

University of Plymouth
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business
Plymouth Business School

Programme Specification

MSc International Logistics and Supply Chain Management

September intake: 4526 / 4536 (Venlo)
January intake: 7073

Approved Final Version for
September 2022

1. **Final award title:** MSc International Logistics 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)

Summary of specific conditions/regulations

No conditions from CILT.

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

Date of re-accreditation

CILT – September 2019 (until September 2024).

ICS – June 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.
- ISLO 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 (2015)

https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/sbs-business-and-management-15.pdf?sfvrsn=1997f681_16

6. Programme Structure

Plymouth cohort – September 2022 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)
	MAR7006: International Logistics and Supply Chain Management (30 credits)
All Year <i>(Semesters 1 & 2 & Summer)</i>	PBS7000: Capstone Project (60 credits)

Plymouth cohort – January 2023 start

Semester 1 <i>(Semester 2 21/22)</i>	MAR7006: International Logistics and Supply Chain Management (30 credits)
	MAR7003: Sustainable Supply Chain Management (30 credits)
Semester 2 <i>(Semester 1 22/23)</i>	MAR7002: International Trade and Data Management (30 credits)
	MAR7001: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains (30 credits)
All Year <i>(Semester 2 & Summer 22/23 and Semester 1 23/24)</i>	PBS7000J: Capstone Project (60 credits)

Venlo cohort – September 2022 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)
	MAR7006: International Logistics and Supply Chain Management (30 credits)
All Year <i>(Semesters 1 & 2 & Summer)</i>	PBS7000: Capstone Project (60 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 shipping, 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 shipping, 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 shipping, logistics, procurement, and supply chain management;
- 7.6 impart knowledge, create critical understanding of the specialist areas of shipping, 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 shipping, 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 logistics and supply chain management;
2. apply appropriate methods and technologies to support planning and operational management in logistics and supply chain management;
3. Use analytical skills to solve complex problems by synthesising logistics 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 logistics 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 concepts and technologies;
2. critically discuss a range of solutions for real or imagined management problems in shipping, logistics, 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 logistics 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: MSc International Logistics and Supply Chain Management	
BA / BSc 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-session 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>

10. Progression routes/criteria for final and intermediate awards

Postgraduate Diploma achieved from 120 programme credits.

Postgraduate Certificate achieved from 60 programme credits.

11. Non-standard regulations

Not applicable.

12. Transitional arrangements

Repeating or other students will be treated on a case by case basis as required.

13. 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 (for more information see Section 8)															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 & transferable 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	x	Y	C1 (100%)	
MAR7002	30	C	x	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	x	Y	C1 (100%)	
MAR7006	30	C	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

MAR7006: International Logistics and Supply Chain 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	x	Y	C1 (100%)	
MAR7008V	30	C	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	x	Y	C1 (100%)	
MAR7006	30	C	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

MAR7006: International Logistics and Supply Chain Management

PBS7000: Capstone Project