

# **Programme Specification**

1	Awarding body	University of London		
2	Teaching Institution	Birkbeck College		
3	Programme Title(s)	MSc Management Practice		
4	Programme Code(s)	TMSMPRAC_C		
5	UCAS code (if applicable)	N/A		
6	Home Department	Management		
7	Exit Award(s)	PG Cert, PG Dip		
8	Duration of Study (number of years)	2		
9	Mode of Study	FT PT ✓ DL		
10	Level of Award (FHEQ)	7		

11	Other teaching depts or institution (or not applicable)	Organizational Psychology	
12	Professional, Statutory Regulatory Body(PSRB) details (or not applicable)	Chartered Management Institute  www.managers.org.uk  Institute of Leadership and Management	
	(include URL to PSRB)	www.i-l-m.com	
13	QAA Benchmark Statement (or not applicable)	Business and Management	

### 14 | Programme Rationale & Aims

The MSc Management Practice comprises a combination of postgraduate level modules from the departments of Management and Organizational Psychology which map to the requirements of the <u>Senior Leader Master's Degree Apprenticeship standard</u>. The programme is aimed at professional leaders in the private, public and third sector and in all sizes of organisation. The programme will provide career development opportunities for as wide a range of individuals as possible but focuses on those who may already have developed practical experience and who wish to develop their theoretical understanding of higher level management skills further.

What distinguishes this programme from other master's level study programmes is the employer defined knowledge, skills and behaviours that are integrated with and assessed as part of the whole apprenticeship award, of which the master's degree forms the integrated academic element.

Following successful completion of the master's programme, apprentices will be eligible to complete an "End Point Assessment" to gain the apprenticeship award and CMI professional recognition (either Chartered Manager or Chartered Fellow status, depending on the years of management experience a completing apprentice possesses). ILM membership or fellowship may also be gained, again depending on the amount of management experience.

#### <sup>15</sup> Entry Criteria

Individual employers will set the entry criteria for their apprenticeships: this may involve previous management experience, having undertaken an apprenticeship at a lower level or academic qualifications.

Birkbeck's academic qualifications for this programme comprise: normally at least a second-class honours degree in any subject area from a UK university or a non-UK equivalent or a professional or other qualification obtained by written examinations approved by the College. Relevant experience, supporting statements and references may be taken into consideration, especially in the case of non-standard applications. Applicants must also hold English and Maths qualifications at a minimum of GCSE level or equivalent. Applicants for whom English is a second language will normally be required to hold an IELTS score, achieved within the last two years, of 6.5 with 6 in each subtest. Other English Language proficiency tests may also be accepted.



## 16 Learning Outcomes

Students will develop the following skills and learning from the degree:

- apply organisation theory and management knowledge to diverse organisational settings
- apply strategic management tools and techniques to real-world business situations
- understand situations related to differences in the business environment between countries, and changes in the business environment over time, in either a business or a public policy context appreciate and understand the nature and processes of entrepreneurship and innovation by applying various concepts to an understanding of the management of new business creation and growth
- understand how the role of business in society has evolved in recent decades and grasp modern and emerging future social and environmental challenges for business
- develop an intellectual appreciation of the factors that affect consumer and organisational behaviour and their decision-making
- apply knowledge gained to marketing theory
- understand key issues involved in managing innovation in firms as well as the rationale and development of technology and innovation policy
- analyse key strategies used by business enterprises for profit maximisation
- critically discuss the aims and objectives of the HRM and HRD functions in organisations and how these are met in practice
- promote professionalism and an ethical approach to HRM and HRD practice in organisations
- Deal effectively with complex issues from both an academic and a professional perspective
- Make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences

## 17 Learning, teaching and assessment methods

The principal methods of teaching and learning include:

- Lecturing
- Directed reading
- Class discussion of research articles
- Small group and class discussion of case studies linking theory and practice
- Student-led seminars and presentations
- Supervised individual assignments
- Supervised group exercises
- Supervised independent research for dissertation
- Online learning through Moodle, our online learning resource where all information and materials relating to the programme and modules are available.

Students will also have access to the Birkbeck Library and e-Library where they can obtain books and journal articles that are required for their studies. A range of student support facilities are also available.

