LEAD WITH CLARITY.
DELIVER WITH CONFIDENCE.

Most projects fail...
But they don't have to.

Whether you're delivering global infrastructure, leading digital transformation, or managing change across organisations, effective project leadership makes the difference. **The challenge?** Most projects fail to meet their goals.

The opportunity: The MSc Project Management (online) at UWE Bristol gives you the tools, insight and confidence to lead complex initiatives and deliver lasting impact. Study part-time, flexibly, and apply your learning in real time. All while building a career that's ready for the challenges ahead.

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MSc Project Management (online)
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A growing demand

The demand for skilled project managers has never been higher.
As organisations face increasing complexity, disruption and globalisation, those who can lead projects with strategy, agility and precision are in high demand. Project managers are critical to delivering results on time and within budget .

Project Manager
Lead cross-functional teams, deliver high-value outcomes, and ensure project success from initiation to completion.

Programme Manager
Oversee multiple interconnected projects, managing complexity, resources, and alignment with strategic goals.

Change and Transformation Lead
Drive organisational change by applying agile methodologies and stakeholder engagement strategies.

PMO Analyst
Support project delivery through governance, reporting, and process optimisation in project management offices.

Operations Manager
Apply project principles to streamline operations, enhance performance, and deliver strategic value.

Risk and Compliance Manager
Identify, assess, and mitigate risk in complex project environments using industry best practices.

Consultant or Advisor
Provide expert project insights to public and private sector clients, helping to solve challenges and improve delivery.

International Project Manager
Lead global or cross-border initiatives with cultural sensitivity and systems thinking.

Questions about your potential career prospects?
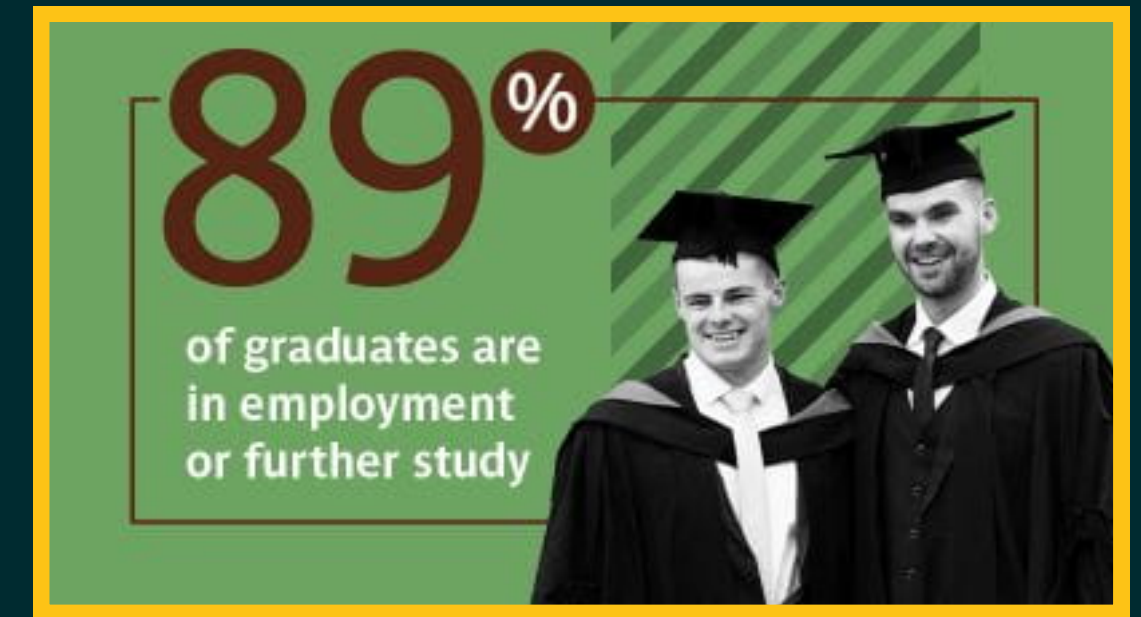Book a meeting with our Enrolment Success Team!

Why UWE Bristol?

