

University of Plymouth

Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business

Plymouth Business School

Programme Specification

MSc International Procurement and Supply Chain Management

September intake: 4482 / 4527 (Venlo)

January intake: 7074

Approved Final Version for
September 2023

Review Date	Amended following review Yes/No	Sections amended
April 2023	Minor Changes	6, 12

1. **Final award title:** MSc International Procurement and Supply Chain Management

Level 7 intermediate award titles:

Postgraduate Diploma

Postgraduate Certificate

HECOS code: 100093

2. **Awarding institution:** University of Plymouth
Teaching institutions: University of Plymouth/Fontys University of Applied Sciences, School of Business Engineering and Logistics (FHBL), at Venlo, the Netherlands.

3. **Accrediting bodies**

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT)

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS)

Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS)

Summary of specific conditions/regulations

No conditions from CILT.

ICS exempts the students of MSc International Procurement Supply and Chain Management programmes from two papers in their professional exam.

CIPS accredited.

Date of re-accreditation

CILT – September 2019 (until September 2024).

ICS – June 2022 (renewed annually).

CIPS – September 2022 (renewed annually).

4. **Distinctive Features of the Programme and the Student Experience**

- Opportunity to study the first semester at Fontys University of Applied Sciences, School of Business Engineering and Logistics (FHBL), at Venlo in the Netherlands;
- Dedicated seminar series delivered by invited executives from local, national and international companies and our alumni. ISLO has a longstanding reputation for supply chain programmes and enjoys considerable support from industry;

5. **Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Group**

Masters Degrees in Business and Management (2023) - [Business and Management \(including Master's\)](#)

6. Programme Structure

Plymouth Cohort – September start

Semester 1	MAR7001: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains (30 credits)
	MAR7002: International Trade and Data Management (30 credits)
Semester 2	MAR7003: Sustainable Supply Chain Management (30 credits)
	MAR7005: International Procurement Management (30 credits)
All Year (Semesters 1 & 2 & Summer)	PBS7000: Capstone Project (60 credits)
All Year (Semester 1 & 2 & Summer)	PBS700PD: Postgraduate Academic and Professional Development (0 credits)

Plymouth Cohort – January start

Semester 1 (Semester 2)	MAR7003: Sustainable Supply Chain Management (30 credits)
	MAR7005: International Procurement Management (30 credits)
Semester 2 (Semester 1)	MAR7001: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains (30 credits)
	MAR7002: International Trade and Data Management (30 credits)
All Year (Semester 2 & Summer and Semester 1 of next academic year)	PBS7000J: Capstone Project (60 credits)
Semester 2 to end of Semester 1 of next academic year.	PBS700PDJ: Postgraduate Academic and Professional Development (0 credits)

Plymouth Cohort – January start – Part-time

Year 1

Semester 1	MAR7003: Sustainable Supply Chain Management (30 credits) OR MAR7005: International Procurement Management (30 credits)
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Semester 2	MAR7001: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains (30 credits) OR MAR7002: International Trade and Data Management (30 credits)
All Year	PBS7000J: Capstone Project (60 credits)
All Year	PBS700PDJ: Postgraduate Academic and Professional Development (0 credits)

Year 2

Semester 1	Choose ONE of following core modules (must be the module <u>not</u> taken in Year 1): MAR7003: Sustainable Supply Chain Management (30 credits) OR MAR7005: International Procurement Management (30 credits)
Semester 2	Choose ONE of following core modules (must be the module <u>not</u> taken in Year 1): MAR7001: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains (30 credits) OR MAR7002: International Trade and Data Management (30 credits)
All Year	PBS7000J: Capstone Project (60 credits)
All Year	PBS700PDJ: Postgraduate Academic and Professional Development (0 credits)

Venlo Cohort – September start

Semester 1	MAR7001V: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains (30 credits)
	MAR7008V: International Supply Chains and Data Management (30 credits)
Semester 2	MAR7003: Sustainable Supply Chain Management (30 credits)
	MAR7005: International Procurement Management (30 credits)
All Year (Semesters 1 & 2 & Summer)	PBS7000: Capstone Project (60 credits)
All Year (Semester 1 & 2 & Summer)	PBS700PD: Postgraduate Academic and Professional Development (0 credits)

7. Programme Aims

The programmes aim to:

- 7.1 develop the skills required to critically discuss a range of solutions for management problems in international logistics, procurement and supply chain management;
- 7.2 prepare learners to propose and initiate logistics, procurement and supply chain strategies required for complex international businesses;
- 7.3 encourage learners to incorporate ethical and sustainable dimensions into their understanding of business practice;
- 7.4 prepare learners to identify and select appropriate advanced methodological approaches and critically evaluate their effectiveness in international logistics, procurement and supply chain management;
- 7.5 develop the skills required to creatively apply knowledge in unfamiliar contexts, synthesise ideas in innovative ways, generate transformative solutions in international logistics, procurement, and supply chain management;
- 7.6 impart knowledge, create critical understanding of the specialist areas of logistics, procurement, and supply chain management;
- 7.7 develop the skills required to synthesise information gathered from disparate sources in a logical way for communication;
- 7.8 equip students with analytical skills required to solve complex problems which experts from international logistics, procurement and supply chain management are facing in their daily operations/practise;
- 7.9 encourage learners to familiarise and apply new management concepts and solve complicated tasks with the use of technologies.

8. Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

8.1 Knowledge and understanding

On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

1. demonstrate knowledge and understanding of current theoretical developments and methodological issues in procurement and supply chain management;
2. apply appropriate methods and technologies to support planning and operational management in procurement and supply chain management;
3. Use analytical skills to solve complex problems by synthesising procurement and supply chain management concepts, processes and applications, which the contemporary international business world is facing;
4. in-depth and systematic understanding of various qualitative and quantitative

research techniques;

5. understand the need for embedding sustainability systemically in various aspects of decision-making.

8.2 Cognitive and intellectual skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

1. critically analyse the relevance and appropriateness of various theories and methodologies adopted in procurement and supply chain management;
2. synthesise information/data gathered from disparate sources in a logical way for verbal or written presentation and communication;
3. evaluate the reliability and validity of evidence.

8.3 Key and transferable skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

1. apply knowledge and understanding how to solve complex problems with the use of new management concept and technologies;
2. critically discuss a range of solutions for real or imagined management problems in procurement and supply chain management.

8.4 Employment related skills

On successful completion, graduates should have developed the ability to:

1. communicate effectively by written, verbal and electronic means;
2. work as part of a team in multicultural and multinational environment;
3. display problem-solving, negotiating skills and the ability to resolve conflicts;
4. demonstrate the ability to undertake personal evaluation to identify short-comings and develop strategies for further improvement.

8.5 Practical skills

On successful completion graduates should have developed the ability to:

1. apply numerical and problem-solving skills relevant to procurement and supply chain management;
2. manage time, tasks and self-learn;
3. identify situations which require interventions.

9. Admissions Criteria, including APCL, APEL and Disability Service arrangements

Entry Requirements for: MSc International Procurement and Supply Chain Management	
First Degree	Normal minimum entry requirements are a Lower Second / 2:2 class honours degree or equivalent. Other qualifications and relevant experience will be considered on an individual basis.
APEL	Applications for the accreditation of prior experience and/or learning will be considered by the Programme Leader on a case-by-case basis in accordance with published University of Plymouth regulations.
Language Requirements	Candidates whose first language is not English require IELTS 6.5 (with a minimum of 5.5 in each element) or equivalent. If the applicant's English language does not meet the above standard at point of application there may be an opportunity to complete one of the University's pre-sessional English language courses.

Disability Service arrangements are as per standard University practice. Applicants can access information at:

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/student-life/services/student-services/disability-and-dyslexia/applicants>

Postgraduate Diploma achieved from 120 programme credits.

Postgraduate Certificate achieved from 60 programme credits.

10. Non Standard Regulations (NB. All non-standard regulations must be approved by QSSC)

Not applicable.

11. Transitional arrangements for existing students looking to progress onto the programme

Not applicable.

12. Programme Specification Mapping (PGT): module contribution to the meeting of Award Learning Outcomes

Plymouth – September & January starts

Module	Credits	C core E elective	Award Learning Outcomes contributed to																		Compen- sation Y/N	Assessment element(s) and weightings [use KIS definition] E1 - exam E2 - clinical exam T1 - test C1 - coursework A1 - generic assessment P1 - practical
			Knowledge & understanding					Cognitive & intellectual skills			Key & transferabl e skills		Employment related skills				Practical skills					
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	3			
MAR7001	30	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	Y	C1 (100%)		
MAR7002	30	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	C1 (100%)		
Learning Outcomes 60 credits																						
MAR7003	30	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	Y	C1 (100%)		
MAR7005	30	C	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	C1 (100%)		
Learning Outcomes 120 credits																						
PBS7000 / PBS7000J	60	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	N	C1 (100%)		
Learning Outcomes 180 credits																						
Confirmed Award LOs			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				

MAR7001: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains

MAR7002: International Trade and Data Management

MAR7003: Sustainable Supply Chain Management

MAR7005: International Procurement Management

PBS7000 / PBS7000J: Capstone Project

Venlo – September start

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MAR7001V	30	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	Y	C1 (100%)	
MAR7008V	30	C	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	Y	C1 (100%)	
Learning Outcomes 60 credits																					
MAR7003	30	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	Y	C1 (100%)	
MAR7005	30	C	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Y	C1 (100%)	
Learning Outcomes 120 credits																					
PBS7000	60	C	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	N	C1 (100%)	
Learning Outcomes 180 credits																					
Confirmed Award LOs			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			

MAR7001V (*Venlo*): Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains

MAR7008V (*Venlo*): International Supply Chains and Data Management

MAR7003: Sustainable Supply Chain Management

MAR7005: International Procurement Management

PBS7000: Capstone Project