Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	**Module Title**	Research Project Management
2	**Module Credits**	20
3	**Module Level**	7
4	**Module Code**	MAN7058

5	**Module Overview**

No matter what your role within an organisation is, it is likely that you will be involved in a project at some point during your career. Whether you are the project manager, or simply an active participant, a good understanding of project management tools and methodologies can help you contribute to meeting your organisation's objectives.

The Research Project Management module looks to provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage projects more efficiently within your workplace role, focusing particularly on how project management tools and techniques can be used to manage commercial research projects. As such, the module will also offer detail on the process of carrying out research and the importance of selecting appropriate research techniques for a given project.

This is very much a professional management module, with emphasis on the practical application of learned knowledge and developed skills. In addition to this, the module will help prepare you for the planning and deployment of a major project as part of the final stage of your MSc Management award.

6	**Indicative Content**

The module explores:

- Research methods

  o Outlines the systematic process by which research is typically conducted, highlighting the key factors that need to be considered in designing a business-related research project

- Business case development

  o Explains the process by which projects are initiated and establishes the key components of a business case with which approval for a project would be sought

- Project planning techniques

  o Highlights the core tools and techniques used to plan a project, taking into consideration timescales, resources and key stakeholders

- Project control techniques

  o Examines the different methods that project managers may use during implementation of a project in order meet their core objectives relating to time, cost and quality

	Module Learning Outcomes On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:
1	Present a convincing business case that defines the scope of, and justifies the need for, a research project that would provide benefit to a specific organisation
2	Utilise a range of appropriate project management tools and techniques to develop a comprehensive research project plan, taking into account any limitations or constraints relating to the specified organisation
3	Explain, with justification, the tools and techniques that would be used to manage delivery of a research project in order to meet key objectives relating to time, cost and quality

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	**Exam**	**In-Person**
1			x
2 & 3	x		

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities		**Hours**
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable		36
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		24
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		140
Total Study Hours:		200