

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	BA (Hons) Tourism Management with Professional Placement
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	None
Credit Structure ²	480 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits plus 120 placement credits* Level 6: 120 Credits *For an award with ‘Professional Placement’, 120 placement credits are required.
Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Standard Length of Course ³	4 years full-time
Intended Award	BA (Hons) Tourism Management with Professional Placement
Named Exit Awards	DipHE Tourism Management DipHE Tourism Management with Professional Placement CertHE Tourism Management
Entry Requirements ⁴	110 UCAS tariff points (or equivalent) Maths and English GCSE at Grade C or above
Delivering Institution	University of Suffolk
UCAS Code	N800

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BA (Hons) Tourism Management with Professional Placement course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2017-18 academic year⁵.

Course Summary

The Tourism Management programme is designed to give students as wide an experience as possible in the tourism and related sectors; which offer so many opportunities for growth and contribution to the economy. Students will gain many skills and competencies to help to ensure employability is enhanced. A combination of theoretical and practical work will prepare students for further study or employment. Established effective partnerships with a range of employers in the sectors, ensure that students benefit from having a balance of practical work-based experience to evaluate and analyse in their academic life. The

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

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](#)

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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additional sandwich year at the end of Level 5 enables students to engage in a full year professional placement (either in the UK or overseas), a full year of study abroad or a combination of both (one semester for each). The professional placement provides a valuable opportunity for students to put theory into real-life practice, enhancing their skills and understanding of the business environment and expanding their professional networks. Study abroad enables students to develop relevant marketable skills, immerse themselves into another language and culture and enhance their personal development.

Course Aims

- To enable students to have a critical understanding of the concepts and characteristics of tourism
- To enable the students to gain knowledge of the key areas of management and operations in the tourism sector including ethical, sustainability and safety issues
- To enable students to develop knowledge and skills of appropriate theories, principles and practice of management within the tourism sector
- To give students the opportunity to apply knowledge in practical situations
- To enable students to develop essential skills through reflective practice

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the BA (Hons) Tourism Management with Professional Placement 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 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)⁶.

Knowledge and understanding

1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the relationship of the subject of tourism to its social, cultural and economic context
2. Demonstrate clear knowledge and analysis of contextual and conceptual issues

Cognitive skills

3. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of application of tourism theory to practice
4. Effectively apply theory and problem solving in practical tourism management situations
5. Evaluate situations and apply appropriate decision making techniques for effective solutions
6. Engage in focused analysis of specific themes and issues within their study, including ethical, sustainability and safety issues
7. Critically evaluate and apply appropriate methodologies

⁶ As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

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Subject specific and practical skills

8. Conduct in-depth critical analysis and evaluation of tourism management subject material and related methodology
9. Apply specialist knowledge to situations in the production of effective solutions
10. Implement and manage projects effectively

Key / transferable / lifelong learning skills

11. Demonstrate originality of thought and creative problem solving
12. Demonstrate an ability to manage own learning and identify and carry out professional development
13. Employ interpersonal skills of effective listening, negotiating, persuasion and presentation
14. Participate in tourism industry based activity through being able to work independently and as a team to deadlines

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmarks:

- Hospitality, Leisure, Sport and Tourism (2008)
- Business and Management (2015)

Course Structure

The BA (Hons) Tourism Management with Professional Placement comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules are included within the course handbook and the sandwich year handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 4			
	Introduction to Event and Tourism Management	20	M
	Finance and Data Analysis	20	R
	Business Economics	20	R
	Business Law	20	R
	Marketing Fundamentals	20	R
	Language and Culture in a Business Context I	20	R
Level 5			
	Applied Event and Tourism Management (placement)	20	M

⁷ Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#)

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	Managing and Developing Destinations	20	M
	Managing People	20	R
	Topics in Business Research	20	M
	Corporate Reputation Management	20	R
	Plus one from:		
	Employment Law	20	O
	Principles of Fundraising and Sponsorship	20	O
	Language and Culture in a Business Context II	20	O
Level 5 sandwich year with professional placement only (leading to placement credit)			
	Professional practice	120	M
Level 6			
	Dissertation	40	M
	Industry Based Practice (Events and Tourism Management)	20	M
	Strategic Management	20	R
	Tourism Futures: Critical and Cultural Concepts	20	M
	Strategic Marketing: Planning and Management	20	R

Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded BA (Hons) Tourism Management with Professional Placement.

Students who leave the course early on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5 may be eligible for a DipHE Tourism Management. Those students who leave the course early and, in addition to the above, have successfully completed the sandwich year and been awarded 120 placement credits may be eligible for DipHE Tourism Management with Professional Placement.

Students who leave the course early on successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at level 4 may be eligible for a CertHE Tourism Management.

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at Ipswich (with the exception of the sandwich year, during which students are based in a relevant professional practice setting). For course delivery in Ipswich, students studying full-time on BA (Hons) Tourism Management are likely to have approximately 250 contact hours for level 4, 220 contact hours for level 5 and 150 contact hours for level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of lectures, seminars, practical activity, group projects and students will also be required to participate in 200 hours of work placement. Placements may be arranged by the University and/or students and approved by the University. Students 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.

For the sandwich year involving a full year of professional practice, students are expected to engage in 1090 hours of professional practice (including 30 weeks of supervised and

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relevant work experience), 10 hours of tutorials and online support and 100 hours of independent study.

Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students 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 (excluding the sandwich year) will be mostly coursework (including essays, reports, presentations, group work, reflective learning journals and research projects), and 2 written examinations in level 4. The nature of the assessment of the sandwich year will depend on the type of activities undertaken: professional placements will be assessed by 100% coursework.

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.

Course Costs

Students undertaking BA (Hons) Tourism Management with Professional Placement will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK/EU	£9,250 per year (excluding sandwich year, for which the fee will be £1, 850 for the year)
Full-time International	£10,080 per year (excluding sandwich year, for which the fee will be £1, 850 for the year)

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Students may be required to pay additional costs for trips, residential as applicable and to incur other costs for optional field trips, exhibitions and, for their sandwich year, for travel to and from their professional placement setting.

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](#).