Time to power up your skills

UWE Bristol is a thriving, modern university with a rich history of academic excellence and a strong reputation for producing highly employable graduates. We are proud to hold a **gold rating for student experience** in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

Delivered by Bristol Business School, one of the largest and most innovative in the UK, this MSc equips you with real-world insight and future-focused capabilities. The school works in close partnership with industry, ensuring your education reflects current project leadership needs.

You'll benefit from UWE Bristol's experience in high-impact, online delivery, supported by research-led teaching and strong industry connections.

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TEF 2023 Teaching Excellence Framework

GOLD
Outstanding student experience

Rated Silver as an overall score for achieving very high-quality student outcomes

89% of graduates are in employment or further study

84% of our research impact is considered world leading or internationally excellent.*

*REF 2021

TOP 10
MODERN UNIVERSITY
Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2026.

Who is this programme for?

Professionals ready to lead complex projects:
Whether you're in construction, healthcare, tech, education, energy, or consultancy, this MSc supports your next step into strategic roles.

Those managing digital or organisational change:
If you're already working on projects and want to sharpen your tools, this programme strengthens your ability to lead, plan, and execute in dynamic environments.

Career-changers aiming to move into project management:
With foundations in core principles, tools and stakeholder communication, this course supports your transition into project-based roles across sectors.

Leaders seeking international perspectives:
Project work today is often global in scope. You'll explore project governance, communication, and leadership in cross-cultural, cross-border contexts.

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Unlock your potential with online study

Balance your studies with your work and personal commitments, without sacrificing the quality of your education.

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Flexibility

Our **100% online format** gives you the freedom to study at your own pace. You can design a study schedule that suits you. Tuition fee is also paid on a per-module basis, allowing payments to be spread out across your programme.

Mobility

Your programme is in your pocket. Your programme travels with you as you **study asynchronously** from the device of your choice from anywhere in the world. **Enjoy 24/7 access to class** through your Virtual Learning Environment and online library.

Expert Faculty

Our programmes are **designed by experienced Project Management professionals** and academics who are passionate about teaching and research. Benefit from their insights, guidance, and support.

Support

Develop your knowledge with 24/7 access to the **UWE Bristol online library service**. When needed, you can also get 24/7 support from the **mental health helpline.**

Community

Connect with a **diverse network of learners** and experts from around the world through engaging discussion forums.

Programme structure

Your path to mastering project management and leadership

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The UWE Bristol MSc Project Management (online) is a two-year, part-time programme built to integrate with your professional commitments. Combining structured theory and project management frameworks, with practical case studies and applied learning, it equips you to manage complex projects with confidence and clarity across a range of industries and contexts.

Core Modules: Building your project management toolkit

Each builds on the next to give you a structured and comprehensive learning experience, covering methodologies, leadership, risk, finance, and stakeholder management.

Apply your knowledge: Your final project

In your final year, you'll complete a 30-credit project challenge module. You'll choose a real-world problem related to your professional interests and apply your learning in a high-impact investigation.

Are you a suitable candidate?

Take our questionnaire to find out if you are eligible to study on one of our online postgraduate degree courses.

Eligibility test   >

CORE MODULES

Discover core modules that build your skills in planning, leading and delivering successful projects. You'll cover the full project lifecycle – from selecting the right methodology to managing complexity, risk and closure. Each module will be 15 credits, with the final project being 30 credits.

Project Management Life Cycle and Processes

15 credits

Gain a clear understanding of each stage of the project life cycle, from initiation through to closure. Define scope, set objectives, engage stakeholders and apply scheduling mehtods. Build a solid foundation needed for effective project delivery.

Project Management Methodologies

15 credits

Compare and evaluate the main project methodologies used in industry, including traditional, agile and hybrid approaches. Learn how to select and apply the most effective method for different project types using real-world case studies.

Project Management Dynamics

15 credits

Explore how organisational culture, behaviour and leadership influence project outcomes. Understand how projects evolve in complex settings and develop the skills to manage collaboration, motivation and change in dynamic environments.

