

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

KEY FACTS

Programme name	Global Supply Chain Management
Award	MSc
School	Cass Business School
Department or equivalent	Specialist Masters Programme
Programme code	BUMSGSM01 / PSGSCM
Type of study	Full Time
Total UK credits	190
Total ECTS	95
Partner (partnership programmes only)	Sogang
Type of partnership	Articulation

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

This programme aims to prepare you for a career or business in supply chain management. Target employers are 1) management consulting, 2) manufacturing, 3) retailing, and 4) financial industry.

You are required to take twelve core modules across the three terms as listed in the module diet. In term 3, you have two options to complete the MSc:

Option 1: Elective study only by taking 4 x 18 hours specialist electives of 10 credits each.

Option 2: A Business Research Project with a credit value of 30 and a maximum of 8,000 words, taken in tandem with one specialist elective.

Elective modules to be selected from those as listed in the module diet, and from MSc courses in the Specialist Masters Programme on approval of the Course Director(s). Additional guidance will be provided to you throughout the course in order to support your decision making in this area.

Learning and Teaching

In line with the School's Learning and Teaching Strategy, the programme team promotes learning and teaching characterized by a diversity of resources, teaching styles and techniques.

Aims

In addition to the aims and objectives of the Business School, the aim of this MSc course is to produce an informed, knowledgeable, confident, networking executive who can perform in an international business environment, under pressure and within time constraints. This aim falls within City's strategic aims of providing high quality education,

making a significant contribution to the success of London as a world city and increasing its international scope and reputation.

The objective of the programme is to make it possible for you to:

- Acquire a solid theoretical background in the areas of supply chain and operations management with heavy emphasis on the international aspects of them.
- Acquire a solid understanding in various analytical and decision supporting methods
- Acquire up-to-date knowledge, based both on academic theory and on practical applications
- Acquire IT, presentation, team working and critical thinking skills; work under pressure in a very competitive environment;
- Obtain a qualification which enables you to succeed in the fields of supply chain and related areas.

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding:

- Demonstrate knowledge in the foundation areas of business such as accounting, finance, and strategy and its application to supply chain management.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge in the broad area of supply chain and operations management and associated areas, translating it into an international context.
- Demonstrate knowledge of various analytical and decision supporting methods.

Skills:

- Use all the necessary tools in order to formulate decisions in the area of supply chain management, such as outsourcing and network optimisation
- Analyse and synthesize both intrinsic and external factors affecting business situations, especially those related to supply chain and operations management
- Demonstrate advanced quantitative analytical skills used in decision making processes and show strong computing skills to support scientific decision making.
- Plan and carry out independent, and original research/project work in one of the subject areas and present your work in a coherent and professional manner, in formats appropriate for a variety of specialist audiences.
- Communicate ideas effectively and succinctly to a professional audience.

Values and attitudes:

- An ability to identify and manage ethical issues pertaining to the supply chain with

respect to suppliers, customers, employees and policies.

- Show assurance, confidence and self awareness in your ability to apply the skills and knowledge gained during the degree

This programme has been developed in accordance with the QAA Subject Benchmark for General Business and Management.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Learning is achieved through a range of methods, such as lectures, case studies, group work, presentations, seminars, and hands-on sessions. In general, the programme reflects the pedagogic philosophy of Cass Business School: advanced, technically challenging education to prepare business professionals and leaders to operate at decision-making levels. You will also make extensive use of Moodle, our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), which is used to support all learning on the course.

Emphasis is placed upon the specific acquisition of the theoretical foundations of various decision-making schools as applied in practical, real-world contexts. Student presentations - to lecturers, visitors from the City and other members of the class - give you invaluable practice in using, applying and expressing complex subject matter clearly and concisely to a business audience. Group work, on the preparation of case studies and a business plan, consolidates the acquired knowledge and also builds interpersonal and communication skills which are essential for any future career you might choose.

The MSc in Global Supply Chain Management is designed and structured to allow for intellectual progression through core modules taught in terms 1 and 2. Modules taught in term 2 normally build on the knowledge and skill acquired in term 1. Term three allows for further progression by choosing specialist elective modules or a dissertation/project, where students can apply knowledge and skills acquired earlier in the programme.

A minimum of 10 teaching and learning hours (both contact and non-contact) are required for each credit awarded. The precise weighting of different types of learning depends on the modules you take and the breakdown is therefore provided within the appropriate module specifications.

Non-contact hours are for self directed study and account for the **minimum** amount of time you should spend studying independently, including subject research, reading, working in groups and completing assignments and other homework.