While lecturing is a major vehicle of knowledge transfer in the programme, most modules use a mix of other methods of learning and teaching with lectures, many of which are peer reviewed, e.g. group exercises, case studies linking theory and practice, and seminars involving group work and presentations. There are several modules in which lectures are combined with small group discussions in which even more interaction between students and between students and group leaders are possible, thus helping to harness appropriate social interactive behaviour and the ability to work in teams, while actively pursuing the advancement of knowledge. Active participation at lectures and individual assignments, including the supervised independent research for the work-based project, provide other avenues for interactive learning. Individual assignment and the supervised independent research for the work-based project are designed to assess the ability of postgraduate students to take responsibility for their own learning and time management, to search for information, and to carry out work to set deadlines.

#### **Assessment methods**

The learning outcomes determine the method of assessment for each module on the programme. The assessment of several modules on the programme is by a combination of coursework (of various forms) and



an unseen formal, written examination. Examinations provide a rigorous test of the core knowledge, understanding and analytical skills of students and encourage careful revision and the consolidation of core learning in general and specific subject areas. Coursework aims to develop and assess students' critical understanding of academic knowledge and process-based research skills. It also assesses the ability of students to take responsibility for their own learning and time management, to search for information and to carry out work to set deadlines. Assignments test a number of subject-specific and other intellectual, practical and personal skills including: the ability to locate, extract and analyse qualitative and quantitative data from different sources as a basis for decision making and justification of resource deployment; the ability to construct an argument in written English; to critically evaluate arguments and evidence; to critically appraise existing views and debates; and the ability to describe and justify international management and business decisions. Apart from providing quantitative assessment, coursework assignments provide opportunities for detailed qualitative feedback to students, thus enhancing the learning process on a regular basis throughout the programme.

# <sup>18</sup> Programme Description

The programme will be taken over two years. Apprentices complete 10 modules of 15 credits each plus a 30-credit Work-based Project.

Year 1 compulsory modules
Principles of Organisation and Management
Innovation, Management and Policy
Consumer Behaviour
Strategic Management
Accounting and Financial Management

Year 2 compulsory modules
Economics for Managers
Leading and Developing People
Innovation and the Knowledge Economy
Corporate Responsibility
Work-based Project

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

E-Portfolio Workshops

Apprentices are also required to attend workshops in each term to support them in the compilation of their apprenticeship portfolio of evidence, demonstrating they have met all of the required elements of the apprenticeship standard and in preparation for the undertaking of the End Point Assessment for the apprenticeship award after completion of the MSc.

# 19 | Programme Structure

## Part Time programme

#### Year 1

Level	Module Code	Module Title C		Credits	Status*
7	MOMN010H7	Principles of Organisation and Management	(AUT MON)	15	Compulsory
7	MOMN043H7	Innovation: Management and Policy	(AUT WED)	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN007H7	Consumer Behaviour	(SPR WED)	15	Compulsory
7	MOMN082H7	Strategic Management (Postgraduate)	(SPR THU)	15	Compulsory
7	MOMN083H7	Accounting and Financial Management	(SUM WED)	15	Compulsory
7	MOMN073H7	Entrepreneurship and Innovation	(SUM THU)	15	Compulsory
N	BUBU065Z4	E-Portfolio Workshops		0	Compulsory



Year 2					
Level	Module Code	Module Title		Credits	Status*
7	BUMN070H7	Economics for Managers	(AUT TUE)	15	Compulsory
7	BUOB045H7	Leading and Developing People	(AUT THU)	15	Compulsory
7	MOMN026H7	Innovation and the Knowledge Economy	(SPR MON)	15	Compulsory
7	MOMN039H7	Corporate Responsibility	(SPR THU)	15	Compulsory
7	BUMN129S7	Work-based Project	(SUM WED)	30	Compulsory
N	BUBU065Z4	E-Portfolio Workshops		0	Compulsory

#### 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 <a href="http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/admissions-policy.pdf">http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/admissions-policy.pdf</a>

#### 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 (or not applicable) 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: <a href="http://www.bbk.ac.uk/student-services">http://www.bbk.ac.uk/student-services</a>



# | 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 <a href="http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/about-us/operations-and-quality">http://www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/about-us/operations-and-quality</a> .

24	Programme Director	Nick Pronger (from January 2020)
25	Start Date (term/year)	Autumn 2018
26	Date approved by TQEC	Spring 2018
27	Date approved by Academic Board	Spring 2018
28	Date(s) updated/amended	Jan 2020