

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE



ENTRY: Interview **STUDY MODE:** Part-time only
DURATION: Up to 7 years **ASSESSMENT:** Assignments
PROGRESSION: Employment/Postgraduate study



BA / BSc (Hons) PROFESSIONAL WORK BASED DEGREES

WHAT IS THE COURSE ABOUT?

The Work Based and Integrative Studies Programme (WBIS), is tailored to provide academic recognition of learning, undertaken primarily in the workplace.

A part-time mode of study, WBIS seeks to maximise the opportunity for individuals to build upon their existing learning, and to have

their past and future learning achievements recognised academically. The workplace itself becomes a place of learning through approved work projects.

A WBIS higher education award is fully recognised by all awarding bodies, curriculum authorities, higher education institutions and employers. Students can undertake their WBIS studies through individually negotiated learning pathways.

Due to the flexible WBIS framework it is possible to progress within the WBIS Programme from Certificate of Higher Education to Foundation Degree and Honours Degree.

You will pay as you go; as you commence a new module and can start the Programme at any time.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

There are no formal entry requirements and suitability is assessed through interview. However, a high level of personal organisation and responsibility for your own learning is required. Full-time, part-time or significant voluntary work is needed to fully engage in work based learning.

The length of time to complete your award is dependent upon the amount of prior learning to be claimed, and the rate of progress you negotiate with your tutor. However, as a part-time student, university regulations require you to complete at least two modules each year.

WHAT SUBJECTS WILL I STUDY?

Curriculum and award title are negotiated individually and include recognition of a student's accredited prior certified learning (APCL) and experiential learning (APEL). Prospective learning occurs through either validated Taught Modules or work based projects called Negotiated Experiential Learning Modules (NELMs).

Negotiated learning pathways will include modules that are specific to a student's personal, professional and organisational development needs. Many students follow the mandatory Self-Review and Negotiation of Learning module with the Skills & Approaches for Work Based Learning module, which is designed to help prepare the ground for work based projects, (NELM modules) for the purposes of academic credit.

So, unlike conventional university study WBIS offers a customised approach where the student designs a programme based on their own professional needs and interests.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

All WBIS assignments are required to demonstrate the achievement of the module learning outcomes. Methods include essays, presentations, portfolios of evidence and professional dialogues.

All assignments are marked against the Assessment Criteria of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (QAA) in the UK, as is the case with more traditional degrees.

WHAT ARE MY PROGRESSION AND CAREER OPTIONS?

As a WBIS student you will already be based in the work place and within the professional area that you are studying. Enhancing your career progression or redirecting your career path are common ambitions for WBIS students. Through this innovative approach to higher education studies, many students report significant increases in professional confidence after completing their studies. Ultimately you are in the 'driving seat' of your learning during your degree and so your prospects are largely driven by what you want to achieve.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

All enquiries should be directed to the H. E. Administrator on 648278 or email HE@ucm.ac.im

