STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF PROJECTS MSc
2019/20 ENTRY

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For professionals who aspire to lead in the management of projects and programmes, this intensive executive development MSc will enable you to move into executive roles in shaping and delivering corporate and project strategy.

Degree summary

The programme helps you develop a critical understanding of the challenges that project executives face in designing and implementing strategy, explores how the Management of Projects approach leads to improved value-creation and effective outcomes, and provides tailored, one-to-one professional advice that focuses on your career development specifically. You will learn how to make difficult decisions. You will develop lifelong relationships with peers who will move into executive roles in project-based organisations around the world, or start their own business. You will master the area of strategic and project management through a wide range of readings in the areas of business and organisation studies, political philosophy, sociology and economics.

The MSc in Strategic Management of Projects brings together distinguished, thoughtful professionals, academics, and policymakers from across sectors and industries who share the ethos and philosophy of the programme and UCL. With their guidance you will explore the key political, strategic and relational challenges that project executives face and develop your own unique competitive approach in strategically managing projects in the context of international geopolitics, climate change, and evolving power relations within and beyond project teams and organisations. The class is a space where you will have the opportunity to reflect on your previous experience and discuss with your peers, tutors, alumni and experts, how to manage difficult decisions.

Studying in London’s centre of excellence for the management of projects and our progressive teaching and learning culture will help you create your own unique, professional approach to managing capital investment and strategic change across a wide range of industry sectors. This is an executive education programme designed for developing the project and programme leaders of tomorrow. Our alumni influence the corporate world, are involved in social enterprise and frequently become entrepreneurs, or change their careers entirely.

The MSc in Strategic Management of Projects (SMP) delivers 120 top-quality sessions led by leading academics, practitioners, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and students; a twin focus on strategically managing projects and critical thinking throughout the programme; personal instruction as a result of highly selective, size-limited student enrolment, so that you have the time to engage deeply with experts, academics and fellow classmates; the SMP Alumni: a community of friends and professionals that will support you in the first steps of your professional development and career following graduation.

The programme is delivered through a combination of case-based learning, interviews, peer-based learning and lectures and workshops from leading practitioners, policymakers, entrepreneurs and academics. Students are required to have sufficient breadth and depth of knowledge to challenge and inform others. Assessment is primarily through written coursework and the research report. Student work of the highest calibre is published in the SMPJournal - a collection of student thoughts and ideas developed throughout their studies on the MSc in Strategic Management of Projects. The SMPJournal is an ISSN publication and is listed in the relevant libraries Cambridge and Oxford Universities and the British Library. This will increase your credibility as a professional in the strategic management of projects.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: up to 5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury
Full-time students study for 37.5 hours per week during term time. Typically, lectures and seminars occur on two days per week. Flexible students normally attend half this amount.

The programme consists of ten taught modules, with assessment on eight (120 credits), and a research report (60 credits). Four modules are optional and students have to select two.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

COMPULSORY MODULES

- Capstone Module: The Management of Projects
- Capstone Module: Tomorrow’s Company
- Key Knowledge Areas: Supply Chain Management
- Key Knowledge Areas: Managing Innovation and Technology
- Project Lifecycle: The Management of Design
- Project Lifecycle: Governance and Control
- Key Knowledge Areas: Economics and Finance
- Key Knowledge Areas: Relationships and Marketing

DISSERTATION/REPORT

- All MSc students submit a 10,000-word report on a topic related to the main themes of the programme. The topic should help enhance your career development and the knowledge that is most relevant in your field.

You will be required to lead discussions with academics, fellow classmates, alumni and guest speakers and be able to explore the areas that are of interest to your career and professional development plans specifically. As part of the 10,000-word report you will conduct primary research and will need to abide by the UCL Research Ethics Framework.

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**Your career**
Recent graduates of the programme have changed their career, industry and/or sector, have started their own companies, are involved in the government, and are changing the way the corporate world thinks and works.

**Employability**
Following graduation you will join the SMP Alumni - a community of established, experienced and aspiring project executives where you will find support from wherever you are based in the world. Our graduates have built and lead their own companies, are involved in strategic positions in major multinational organisations across sectors and industries in the world, and have changed industries/careers based on our academic and professional support.
Entry requirements

The normal minimum qualifications are a lower second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Candidates with significant relevant experience and impact in their industry may be exempted from this requirement.

A minimum of two years experience in project-based work or project-based organisation.

Evidence of achievement and/or impact in your industry (e.g. promotion, project scope, professional recognition, etc.)

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Standard.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we are interested in:

- the type of project(s) that you have been involved in and your role in their management
- where you see yourself professionally in 10 years
- how the MSc in Strategic Management of Projects will help you achieve your goal.

Your personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate how the MSc in Strategic Management in Projects will help you lead tomorrow’s projects.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

// UK: £16,670 (FT)
// EU: £16,670 (FT)
// Overseas: £30,720 (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Students website.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master’s fee taken in an academic session.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Full-time: 26 July 2019
Flexible/Modular: 30 August 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

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