The University of Bolton’s MSc in Supply Chain Management is accredited by both the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS). By studying this course you will develop a knowledgeable and professional approach to the management and development of supply chains, specialising in procurement, information systems, physical logistics and operations management. The programme is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills to contribute significantly to the operation and improvement of contemporary supply chains. It will enable you to successfully respond to the demands of a wide range of supply chain environments.

All modules are tailored to include relevant international, Sub-Saharan Africa and Malawi context. The programme is offered through a distance learning framework. Delivery involves majority core teaching by the flying faculty/academic staff from the University of Bolton (UK) and teaching from local subject tutors from MIM (Malawi).

**Programme Modules:**
- Supply Chain Strategy
- Physical Supply Chain Management
- Procurement and Operations Management
- E-Business Models and Strategies
- Finance for Managers
- Research Skills for Business and Management
- Dissertation

**Further Information:**
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SUPPLY CHAIN STRATEGY
Explores the longer term issues in configuring supply chains to best support the strategic objectives of the firm. Strategy formulation tools and techniques are covered, including audit of both external business environment and internal operations. Issues such as location, capacity, partnerships, customer service, distribution, and performance measurement are set into the context of longer term planning for competitive success.

PHYSICAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
Develops critical understanding of the physical side of logistics. Skills include: configuring a logistics network and managing the inventory; determining capacity and location; appropriate transport arrangements; and ensuring effective customer value.

E-BUSINESS MODELS AND STRATEGIES
Examines ways that organisations gain competitive advantage or reduce their costs by using electronic commerce to deliver products or services or to support other activities in their value chain, by the analysis of e-business strategies that are competitive in the emerging arena of e-business.

PROCUREMENT AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT
Develops understanding of the context and significance of procurement and operations management in the supply chain. Skills developed include ability to: describe typical procurement and operations management processes and 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.

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.

FINANCE FOR MANAGERS
Aims to enhance expertise and understanding of the financial aspects underpinning the management of organisations and supply chains.

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.

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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.

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.