Overall teaching and learning hours: approx 1900 hours
Contact hours: approx 320 hours

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment and Assessment Criteria

Coursework and examinations

Assessment is conducted through a number of diverse, but complimentary, methods, including examinations, invigilated coursework (tests under exam conditions), non-invigilated coursework and assessed group work (case studies and business plans).

Assessment criteria relate to validity, reliability and fairness, assessing appropriate aspects of knowledge and skill, supporting the aims of learning and teaching, opportunities for feedback wherever appropriate and open to external scrutiny (for example by external examiners) as appropriate. Assessment is carried out according to context and purpose. Where different methods of assessment are in use, it is recognized that you may exhibit different aptitudes in different forms of assessment. Also assessment methods encourage and give credit for clear explanations and a high standard of English.

Assessment Criteria are descriptions, based on the intended learning outcomes, of the skills, knowledge or attitudes that you need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured. *Grade- Related Criteria* are descriptions of the level of skills, knowledge or attributes that you need to demonstrate in order achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured and placed within the overall set of marks. Assessment Criteria and Grade-Related Criteria will be made available to you to support you in completing assessments. These may be provided in programme handbooks, module specifications, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task.

Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy and will be provided in a variety of ways throughout your course, both formally and informally, in order to support your learning.

You will normally be provided with coursework feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark. The timescale for feedback on final projects or dissertations may be longer. Examination grades will be provided once they have been agreed by an Assessment Board.

More details about the feedback you can expect from individual modules and assessments will be provided by your lecturers.

The full policy can be found at:

https://www.city.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/68921/assessment_and_feedback_policy.pdf

Assessment Regulations

In order to pass your Programme, you should complete successfully or be exempted from the relevant modules and assessments and will therefore acquire the required number of credits. The programme is weighted according to the number of credits awarded for each module. Pass / Fail modules are excluded from this calculation.

The pass mark for each module is 50% and there are no minimum qualifying marks for individual components.

If you fail an assessment component or a module, the following will apply:

1. Compensation: where you fail up to a total of 20 credits at first or resit attempt (15 for a postgraduate certificate), you may be allowed compensation if:
 - Compensation is permitted for the module involved (see the "What will I Study" section of the programme specification), and
 - It can be demonstrated that you have satisfied all the Learning Outcomes of the modules in the Programme, and
 - A minimum overall mark of no more than 10% below the module pass mark has been achieved in the module to be compensated, and
 - An aggregate mark of 50% has been achieved overall.

Where you are eligible for compensation at the first attempt, this will be applied in the first instance rather than offering a resit opportunity.

If you receive a compensated pass in a module you will be awarded the credit for that module. The original component marks will be retained in the record of marks and your original mark shall be used for the purpose of your award calculation.

2. Re-Sit: where you are not eligible for compensation at the first attempt you will normally be offered one re-sit attempt.

If you are successful in the re-sit, you will be awarded the credit for that module. The mark for each assessment component that is subject to a re-sit will be capped at the pass mark for the module. This capped mark will be used in the calculation of the final module mark together with the original marks for the component(s) that you passed at first attempt.

If you do not meet the pass requirements for a module and do not complete your re-sit by the date specified you will not progress and the Assessment Board will require that you be withdrawn from the programme.

If you fail to meet the requirements for the Programme, the Assessment Board will consider whether you are eligible for an Exit Award as per the table below.

If you would like to know more about the way in which assessment works at City, please see the full version of the Assessment Regulations at:

http://www.city.ac.uk/_data/assets/word_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc

WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

Master's Degree:

Part	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
Taught	7	190	100

Class	% required
With Distinction	70
With Merit	65
Without Classification	50

Postgraduate Diploma:

You must achieve 120 credits with a minimum mark of 50%.

Part	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
Taught	7	120	100

Class	% required
With Distinction	70
With Merit	65
Without Classification	50

Postgraduate Certificate:

Part	HE Level	Credits	Weighting (%)
Taught	7	60	100

Class	% required
With Distinction	70
With Merit	65
Without Classification	50

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Throughout your study you will have the opportunity to work both individually and in groups, on a wide variety of subject matter. You will also have the opportunity to attend events and showcases to enable you to engage with external stakeholders and begin to build professional networks. In addition to this you will be provided with guidance about routes through the programme and encouraged to discuss your plans with your tutors and careers advisors in order to choose the options most appropriate to you.

