

Get ready for MSc International Business Management

Welcome to the MSc International Business Management!

The MSc in Business Management is a remarkable opportunity to transform your future and unlock your potential. This conversion programme is designed to challenge and inspire you, whether you are building on existing business knowledge or exploring these concepts for the first time. From day one, you will be immersed in a dynamic learning experience that will broaden your perspective and strengthen your skills.

You will join a vibrant, collaborative community that supports not only your academic success but also your career aspirations and personal growth. Make the most of the "Starting Block" activities, they are your gateway to building confidence, connections, and a strong foundation for the journey ahead.

I believe in your ability to excel, and my expectations reflect that confidence. With your dedication and enthusiasm, you can achieve outstanding results and set yourself apart as a future leader in business. This is your chance to aim high and make it happen!

I look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes,

Dr. Karine Mangion-Thornley

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Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 15 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the [Starting Block webpage](#) for more details.

Your [timetable](#) will be available to you via [MYUWE](#) (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' webpage to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

Enrolment

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Enrolment](#) website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

Have a go at these activities to start preparing for your programme.

Think about your experience of being managed, how do you want to be different, or what do you want to copy? Part of understanding business and management requires you to understand and reflect on yourself, your own styles and behaviours, and place it in context of existing evidence. Tools like the '[managerial grid](#)' can help you to work out your own characteristics and ensure a focus on your own growth as you start reading. |

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the [Library](#) webpages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to read, to be inspired by and to understand the scope of your degree programme:

- **Identify how you can access the Financial Times** and try to read the following: [Bad bosses are making Britain's productivity puzzle worse | Financial Times](#) (ft.com). This is a strong discussion on the context of learning management, why it is valuable, and the outcome of poor-quality management for both society and workers. |

- Grey, C. (2017) A Very Short, Fairly Interesting and Reasonably Cheap Book about **Studying Organizations**. 4th ed. London: Sage. This book is an accessible yet sophisticated look at organisations. Chris Grey does an excellent of covering a number of important topics that are relevant to your future degree in an interesting way. |
- Once you feel comfortable with the chapter on Scientific Management, try to read [The method and the madness | Business | The Guardian](#). This is an excellent example of the sort of **social problems** we will engage in within university. |
- To know more about the **Leadership** and its importance for successful businesses you can refer to *Schedlitzki, D. and Edwards, E 'Studying Leadership: Traditional and Critical Approaches'.* London: Sage. |
- **Research** is an integral part of academic studies and in fact you will need to complete a research project to earn your degree. Some of you may have prior experience from your undergraduate studies and some of you may be quite new to this. You can start exploring why and what this is all about by following this link which will give you some basic [ideas about research methods](#): |

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use in your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the [Student Money Service](#) for advice and guidance.

See the UWE webpage for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

International students

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol, and they organise social events to help you adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact me: **Dr. Karine Mangion-Thornley** via email at **karine.mangion@uwe.ac.uk**

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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