

Programme Specification

1	Awarding body	Univers	University of London				
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbec	Birkbeck College				
3	Programme Title(s)	BSc Mat	BSc Mathematics with Management				
4	Programme Code(s)		UUBSMWMN_C (3 years full-time) UBSMTWMN C (4 years full-time)				
5	UCAS code	G1N2	G1N2				
6	Home Department	Econom	Economics, Mathematics and Statistics				
7	Exit Award(s)		Certificate of Higher Education Diploma of Higher Education				
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	3 years	3 years full-time/4 years part time				
9	Mode of Study	FT	✓	PT	✓	DL	
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	6	6				
11	Other teaching depts or institution	Manage	Management				
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details	N/A	N/A				
13	QAA Benchmark Statement	Mathen	Mathematics, Statistics and Operational Research				

¹⁴ Programme Rationale & Aims

The BSc Mathematics with Management aims to provide a broad education in and some of the main concepts and methods of management. The programme concentrates on the methods and modelling techniques of mathematics, but also provides the theoretical background for these ideas. Students develop knowledge of a range of mathematical skills together with an understanding of management.

In line with the College's mission to make high quality education available to students who are not able for whatever reason to study during the day, the programme is delivered by evening, face-to-face study and is offered both in part-time and full-time modes.

¹⁵ Entry Criteria

A UCAS tariff of at 112-128 points, including a grade B, or higher, in A-level mathematics, or the equivalent.

For student who have not recently studied, A-level mathematics, or the equivalent, is desirable. Students without such a qualification are required to pass an entrance test.

16 | Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this programme a student will have attained the following learning outcomes.

Subject Specific:

LO1 Knowledge and understanding of, and the ability to use, mathematical and/or statistical techniques.



LO2 Knowledge and understanding of a range of results in mathematics and statistics.

LO3 Appreciation of the need for proof in mathematics, and the ability to follow and construct mathematical arguments.

LO4 Awareness of the use of mathematics and/or statistics to model problems in the natural and social sciences, and the ability to formulate such problems using appropriate notation.

LO5 Understand the importance of assumptions and have an awareness of where they are used and the possible consequences of their violation.

LO6 Ability to present, analyse and interpret data.

LO7 A deeper knowledge of some particular areas of mathematics.

LO8 Understand the ways in which different aspects of management behaviour have been analyzed by social scientists.

LO9 Develop knowledge and understanding of management theory and practice.

LO10 Appreciate the utility of economic tools in business planning

LO11 Understand and apply the principles of costing and budgeting.

LO12 A deeper knowledge of some particular areas of, or relevant to, management.

Intellectual:

LO13 Problem-solving skills, including the ability to assess problems logically and to approach them analytically.

LO14 Ability to comprehend conceptual and abstract material.

LO15 Highly developed quantitative skills.

Practical:

LO16 Ability to use appropriate software packages.

LO17 Ability to transfer knowledge and expertise from one context to another.

Personal and Social:

LO18 Ability to learn independently using a variety of media.

LO19 Ability to work independently with patience and persistence.

LO20 Time-management and organizational skills.

LO23 Good communication skills, including the ability to write coherently.

17 | Learning, teaching and assessment methods

Most teaching sessions are lectures or occasionally computing sessions. Lectures present both theory and worked examples. Computing sessions use either spreadsheets or a modern statistical or mathematical software package, and enable students to learn about these



packages and allow them to develop a greater understanding of the course material. The computing sessions are usually self-paced and informal.

Detailed notes, problems and worked solutions are provided to accompany most lectures on each module. This facilitates the independent study necessary to understand and assimilate the material. Regular coursework and a variety of assessment methods are also designed to be formative and promote learning.

Individual tutorials are provided as required and are an integral part of the teaching provision. Students may also consult staff by email and telephone.

The methods of assessment used are:

- Unseen examinations.
- Assessed assignments.
- Essays.

For most modules 80% of the assessment comes from unseen examinations in the Summer Term. This allows time for students to assimilate the material and develop a thorough understanding of the course curriculum. The 20% contribution from coursework enables students to get practice in tackling and solving problems independently, without the time pressure of examinations, and gives staff an opportunity to give relevant feedback.

The range of assessments, and the type of questions and problems set within examinations and assignments are structured to balance theory and practice, to address the individual learning outcomes and to discriminate between different levels of achievement. However the assessment strategy recognizes that students may exhibit very different aptitudes and abilities in different aspects of the course and in different forms of assessment. This is particularly relevant to Birkbeck students who vary considerably in terms of academic background, prior work experience, current career and future career plans. The assessment strategy is therefore designed to: (i) ensure a good coverage of the curriculum and address the range of learning outcomes, (ii) perform an on-going formative function via the theoretical and practical assignments associated with all course modules; (iii) give all students the opportunity to demonstrate their strengths and show what they can do well.

Both the external and the second internal examiner normally scrutinize all HE level 5 and 6 examination papers before they are finalized. All examination papers are double marked. Coursework is marked by the first examiner and moderated by the second internal examiner. All marks are moderated by the External Examiner, who is invited to comment on the suitability of the assessment methods, criteria and procedures. These comments influence any changes that are recommended at the BSc review meeting.



18 Programme Description

The first two years of the programme consist mainly of core and compulsory modules. These modules cover the body of knowledge that every student is expected to know as a key part of university level study in this area.