At the beginning of the course you will complete a number of induction workshops including:

- Team building
- Career induction and careers fair
- Professional development skills

Term one:

You will complete five core modules covering core material such as Accounting and Finance, Supply Chain Analytics I and Strategy for Delivering Value alongside specialist supply chain content. Term one is worth 65 credits in total.

Term two:

You will also complete five core modules in term two covering areas such as Research Design, Project Management and Global Procurement as well as Supply Chain Finance and Supply Chain Analytics II. Term two is worth 65 credits in total.

Term three:

In term three you will complete core modules in looking at Business Sustainability and Consulting Skills alongside either: four elective modules or one elective module plus a Business Research Project. Term three is worth 60 credits in total.

Throughout your studies you will also undertake a number of professional and career development workshops.

You will also have the opportunity to enter the Business Plan Competition which is optional and carries no credits

Module Title	SITS Code	Module Credits	Core/ Elective	Can be Compensated?	Level
Essentials of Accounting and Finance	SMM444	10	C	Y	7
Strategy for Delivering Value	SMM485	15	C	Y	7
Supply Chain Analytics 1	SMM346	15	C	Y	7
Managing Operations	SMM495	15	C	Y	7
Supply Chain Management	SMM496	10	C	Y	7
Research Design	SMM488	10	C	Y	7
Project Management	SMM538	10	C	Y	7
Consulting Skills for Global Supply Chain Management	SMM497	10	C	Y	7
Global Procurement	SMM498	15	C	Y	7
Supply Chain Finance	SMM499	15	C	Y	7
Supply Chain Analytics 2	SMM347	15	C	Y	7
Business Sustainability	SMM493	10	C	Y	7
Business Research Project	SMM885	30	E	N	7
Family Business	SMM400	10	E	Y	7
Driving Supply Chain Innovation through Technology	SMM287	10	E	Y	7
Political Risk Management	SMM343	10	E	Y	7
Retail Supply Chain Management	SMM956	10	E	Y	7
Strategic Innovation in Hyper Competition	SMM278	10	E	Y	7
Project Leadership	SMM288	10	E	Y	7

During term three you will be able to choose from a range of electives to personalise

your experience.

This list of electives is an indication of the range of modules that can be on offer and is subject to change due to circumstances such as: enhancing or updating the quality and content of educational provision; responding to student feedback; academic staffing changes; the number of students in each programme; a lack of student demand for certain modules; or factors beyond the institution's reasonable control, such as meeting the latest requirements of a commissioning or accrediting body. For these reasons, not all the electives listed will be offered every year. New (additional or replacement) modules may also be added for these reasons.

There may also be pre-requisites for joining a module, and space and timetable availability restrictions may also apply.

The list of electives offered in a given year will be confirmed by February 1st.

TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON?

Information advice and guidance on professional development and potential career pathways for all Cass Masters degrees is available from Cass Careers:

<http://www.cass.city.ac.uk/more-about-cass/careers-services> .

All students are encouraged to make use of the careers service throughout their time at Cass.

Some examples of potential career pathways are:

- 1) *An analyst in a consulting company*
- 2) *An internal consultant in manufacturing/retail industry*
- 3) *A supply chain analyst in manufacturing/retail industry*
- 4) *A procurement manager in manufacturing/retail industry*
- 5) *A supply chain finance specialist in a bank*

WHAT STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

A number of international electives are on offer across the MSc Programme and in the past have included modules run in Dubai, Madrid and Singapore. Further information will be made available as part of the elective decision process.

WILL I GET ANY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION?

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport

The MSc in Global Supply Chain Management has been accredited by CILT (UK) and offers full exemption from the educational requirements for Chartered Membership.

Planned Accreditation: The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS)
If the application is successful, students with work experience will be eligible to apply for MCIPS credentials upon completing their MSc degree depending on the electives and the dissertation option.

HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?

To be accepted on to a Cass MSc degree you will need a good Bachelors degree. This usually means a UK 2.1 or above, or the equivalent from an overseas institution. Some level of previous study in the specific subject area may be required.

In exceptional circumstances, an equivalent professional qualification (eg ACCA, MICS, MILT) may be considered. Other candidates may be considered on the basis of additional evidence of achievement and ability to study at postgraduate level.

Applicants will need to submit two references, one of which must be an academic reference if the candidate does not have previous work experience. Previous work experience is not a requirement of our full time MSc courses and is desirable but not necessary.

We require all students who have not previously studied at in English to take an IELTS exam. The IELTS requirement is 7.0 with a minimum of 6.5 in writing.

No exemptions are offered for previous credits attained elsewhere.

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