MSc in International Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Innovative, cutting edge, e-learning technology that sets you apart from the crowd
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By deciding to study for your MSc through CILT with the University of South Wales you are sending a clear message to colleagues and future employers that, for you, only the best will do. Your MSc is endorsed by the only chartered body for logistics and transport professionals in the UK and delivered by a University renowned for its cutting edge e-learning provision.

When you hold an MSc in International Logistics and Supply Chain Management, you set yourself apart from your colleagues. It's not just about what you do; it's also about who you are. Everything about you, from the way your department operates and the decisions you make, differentiates you from the crowd.

Who is the MSc aimed at?

This programme has been designed to be equally applicable to professionals working in a variety of organisational environments whether private or public, domestic or multi-national, and those dealing with services or physical products.

What is involved in an e-learning MSc?

In some ways, this programme is similar to a traditional classroom-based MSc programme.

You will work through the teaching sessions and complete an assignment for each module.

There is a set timetable which means that each module is taught at a designated time. Each module runs for 10 weeks and the assignment is due for submission in the last week.

However, the big difference is that the online teaching and learning environment offers the flexibility to manage your learning experience and choose when to undertake your study within that 10 week period. You will also have the opportunity to connect and network with other students on your course in the online forums created to support the programme. This flexibility allows you to combine a busy work and home life with your study commitments.

What will I cover in the course?

The MSc is structured into three stages comprising of seven modules. More information is provided on the back page.

What are the entry requirements?

You need to hold at minimum a 2:2 Honours Degree or equivalent qualification (business or non-business). Individuals aged 45 and over without this qualification but who have 5 years’ middle or senior management experience in a related procurement/supply chain role will be considered on an individual basis.

Proficiency in the English Language is essential and the University recognises the following English language qualifications:

- GCSE pass in English at Grade C or above
- The British Council’s International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) with an average overall score of 6.5 for postgraduate study.

Do exemptions apply?

The University may apply exemptions if the candidate has achieved either a CILT Level 6 Advanced Diploma or MCIPS via the examination route. Please note that this is at the University’s discretion and will be a credit exemption only.

How do I access the MSc?

To take part in the MSc and its leading edge online delivery, you will need reliable access to the internet. The programme is accessed via the University of South Wales Blackboard site using your allocated student number. You will receive full instructions on using this service during Stage 1 of the programme.

How many hours a week do I need to spend on the MSc?

You will be required to spend approximately 20 hours a week on the programme.

How will I be assessed?

There are no examinations; assessment is entirely by assignment – the 20-credit modules will be assessed by a 6,000 word assignment. The final module comprises of a 20,000 word dissertation on a business related topic worth 60 credits. The MSc will only be awarded when the student has completed and passed all 180 credits.

What happens if I fail a module?

Staff at the University of South Wales are committed to helping you succeed. However, we realise that occasionally things don’t work out as planned. If you fail a module you will be given a second attempt at no extra cost. If you fail the second attempt then you will be required to redo the module (both teaching and assignment) and a charge will be made for this.

How much will it cost?

We are able to offer the MSc programme at an extremely competitively price as the programme is delivered entirely online. These payments cover all teaching and assessment costs for the three stages of study. The full MSc course is £11,700 and on completion you will receive a bursary of £2000. Alternatively should you wish to pay in yearly instalments the cost will be £3,900 per year; the bursary of £2000 will be awarded on completion of the full MSc.

How do I enrol?

CILT manage applications for the MSc, which has two start dates each year, one in April and the other in October. If you would like to apply to join the programme, please contact us:

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Membership of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport

Whilst studying the MSc you will receive complimentary membership of CILT at learner affiliate grade, giving you access to a number of relevant benefits including The Knowledge Centre, incorporating the John Williams Library and the knowledge bank, providing online access to a wealth of useful information to support you in your studies.

As a graduate, of an accredited or non-accredited degree, you already have the academic qualifications you’ll need to achieve Member (MILT), Chartered Member (CMILT) or Chartered Fellow (FCILT) status. The grade of membership is also dependent on the number of years’ experience gained at an appropriate level.

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Stage 1 60 credits (3 x 20 credits)

Globalisation of Logistics & Supply Chains (20 Credits)
This module identifies the key drivers and trends that are increasing the globalisation of industries and markets. It explores the structure, management and main activities of global and international logistics, supply networks and supply chain management.

Sustainable Supply Chain Management (20 Credits)
This module explores the fundamental constituents of purchasing, procurement and supply chain management, and relates these to established theoretical antecedents and the impact these perceptions (and misperceptions) have on an organisation’s ability to compete effectively.

Economies, Markets and Strategic Decision Making (20 Credits)
This module explores macro and micro economic theory and practice and the measurement of performance. A range of different types of economies will be considered including Triad developed economies, emerging economies, developing economies and small, open economies. The module also looks at pricing theory and practice and managerial decision making, competitive strategy and how information technology impacts on markets and competition.

Stage 2 120 credits (3 x 20 credits)

Strategy as Practice and Leadership (20 Credits)
This module engages students with the latest research in management theory, practice and science, using a very practical and scenario-driven approach. While it does this in the wider context of debate within the subject areas, it focuses especially on the latest research being undertaken within the Business School of the University of South Wales, integrating this research into the practice of managers as strategists within their own organisations.

Strategic Operations Management (20 Credits)
This module provides an appreciation of operational processes, techniques, planning and control systems with reference to both manufacturing and service industries. It explores the relationship within the value chain between strategy, marketing, design, control, human resource, procurement and other interactions involved in the managing of operational activities. The module explores the problems involved in implementing strategic decisions and the difficulties of monitoring and controlling those decisions.

Research Methods (20 Credits)
This module will prepare students so that they can undertake their research project and complete the dissertation. It covers both the qualitative and the quantitative approaches to carrying out research. It will ensure that the students understand the benefits of both and which are the appropriate techniques required to undertake their research.

Stage 3 180 credits (1 x 60 credits)

Dissertation (International Logistics & Supply Chain Dissertation) (60 Credits)
The dissertation is a significant piece of student-directed learning, based on a detailed investigation into a strategic, logistics and supply chain related phenomenon. It may take the form of either a workplace or a desk-based examination of a strategic aspect of a concept and/or theory explored on the course. Students will be assessed by means of a dissertation of around 20,000 words.

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