Leadership in Project Environments

15 credits

Strengthen your leadership capabilities with practical tools and models tailored to project settings. Explore emotional intelligence, conflict resolution and motivation, while developing your leadership style for diverse and evolving teams.
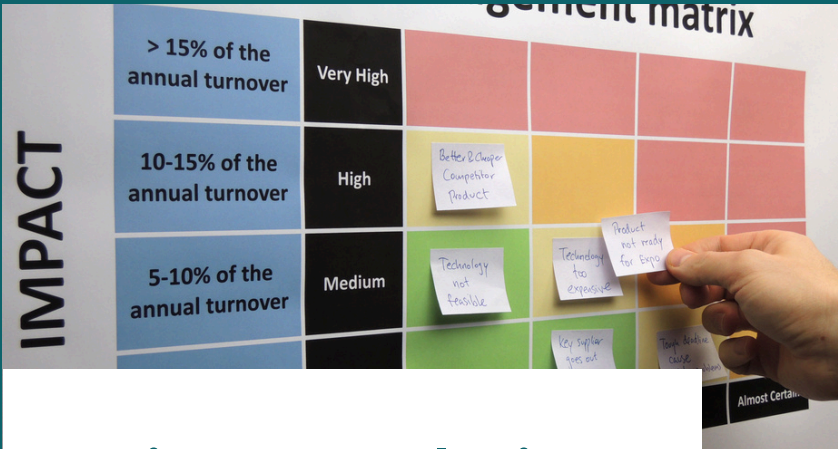
CORE MODULES

The programme has a total of 180 credits. You take ten core modules; each is worth 15 credits and is an average of eight weeks in duration. The journey culminates with your final research project worth 30 credits.

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Project Management in Context

15 credits

Place your project management knowledge within broader organisational, social and ethical frameworks. Understand how regulation, sustainability, and external forces impact project design and delivery.

Project Complexity and Risk Management

15 credits

Develop strategies to manage complexity and risk in high-stakes projects. Learn to identify, assess and respond to potential challenges using tools such as systems thinking and stakeholder analysis.

Project Professional Practice

15 credits

Enhance your professional identity and project management practice. Reflect on your career goals, examine ethical issues, and build confidence through practical activities aligned with real-world challenges.

International Project Management

15 credits

Build a global perspective on managing projects across borders. Explore the challenges of working with international teams, global supply chains and diverse regulations to prepare for leadership in multinational settings.

CORE MODULES AND FINAL PROJECT

Project Transition and Closure

15 credits

Learn how to close projects effectively, from handover and knowledge capture to benefits realisation. This module focuses on strategies for closing contracts, sustaining stakeholder engagement and measuring success.

Project Finance

15 credits

Master the financial side of project management. Gain key skills in budgeting, forecasting, cost control and value management, and learn how to make informed financial decisions that support project goals.

The Project Challenge

30 credits

This final project brings together everything you've learned. You'll design, lead and deliver a substantial research-based project focused on a real-world issue in project management. The topic will be relevant to your interests or professional context, giving you the chance to investigate a current challenge, propose solutions, and apply strategic thinking in a practical setting.

The outcome will be a professionally presented report that shows you can deliver insight, value and impact through project work. The Project Challenge is your opportunity to apply theory to practice and prove your readiness to lead projects at the highest level.

Meet your programme leader

Dr. Guru Prabhakar

Qualifications: PhD, MBA, BBA (Hons, Gold Medallist), PMP, PGCE, FHEA

Position: Senior Lecturer, Bristol Business School, UWE Bristol

Dr Guru Prabhakar is a specialist in project management and organisational transformation. With a PhD from École Supérieure de Commerce (ESC) in France and professional certifications including PMP and FHEA, he brings academic rigour and industry relevance to the classroom. His research focuses on the application of technology and leadership models in complex project environments, including his original concept of 'switch leadership'.

Guru has extensive teaching and supervisory experience at both master's and doctoral levels. He has received international recognition for his research and has published widely in peer-reviewed journals. With a background in finance, marketing, e-commerce and banking operations, he brings real-world perspective to every interaction with students.

"Only 2.5% of companies successfully complete 100% of their projects."

Keeping Projects On Course
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Skills development with real-world impact

Manage projects the right way

UWE Bristol

Leadership and Team Dynamics

Learn how to lead diverse teams with clarity, emotional intelligence and stakeholder focus.

Strategic Planning

Build the skills to define, scope, and plan projects aligned with organisational strategy.

Risk and Complexity Management

Develop techniques to assess uncertainty, manage change, and apply decision frameworks.

Financial Acumen

Understand budget planning, procurement, and resource management.

