

University of Plymouth

Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business

Plymouth Business School

Programme Specification

MSc International Shipping

September intake: 2372

January intake: 7075 (FT) / 7487 (PT)

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

Approved Final Version for

September 2023

1. Final award title: MSc International Shipping

Level 7 intermediate award titles:

Postgraduate Diploma

Postgraduate Certificate

HECOS code: 100093

2. Awarding institution: University of Plymouth

Teaching institution: University of Plymouth

3. Accrediting bodies

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT)

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS)

The Nautical Institute

Summary of specific conditions/regulations

No conditions from CILT.

ICS exempts the students of MSc International Shipping programme from three papers in their professional exam.

Certificate of recognition from The Nautical Institute.

Date of re-accreditation

CILT – September 2019 (until September 2024).

ICS – June 2023 (renewed annually).

The Nautical Institute – February 2025 (renewed annually).

4. Distinctive Features of the Programme and the Student Experience

- 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

September start

Semester 1	MAR7001: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains (30 credits)
	MAR7002: International Trade and Data Management (30 credits)
Semester 2	MAR7004: Sustainable Shipping, Port Management and Policy (30 credits)
	MAR7007: Maritime Security, Law and Risk Management (30 credits)
All Year <i>(Semesters 1 & 2 & Summer)</i>	PBS7000: Capstone Project (60 credits)
All Year <i>(Semester 1 & 2 & Summer)</i>	PBS700PD: Postgraduate Academic and Professional Development (0 credits)

January start

Semester 1	MAR7004: Sustainable Shipping, Port Management and Policy (30 credits)
	MAR7007: Maritime Security, Law and Risk Management (30 credits)
Semester 2	MAR7001: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains (30 credits)
	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)

January – PART-TIME

Year 1

Semester 1	MAR7004: Sustainable Shipping, Port Management and Policy (30 credits) OR MAR7007: Maritime Security, Law and Risk Management (30 credits)
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): MAR7004: Sustainable Shipping, Port Management and Policy (30 credits) OR MAR7007: Maritime Security, Law and Risk 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)

7. Programme Aims

The programme aims to:

- 7.1 encourage learners to incorporate ethical and sustainable dimensions into their understanding of business practice;
- 7.2 prepare learners to identify and apply appropriate management concepts and critically evaluate their effectiveness in international shipping, logistics and supply chain management with the use of technologies;

- 7.3 develop the skills required to creatively apply knowledge in unfamiliar contexts, synthesise ideas in innovative ways, generate transformative solutions in international shipping, logistics and supply chain management;
- 7.4 impart knowledge, create critical understanding of the specialist areas of shipping, logistics and supply chain management;
- 7.5 develop the skills required to synthesise information gathered from disparate sources in a logical way for communication;
- 7.6 equip students with analytical skills required to solve complex problems which experts from international shipping, logistics and supply chain management are facing in their daily operations/practise;

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 international shipping and supply chain management;
2. apply appropriate methods and technologies to support planning and operational management in international shipping and supply chain management;
3. Use analytical skills to solve complex problems by synthesising international shipping and supply chain management concepts, processes and applications, which the contemporary international business world is facing;
4. Debate the principles of finance, human resources management and law to operational and management problems in international shipping; 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 international shipping, supply chain management and security;
2. synthesise information/data gathered from disparate sources in a logical way for verbal or written presentation and communication;
3. evaluate the reliability, 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 international shipping and supply chain management.
3. Understand the law implications on maritime risk and security.

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 shortcomings 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 international shipping 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 Shipping	
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.
APL	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.
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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**
Repeating or other students will be treated on a case by case basis as required.

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

Module	Credits	C core E elective	Award Learning Outcomes contributed to																		Compensation 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	6	1	2	3	1	2	3	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		x	x	x	Y	C1 (100%)
Learning Outcomes 60 credits																							
MAR7004	30	C	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x					x		Y	C1 (100%)
MAR7007	30	C	x	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	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	x	x	x		

MAR7001: Finance and Economics for International Supply Chains

MAR7002: International Trade and Data Management

MAR7004: Sustainable Shipping, Port Management and Policy

MAR7007: Maritime Security, Law and Risk Management

PBS7000 / PBS7000J: Capstone Project

