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Executive MSc in Supply Chain Management





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Professor Atanu Chaudhuri
(Programme Director)

About Durham University Business School

Durham University Business School, founded in 1965, stands as one of the UK's longest-established business schools. We are proud to be an integral part of Durham University, a prestigious institution founded in 1832 with over 190 years of history. Durham University is a globally outstanding centre of teaching and research excellence, known for its unique and historic setting and its collegiate community of extraordinary people.

When in Durham you will be taught from our brand-new Business School building, Waterside, in the heart of Durham City Centre, on the banks of the River Wear. Waterside complements our existing Mill Hill Lane site.

Waterside features high-quality spacious study areas for your individual study and group work activities, providing you with the perfect environment to focus on your assignments or network with your cohort. Waterside represents more than just a new building; it signifies a significant enhancement of our facilities and enables us to facilitate even more cutting-edge business research.



Triple accreditation

The Business School also has the privilege of holding the prestigious triple accreditation (AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS). This places us among an elite group of business schools worldwide, recognised for meeting rigorous standards of excellence in education, research, and operations.



Durham Cathedral. A UNESCO World Heritage site.



About Mannheim Business School

Located in the heart of the German and European economy, Mannheim Business School, the umbrella organisation for management education at the University of Mannheim, is one of the leading institutions of its kind in Germany and is continuously ranked as Germany's number one university.

Excellence, internationality, innovation and practical orientation as well as a focus on social responsibility – these are the pillars of the research and teaching concept with which the University of Mannheim has become established as one of the most renowned institutions in Europe. Mannheim Business School continues this tradition with its wide variety of programmes targeted at professionals and executives.

Triple accreditation

Mannheim Business School is the first institution in the German-speaking world with triple accreditation from AACSB International, EQUIS and AMBA.



Mannheim City, Germany.



Mannheim campus



About the programme

Programme highlights

Practical application:

Engage in real-world supply chain case studies and apply learnings immediately to your workplace.

Expert faculty:

Learn from leading academics and industry practitioners with deep expertise in supply chain innovations and challenges.

Flexible learning:

The part-time structure allows you to balance your studies with work commitments.

The programme

The Executive MSc in Supply Chain Management will equip you with the knowledge and skills to tackle global supply chain challenges and is designed, with input from industrial partners, to deepen your expertise in supply chain management. Combining rigorous academic learning with real-world insights, this part-time programme enables you to advance your career while maintaining your current professional role. The programme offers a combination of theory, practical skills, and strategic insights to enable you to drive innovation in today's dynamic supply chain environments.

Delivered by industry experts and leading academics, from both Durham University Business School, UK and Mannheim Business School, Germany, this programme focuses on the core aspects of supply chain management, from logistics and procurement to technology and sustainability. With a global perspective and an emphasis on practical application, you will gain a competitive edge to thrive in complex and fast-paced industries.

Key facts:

Start date: Sep/Oct each year.

Duration: Two years, part-time.

Mode of study: Blended learning with online modules and residential workshops at Durham University Business School and Mannheim Business School.

Aimed at: Mid-career professionals with experience in supply chain, operations, or related fields. Or professionals aiming to move into supply chain functions.



Accreditation The Executive MSc in Supply Chain Management is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS). This will ensure you gain the relevant, functional skill sets that meet the needs of the industry. On successful completion of your MSc, you are eligible to apply for full membership of both institutes, once you have completed three years of relevant work experience.

Programme Structure

	Term 1 Sep/Oct - Dec	Term 2 Jan - March	Term 3 April - June
Year one	Module 1 • Fundamentals of Operations and Supply Chain Management (DB)	Module 3 • Strategic Procurement (MB)	Modules 5 & 6 Choose two from four: • Strategic Sourcing • Service Operations and Analytics • Global Supply Chain and International Logistics Management • Digital Supply Chain (ONL)
	Module 2 • Data Science for Business (DB)	Module 4 • Sustainable Supply Chain Management (DB)	
Year two	Modules 7 & 8 Choose two from four: • Supply Chain Analytics • Supply Chain Risk Management • Advanced Forecasting (DB) • Applied Seminar in Procurement (MOC)	Strategic Supply Chain Project (Supervised self-study) Supply Chain Simulation Game (Durham campus - 2 days)	

(DB)	Durham - blended	4 days teaching on-campus, followed by 8 weeks online learning
(MB)	Mannheim - blended	4 days teaching on-campus, followed by 8 weeks online learning
(ONL)	Online	9 weeks of online learning, no on-campus delivery
(MOC)	Mannheim - on-campus	Module delivered entirely on campus in Mannheim over 5 days

The programme offers a blend of on-campus and online learning spread over a two-year period. This dynamic format is designed to accommodate the diverse needs and schedules of working professionals, providing you with flexibility without compromising the quality of education.

There is also significant demand across industries for supply chain professionals who possess strong communication, interpersonal, and negotiation skills, combined with analytics and data science and an overall strategic understanding of business.

Modules have been designed to develop and refine these skills. A choice of electives allows the flexibility to personalise your programme to align with your career ambitions and professional needs.

Modules are assessed using a combination of written assignments, presentations, data analysis exercises and portfolios.

Strategic Supply Chain Project

The final project is where you'll tackle a real-world supply chain challenge, exploring a topic that's both crucial and relevant to your field. You'll apply advanced analytical tools and strategies from previous modules, honing your ability to solve complex problems and implement practical solutions. Since access to relevant data is crucial, it is likely you'll focus on an issue within your own organisation, making it even more impactful.

Additional research methods training will be delivered during the final visit to Durham, combined with a supply chain simulation game, case competition and Supply Chain Leadership Talk Series.

Career advancement opportunities

Executives in various functions, particularly within supply chains, are encountering significant challenges due to increased disruptions, rising customer expectations and the necessity for resilience and sustainability in their organisations.

To meet these demands, many executives must enhance their own skills and those of their teams. This programme addresses these challenges by focusing on key concepts and the latest developments that will define supply chain excellence.

Throughout the modules and especially the strategic supply chain project, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the real challenges facing their organisations and sector and the ability to explore and develop practical solutions to address those challenges, being informed by latest academic research.

Together with professional accreditations of CIPS and CILT, this programme is designed to advance your career and open up new opportunities across supply chain functions, supply chain digital transformations, sustainable supply chain management and in supply chain consultancy.

Your next steps

Meet us

There are several opportunities to meet us. You can chat to us at one of the many industry sector related conferences we attend, at our international student recruitment fairs throughout the year, or request a one-to-one meeting. For further information on these and other online Masterclass opportunities we host throughout the year, visit our web page or email us at: exec.ed@durham.ac.uk.

Entry requirements

- At least three years continuous post-graduation work experience in one or more positions demonstrating a high degree of responsibility.
- Upper Second Class bachelor's degree, or international equivalent
- Lack of formal qualifications is not necessarily a barrier to admission; managerial experience is also a key consideration for entry to the Part-Time Executive MSc in Supply Chain Management. If you don't have an Upper Second Class bachelor's degree, you will be required to submit a portfolio of evidence demonstrating capability in areas such as management experience, including critical thinking skills and communication skills.

Language requirements

Additionally, candidates whose first language is not English will normally be required to demonstrate evidence of proficiency in English language as follows: a recent English language test score of 7.0 or above in IELTS with no element below 6.0, or 102 or above in TOEFL IBT with no element below 23 or an alternative University approved English language test.

How to apply

We strongly advise to apply as soon as possible.

Applications are online and via Durham University Business School only.

Learn more about our application process and how to apply online at:

durham.ac.uk/business/scm

Fees

For the current fees please visit:

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