Communication and Negotiation

Improve how you manage expectations, influence stakeholders, and resolve conflict.

Global Project Delivery

Lead projects in international, cross-cultural contexts with agility and cultural competence.

The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Your digital campus, your global classroom

At UWE Bristol, we've created a dynamic and engaging virtual learning environment (VLE) that brings the classroom to you, wherever you are in the world. Our VLE, powered by Blackboard Ultra, is designed to facilitate seamless online learning, collaboration, and connection.

Blackboard Ultra: Your learning hub

Blackboard Ultra is more than just a platform; it's your personalised learning hub. Access programme materials, engage in discussions, submit assignments, and connect with your peers and instructors, all in one convenient location. With features like:

Interactive content: Engage with multimedia learning materials, including videos and quizzes.

Discussion forums: Share ideas, ask questions, and collaborate with your peers in a vibrant online community.

Live online sessions: Participate in real-time discussions and Q&A sessions with your instructors and classmates.

24/7 access: Study at your own pace, anytime and anywhere, from any device.

Collaborative learning

Project management is a team effort. Learn alongside professionals from different industries and countries, bringing varied insights to shared problems. Through case studies and collaborative discussions, you'll test theory against practice and gain diverse perspectives.

Case study approach: merging theory and practice

From healthcare to infrastructure, you'll analyse real-world project scenarios. This applied learning approach prepares you to adapt and lead in high-pressure, evolving environments.

Your academic journey is supported every step of the way, ensuring an engaging and empowering online experience designed to help you reach your professional goals.

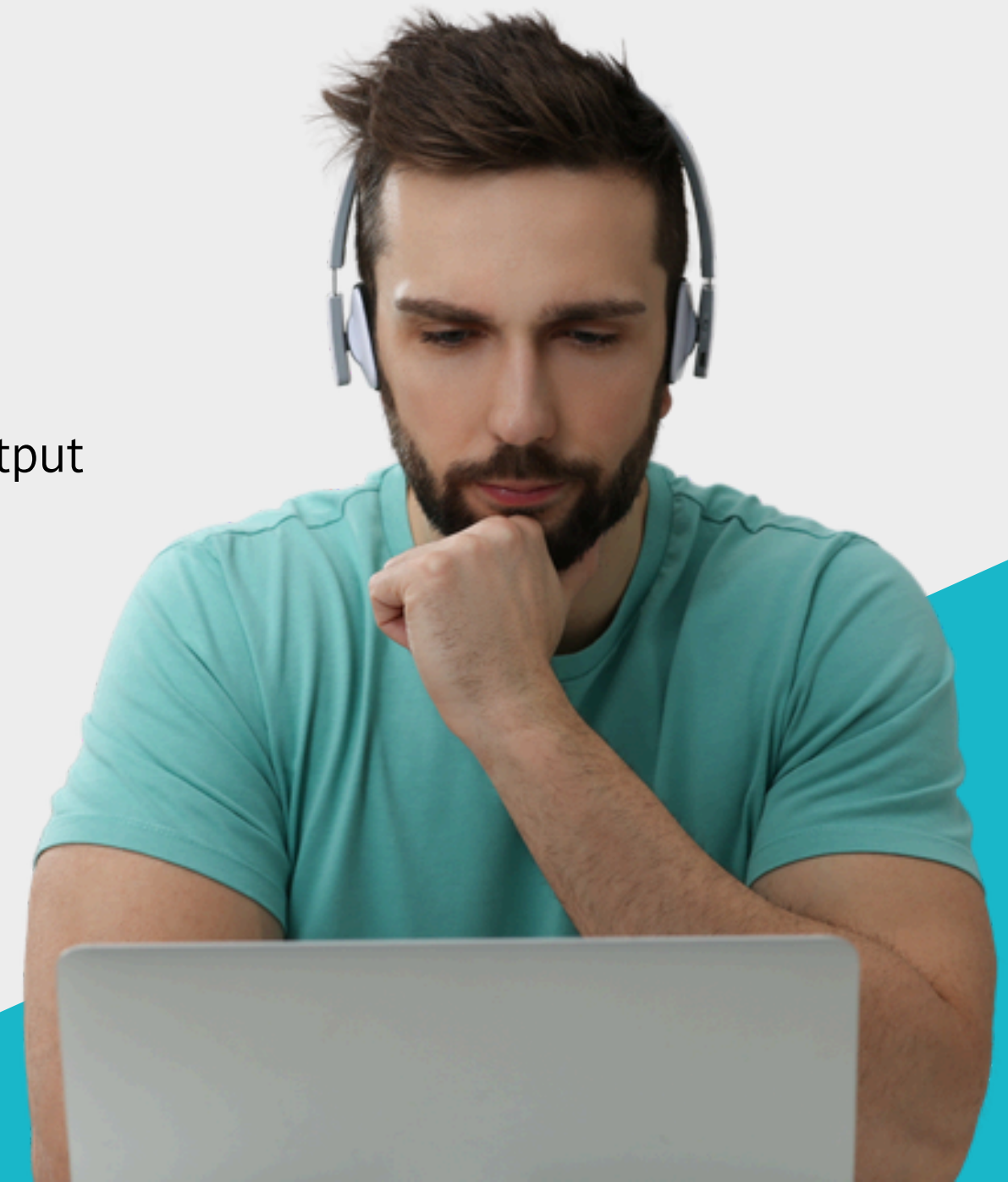"The global economy will require 25 million new project managers by 2030."