At level 5 there are 60 credits of compulsory modules, and 60 credits of options, while at level 6 there are 120 credits of options, allowing students to tailor their programme to suit their interests and strengths.

¹⁹ Programme Structure

Full-Time programme – 3 years

Year 1

Level	Module Code	Module Title		Status*
4	EMMS096S4	Calculus 1		Core
4	EMMS097S4	Algebra 1	30	Core
4	BUEM096S4	Numbers, Proofs and Counting	30	Compulsory
4	BUMN077H4	Management Studies I	15	Core
4	BUMN078H4	Management Studies II		Core

Year 2

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
5	BUEM001S5	Calculus 2		Compulsory
5	option	One mathematics option from the indicative list below		Option
5/6	option	One level 5 or 6 mathematics option from indicative list below (they can do a level 6 option at the Programme director's discretion, to increase choice, and if they do this, then they do 30 credits at level 5 in Year 3 to compensate)		Option
5	options	Any level 5 management/business related modules	30	Option

Year 3

Level	Module Code	Module Title		Status*
6/5	option	One level 6/5 mathematics option from indicative list below (they do a level 5 option only if they did a level 6 in Year 2)		option
6	options	options 90 credits of level 6 options from indicative list below		option

Over the programme students must complete 120 credits at level 6, including at least 60 credits of level 6 mathematics options, and at least 30 credits of level 6 Management options.



Part-1	ime programme	– 4 years		
Year 1	!			
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
4	EMMS096S4	Calculus 1	30	Core
4	EMMS097S4	Algebra 1	30	Core
4	BUMN077H4	Management Studies I	15	Core
4	BUMN078H4	Management Studies II	15	Core
Year 2	?			
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
4	BUEM096S4	Numbers, Proofs and Counting	30	Compulsory
5	BUEM001S5	Calculus 2	30	Compulsory
5	Option(s)	Any 30 credits of level 5 Management/Business related modules	30	Option
Year 3	3			
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
5	option	30 credits level 5 from the indicative option list below	30	Option
5	option	30 credits level 5 from the indicative option list below	30	Option
6	option	30 credits level 6 from the indicative option list below	30	Option
Year 4	1		-	
6	options	90 credits at level 6 from indicative option list below	90	Options
Over	years 3 and 4 s	tudents must do at least 60 credits of level 6 mathe	matics op	tions, and at
		least 30 credits of level 6 Management options.		
Optio	nal modules (in	dicative list)		
Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Status*
5	EMMS098S5	Probability and Statistics	30	Option
5	BUEM101S5	Algebra 2	30	Option
5	BUEM100S5	Number Theory and Cryptography	30	Option
5	options	Any level 5 management/business related modules		Option
6	BUEM102S6	Algebra 3	30	Option
6	BUEM103S6	Analysis	30	Option
6	BUEM104S6	Ordinary Differential Equations	30	Option
6	BUEM105S6	Finite Mathematics	30	Option
6	BUEM106S6	Approximation: Theory and Methods	30	Option
6	BUEM003S6	Statistics: Theory and Practice	30	Option
6	Any management/business related modules for options which they have completed the level 4 and 5 prerequisites		15/30	Option

Status*

CORE – Module must be taken and passed by student; COMPULSORY – Module must be taken, mark can be reviewed at sub-exam board; OPTIONAL – Student can choose to take this module



20 Regulations

Admissions

This programme adheres to the College Admissions Policy http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/admissions-policy.pdf

Credit Transfer

Accredited Prior Learning will be considered in line with the College Policy on Accredited Prior Learning

http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/accreditation-prior-learning.pdf

Programme Regulations

This programme adheres to the College Common Awards Scheme http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/regulations

Programme Specific Regulations N/A

21 | Student Attendance Framework – in brief

The full version of the 'Student Attendance Framework' is available http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/services/rules/Attendance-Framework.pdf.

Principle

Consistent and regular student attendance in class (or equivalent) promotes and affords student success. Inconsistent and irregular attendance is less likely to result in student success and is consistent with lower marks and degree classifications being achieved and awarded.

Attendance expectation

Birkbeck, University of London expects you to consistently attend all timetabled sessions, including lectures, seminars, group and individual tutorials, learning support sessions, workshops, laboratories, field trips, inductions and demonstrations.

E-Registers

All Birkbeck students are issued with student cards. Students are expected to take them to classes and to assessment venues and to present them to a member of staff if requested. This is for the purpose of identifying Birkbeck students.

22 | Student Support and Guidance

All Birkbeck students have access to a range of student support services, details can be found on our website here: http://www.bbk.ac.uk/student-services

23 Methods of Enhancing Quality and Standards

The College has rigorous procedures in place for the monitoring and enhancing its educational provision. This includes regular monitoring of programmes drawing on feedback from various sources including external examiner's reports, student feedback,





student achievement and progression data. In addition, departments are reviewed every four to five years through the internal review process that includes external input.

For more information please see the Academic Standards and Quality website http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/about-us/operations-and-quality .

24	Programme Director	Dr Andrew Bowler
25	Start Date (term/year)	Autumn 2010
26	Date approved by TQEC	Autumn 2009
27	Date approved by Academic Board	Spring 2010
28	Date(s) updated/amended	February 2019