually and as members of a team in tackling problems and at the same time being able to make difficult decisions relating to projects. The module has been designed to satisfy several of the programme learning outcomes related to technical knowledge, employability, critical thinking and problem-solving innovation.

Managing Programmes and Projects

A 'project' is a temporary undertaking of some uniqueness, whose likelihood of success is enhanced if carried out using

Project Management knowledge, methods, and processes, to accomplish planned objectives, such as outputs, outcomes or benefits. Programmes are collections of such projects which are also targeted at higher-level deliverables that will often require greater levels of coordination and present different types of opportunities and risks.

This module explores aspects of 'P3 management, the management of projects, programmes and portfolios, in this wider context. Taught content is constructed around a research-led curriculum (i.e. current knowledge in the field), and through its study, you will gain knowledge and develop a conceptual understanding around P3 Management, including the relevant approaches available to a project manager and the project team as a whole.

You will also critically evaluate project management knowledge and competencies, reflect on lessons from project case studies, and embrace the relevant ethical and professional standards associated with competent P3 management.

Researching Methods for Professional Practice

This module is designed to ensure you have the skills and knowledge to complete a postgraduate research project which is relevant to International Project Management and career or future aspirations. As such, in the early part of your studies, you will work closely with careers and professional development specialists to consider your career or future learning opportunities post completion of your degree. You will subsequently develop a career plan and reflective log considering how your learning from the programme can accelerate the achievement of this plan.

People Management in Global Organisations

The impact of the people element of a project is often overlooked. It is this element that is the main focus of this module, which will include theories and concepts suggested by key academics as means of improving the management of international project teams. Based on a fundamental understanding of self and the impact of the individual on others it will include aspects and influences of international social, cultural and organisational psychology and international human resource management (IHRM). It will also have a very practical basis with examples from a range of industries, countries and cultures. The overarching objective is to develop effective team working and enhance skills required to understand and participate in leading real and virtual international project teams.

Academic Language Skills (0 credits)

The aim of this module is to support your study, language and communication skills for academic purposes in the study in your chosen discipline. The module is designed to enable you to become an independent learner. The module is supported by a teaching and learning plan which outlines the formal sessions, together with the tutor-directed study and independent reading. Interactive seminars will be tailored to address some of the specific issues that you meet within your discipline.

Directed learning will require a range of activities including pre-reading, preparation for interactive activities and use of the e-learning platform. You will be expected to identify those skills which you need within your programme, and to develop these independently through a range of learning activities that might include extended reading and reflection.

For students doing an internship

Engineering and Environment Internship (60 credits)

This module aims to you with an experiential learning opportunity in a workplace setting that utilises skills and knowledge acquired during the taught part of your study programme. You will develop resilience and flexibility as you adapt to a different learning environment, and gain a new perspective through comparison with your taught studies.

Assessment on the module is designed to focus on the awareness of the impact of the time spent in an external learning environment, on your knowledge and understanding of the discipline. You will be encouraged to critically engage with outside practices, and to reflect on your educational development in the context of the challenges posed by an unfamiliar social, cultural and economic environment.

For students not doing an internship, you will choose one of the following

Engineering and Environment Research Project (60 credits)

This module aims to provide you with an opportunity to work on a live research study that utilises skills and knowledge acquired during the taught part of your study programme. You will develop resilience and flexibility as you adapt to a different learning environment, and gain a new perspective through comparison with your taught studies. The module will help you develop your abilities as a researcher with valued investigative, data analytical, theoretical and practical skills to implement a research project.

Through this research project, you will develop hands-on experience that is directly transferrable to be utilised to the world of work after your graduation.

Engineering and Environment Consultancy Project (60 credits)

This module aims to provide you with an experiential learning opportunity where you will work on a group consultancy project that utilises skills and knowledge acquired during the taught part of your study programme. You will develop resilience and flexibility as you adapt to a different learning environment, and gain a new perspective through comparison with your taught studies. The module will help you develop your abilities as a problem solver with valued investigative, theoretical and practical skills to implement a work-based consultancy project.

All students will then progress to:

Professional Practice in Project Management Project (60 credits)

This module provides a process that will enable you to use and extend the knowledge and skills you have acquired during your programme of study. Using appropriate research methodologies and data collection methods, you will critically synthesise a body of knowledge relevant to the taught programme and apply this to an area relevant to your continued career development in the area of project management.

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Fees and finance

Tuition fees 2021/22

- **UK/Home students:** £10,350
- **International students:** £19,000

Tuition fee 2022/23

- **UK/Home students:** £12,075
- **International students:** £19,500

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.

What's included in your tuition fees?

Your tuition fees cover far more than your time in class with our expert academics, it covers the cost of providing you with excellent services and student experience.

- Contact time in class – typically in lectures, seminars and tutorials
- Access to facilities, including computers, on-campus Wi-Fi, printers, vending machines, quiet study spaces
- The support of our Careers & Employment Service who help you to become more employable, secure placements and run workshops
- Academic support – our ACE Team run multiple sessions on academic writing, presenting, exam techniques throughout the semester, as well as 1-2-1 appointments and drop-in sessions
- Student support services such as our Ask4Help Service. Find out more about the services available to you on our [Student Support](#) page
- Access to online resources, including 24/ 7 Library with over 400,000 e-books and 50,000 electronic journals.

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 the MSc International Project Management with Advanced Practice 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

If you are a UK or Home student, you may be eligible for a postgraduate loan of up to £10,000+ from the UK Government. Click [here](#) to find out more about the loan and whether you are eligible to receive it.

[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.

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How to apply

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

[Apply now](#)

Alternatively, please [download a PDF application form](#) and send it to london.admissions@northumbria.ac.uk.

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.