

# Get ready for MSc Human Resource Management

We hope that you are enjoying your summer holiday and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. We warmly welcome you onto **MSc Human Resource Management**.

We have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. We look forward to meeting you.

**Ceri Vaughan**  
Programme Leaders

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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.

The Starting Block will help you settle into university and to 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 practice the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the [Starting Block website](#) with more details.

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

## Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, 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.

## Registration

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. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) website.

## **ID card - upload your photo now**

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

## **CIPD Membership**

The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development is the world's largest Chartered HR and development body, originally founded in 1913. With the aim of advancing HR, setting the standards for best practice in HR, shaping thinking and building HR capability, it currently has over 135,000 members including more than 80,000 professional members, representing the most influential senior HR leaders from the world's leading organisations and the next generation of HR professionals.

All students are required to join the CIPD at the start of the programme as student members. Details of how to join will be provided and membership usually runs from September to July.

The benefits of membership include access to a range of professional resources, including the CIPD library, website, publications and development tools. Students also receive the Institute's monthly publication 'People Management' and discounts on CIPD textbooks. Students are encouraged to participate in the activities of their local CIPD Branch which provides opportunities for further development and networking.

On completion of the MSc Human Resource Management, you will have achieved the underpinning knowledge to upgrade to a professional level of membership. More and more HR professionals around the world are pursuing professional membership of the CIPD to achieve industry recognition. This professional accolade signifies someone who has gone beyond the achievement of a qualification and has a recognised track record of creating a real impact in the workplace. It demonstrates that they have been benchmarked against a set of international standards for best-practice HR and can make a difference to an organisation's strategy and its people.

There are four levels of professional membership open to both HR generalists and specialists:

- **Foundation Member** – you're typically applying your knowledge to provide strong tactical support
- **Associate member (Assoc CIPD)** – you're typically providing professional advice to managers across the business and supporting the HR function.
- **Chartered Member (Chartered MCIPD)** – you're typically managing, developing and implementing HR policies that support organisational objectives.
- **Chartered Fellow (Chartered FCIPD)** – you're typically leading the development of strategic HR plans that drive sustained business performance.

Details of how to upgrade to a professional level of membership, once you have completed the MSc Human Resource Management, can be found on the [CIPD website](#).

## Engage with your programme

### 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](#) web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

It is not essential to undertake preparatory reading, but we will be sending you information nearer the start date of the course in case you wish to do some reading in advance.

## Be prepared

### Access support

Check information on our [Disability webpages](#) so you know what actions you need to take. [Contact Disability Service](#) and myself to let us know if you need any additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies.

### Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during 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 team for advice and guidance.

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

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

### 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 to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

### Next steps

Before you arrive, you will receive an online workbook to introduce you to the School and help you to prepare for university life. You can go through the workbook then, and it will be revisited during your induction activities.

## Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme Leader **Ceri Vaughan** at [ceri.vaughan@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:ceri.vaughan@uwe.ac.uk)

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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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