

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	BSc (Hons) Project Management [Degree Apprenticeship]
Awarding Body	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	Association for Project Management
Credit Structure ²	360 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits Level 6: 120 Credits
Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Standard Length of Course ³	32 months full-time plus up to 7 months apprenticeship assessment
Intended Award	BSc (Hons) Project Management
Named Exit Awards	CertHE Associate Project Manager DipHE Project Management
Entry Requirements ⁴	96 UCAS points Level 2 English and Maths at GCSE grade C/4 or above (or equivalent)
Delivering Institution(s)	University of Suffolk Ipswich Campus
UCAS Code	TBD

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BSc (Hons) Project Management [Degree Apprenticeship] course. The information provided is accurate for apprentices entering level 4 in the 2027-28 academic year⁵.

Course Summary

Projects span public, private and third sectors in industries as diverse as banking, insurance, government, healthcare, retail and transport. Increasingly, organisations employ project managers to improve processes or implement change to become more efficient and effective. This may require managing interdisciplinary teams within various organisational structures and across organisations.

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2024\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

³ Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

⁴ Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#) and further details about Disclosure and Barring Checks (DBS) can be found on the [University's DBS webpage](#).

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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The rapid growth of project management across industries has led to the development of pan-sector theories and standards for innovation and business success. This BSc (Hons) Project Management [Degree Apprenticeship] is aligned with the Association of Project Management (APM) and it offers a BSc (Hons) Project Management degree, combining academic learning with on-the-job experience.

This apprenticeship covers contemporary project management concepts applicable to various sectors, including construction, IT, events, finance, healthcare, and government. It prepares apprentices to manage interdisciplinary teams and implement changes for efficiency. The course emphasises a digital-first approach, equipping apprentices with the knowledge to deliver impactful business solutions.

The course will be suitable for those wishing to progress to a professional project management career. The course does not require any previous project management experience however it is also suitable for those already working in a project environment that wish to progress their project management career and learning.

Course Aims

In providing this course, the University and course team aim to:

- Ensure that the apprentice can demonstrate competence in areas of Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours as set out in the Project Management (integrated degree) apprenticeship standard.
- Provide the apprentice with an understanding of the tools, techniques and processes of project management.
- Encourage and support the apprentice to apply your learning to your work, to understand and solve problems and to communicate in a variety of ways to professional audiences.
- Challenge the apprentice to think in a sustainable way, alert to the positive impact that well-run businesses can have on the planet and to society.
- Provide training to support the apprentice obtaining the professional qualifications required by the standard.

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what apprentices graduating from the BSc (Hons) Project Management [Degree Apprenticeship] course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 4/5/6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)⁶.

On successful completion of this programme and the achievement of 360 credits, the apprentice will be able to:

⁶ As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2024\)](#)
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6.1 Critically evaluate and integrate quality and risk management methodologies into project planning, justifying their selection and impact on project outcomes.

6.2 Critically apply and appraise change control processes to manage scope, requirements, and schedules within complex governance environments.

6.3 Evaluate and apply advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence and process automation, to enhance and innovate project management processes.

6.4 Independently complete a substantial work-based project and produce a comprehensive portfolio of evidence that meets the requirements of the Apprenticeship Assessment.

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following Apprenticeship Standards:

- [Project Manager \(integrated degree\) ST0411](#)

Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Project Management [Degree Apprenticeship] comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6. Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to apprentices on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

The course is delivered through 12 modules that you will take in sequence. These are all “mandatory” modules which means that you must take and pass all of them in order to meet the requirements of this award.

Level 4

Module Code and Title	Module Type*	Block
Planning and Scheduling a Project	Mandatory	1
Project Scope, Data and Risk	Mandatory	2
Finance, Budget and Procurement	Mandatory	3
Leading a Project	Mandatory	4

Level 5

Module Code and Title	Module Type*	Block
Organisational Strategy and Business Justification	Mandatory	1
Ownership, Governance & Communications	Mandatory	2
Advanced Project Planning	Mandatory	3
Procurement and Contract Management	Mandatory	4

Level 6

Module Code and Title	Module Type*	Block
Quality & Risk Management	Mandatory	1
Leadership in Project Execution	Mandatory	2
Technology in Project Management	Mandatory	3
Apprenticeship Assessment	Mandatory	4

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Awards

On successful completion of the course, apprentices will be awarded a BSc (Hons) Project Management. Apprentices who leave the course early may be eligible for a DipHE Project Management on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5, or a CertHE Associate Project Manager on successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at level 4.

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at University of Suffolk Ipswich Campus. Apprentices studying full-time on BSc (Hons) Project Management [Degree Apprenticeship] are likely to have approximately 144 contact hours for level 4, 144 contact hours for level 5 and 120 contact hours for level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of lectures, tutorials and workshops. Apprentices will normally be expected to undertake 20 hours of independent study in an average week but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises. Apprentices will usually undertake the apprenticeship alongside their work within an employer providing them a mixture of taught and on-the job training. This allows them to apply what they have learnt directly to their work.

Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable apprentices to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each module's intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will consist of coursework which will include reports, stakeholder engagement plans, individual and group presentations, group work, reflective learning journals/CPD Forms and research projects.

Special Features

This course is aligned with the Association for Project Management (APM) and apprentices passing the course are eligible for full membership of the APM.

Apprenticeship Assessment

All apprentices on the course undertake an Apprenticeship Assessment (AA) to complete their BSc (Hons) Project Management [Degree Apprenticeship]. Apprentices will be expected to undertake the AA as part of their degree. The AA will be delivered by the University. The AA will be 50% work-based project with presentations and questions and 50% structured interview underpinned by a portfolio of evidence. Following successful completion of the AA apprentices, will achieve the final 40 credits of the BSc (Hons) Project Management course and be awarded the BSc (Hons) Project Management [Degree Apprenticeship]. Overall AA and apprenticeships can be graded Fail, Pass or Distinction.

Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute some are registered with the appropriate professional body (i.e. APM)].

Course Costs

Apprentices undertaking BSc (Hons) Project Management [Degree Apprenticeship] will not be charged tuition fees directly. Tuition fees will be agreed between the University and a student's employer. Apprentices will be required to sign a commitment statement before starting their apprenticeship which will detail the student's, employer's, and University's expectations under the apprenticeship agreement.

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Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).