

MSc Project Management



Delivered in Partnership by the University of Bolton (UK) and the Malawi Institute of Management

Mode of Attendance: Part time, Block Deliveryⁱ

Programme Commencement: October 2015

Programme Duration: 18 months

Entry Requirements: UK Bachelor's degree or equivalent in relevant subject.. English Proficiencyⁱⁱ

Location: Malawi Institute of Management, Lilongwe, Malawi

Tuition Fees: \$9000

This programme will give you a broad understanding of Project Management and the knowledge and expertise to carry out project management design, planning, execution and delivery on time and on budget. The objectives of the programme are fourfold:

- To provide you with a comprehensive and up-to-date knowledge of project management, including key principles and practices and ability to apply a significant range of professional and business skills and techniques in Project Management
- To develop your ability to work effectively within a project using skills for communication and teamwork
- To enable you to initiate, manage and drive change through the application of sound financial and business competence on projects
- To provide you with the opportunity to undertake individual and team research and/or consultancy based projects.

Programme Modules:

- Project Management
- Quality Management for Projects
- Risk and Decision Management
- Procurement and Operations Management (Option)
- Strategic Leadership (Option)
- Problem Solving and Innovation Management
- Research Skills for Business and Management
- Dissertation

Further Information:

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Introduces the field of project management and explores how projects are different from normal operations and their associated management methods. Tools of project management are introduced and applied to case organizations.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT FOR PROJECTS

Develops ability to: identify the issues around the area of quality management on projects; manage projects by implementing problem solving to overcome issues in project quality; design systems that enable tracking of project quality through appropriate reporting mechanisms; identify the affects of processes on project quality.

RISK AND DECISION MANAGEMENT

Develops ability to: identify and analyse the types of information required to make sound business decisions; evaluate a wide range of methods, tools and techniques for problem analysis and decision making ; assess and manage the psychological factors in decision making; and identify and critically evaluate risk using appropriate techniques.

PROCUREMENT AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT (Option)

Develops your ability to: specify appropriate processes for given situations; determine appropriate levels of outsourcing and internal value-add; be effective in leading procurement and negotiating contracts; manage and improve procurement and operations management processes; be aware of legal issues and global sourcing issues; and specify appropriate operations management systems.

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP (Option)

This modules introduces you to the concept of Strategic Leadership with a focus on factors internal to the organization generally and relating to the interaction of people in particular. You will be expected to critically evaluate your organizational environment and challenge current formal and informal practices that may have a negative impact on business/organization performance through assessment of personal, individual, team and leader behaviour.

RESEARCH SKILLS FOR BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Acquire essential skills in research methods and communication in preparation for conducting an original piece of research related to the programme. A variety of qualitative and quantitative methods are introduced.

PROBLEM SOLVING AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

This module introduces you to the concept of innovation management and explores how both radical and incremental change can influence the competitiveness of products, services and organisations. It covers various tools, techniques and methodologies for innovation such as TRIZ, Six Sigma and FMEA.

DISSERTATION

An opportunity to undertake a substantial piece of research. Synthesise your academic knowledge acquired from the taught modules and produce evaluative and critical discussion of an issue relevant to your programme of study. The dissertation module develops ability to: identify a problem, establish its significance, formulate a hypothesis/proposition/research question, design a means of meeting research objectives, and evaluate the results. The learning outcomes of this module will be assessed through a 14000 – 18000 words dissertation.

ⁱ All courses are delivered in ‘Block Mode’ with four days of attendance per module. Two days of lectures are delivered at the beginning of the module. Two days of lectures are delivered mid way through the module (at week six) and assessments take place in week 12. Typically two modules run concurrently so you will be required to attend a four day block of lectures approximately every six weeks. These run over the weekend to assist work based learners. Additional remote support is provided through the Moodle virtual learning environment with scheduled Guided Independent Learning Tasks (GILTs). Self directed reading and independent study also form a significant component of the module. Study Groups are established in the opening block of face to face delivery to assist you with this.

Teaching is delivered by both MIM and University of Bolton tutors, who fly in from the UK, to ensure both quality and local relevance.

ⁱⁱ Bachelors Degree with English as medium of instruction, GCSE or equivalent English Language grade C+, TOEFL Computer Based Test Score 237 (or Paper Based Test 580) or IELTS Score 6.5.