Project Management Institute. Talent Gap: Ten-Year Employment Trends, Costs, and Global Implications.

Assessment methods

The MSc Project Management (online) programme utilises a variety of assessment techniques to evaluate your comprehension and practical application of course material. These include:

- **Written assignments –** Apply theory to practice through reports and reflective essays

- **Presentations –** Sharpen your ability to communicate project decisions with clarity

- **Group tasks –** Build collaboration and leadership skills through online teamwork

- **Simulations and case studies –** Practise applying frameworks to complex problems

- **Capstone project –** Conduct independent research and create a solution-focused project output

Tuition fees

The fee for this programme is £7,950. You pay £795 per module.

Fees are paid on a modular basis over the duration of the two-year course. The balance for the current module needs to be paid before being able to register for the next module. For your convenience, invoices will be issued as near as possible to the start of each module. UK students pay by credit or debit and international students through our official online payment partner, Flywire.

Scholarships and financial aid

UK (home) students may be eligible for UK postgraduate student loan assistance. Students who receive this funding need to complete the course within two years, otherwise payments will be interrupted or stopped. Find out more about postgraduate funding.

We are committed to supporting individuals in pursuing their studies. Please consult with the Enrolment Success Team for the latest information on tuition fees.

UK-based students may be entitled to a Postgraduate Master's Loan: gov.uk/masters-loan.

Entry requirements

To be considered for the MSc Project Management (online) programme, you should have **a minimum of a 2:2 Honours degree** or equivalent.

If you do not meet the above requirements but have **a minimum of 12-months relevant professional experience** and/or equivalent qualifications, we recommend that you apply. All applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

English language requirement

If English is not your first language, you'll be required to meet the University's minimum English language requirements, such as the International English Language Test (IELTS) with an overall score of 6.5 with 5.5 in each component.

*The university accepts a large number of UK and International qualifications in place of IELTS. To find details of acceptable tests and the required grades, please visit our English Language Requirements pages.

Exemption from the English language requirement

A Proof of English Language Proficiency (POE) exemption may be offered to you if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Completed at least three years of high school in an English-speaking country
- Completed an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in English
- Completed an IB diploma in a different language if they obtained a grade of 5 or higher for one of the English courses
- Completed a higher educational or professional qualification in English
- Working in an English-speaking environment and demonstrably working in English
- Passing a Duolingo test

"We're all about equipping people for great careers. These courses are not just about the knowledge that students will leave us with but also about the skills, capabilities and the mindset that they need to lead in those industries for the future."

Jo Midgley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, UWE Bristol

Tips for a strong application

By following these tips and submitting a well-prepared application, you'll increase your chances of being accepted into the MSc Project Management (online) programme.

Personal statement: Craft a compelling 300-500 word personal statement or 4-5 minute video presentation that highlights your interest, experience and career aspirations.

CV/resume: Ensure your CV/resume or LinkedIn profile is up-to-date and showcases your skills and experience.

Our MSc Project Management offers a flexible path to career advancement. Gain in-demand knowledge and skills from the comfort of your home.

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