

## Module title: Project Management

<b>Module code:</b>	MPM	<b>NQF level:</b>	Level 7
<b>Credit value:</b>	10 credits	<b>Study duration:</b>	6 weeks

### Module description

Project management is a key management tool which enables organisations to efficiently achieve their goals in a constantly changing business environment complicated by risks, uncertainties and competitor pressures.

In this multi-disciplinary module students will be introduced to the role project management plays in the modern business world in addition to the more traditional planning and control aspects of project management.

### Aims

This module aims to:

- Introduce students to current project management methodology and alternative project environments
- Demonstrate the commercial and behavioural issues in the management of projects
- Encourage students to develop a reflective approach to their own experiences

### Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of current Project Management approaches, including:
  - An awareness of traditional project management methodologies (PMBOK and Prince 2)
  - An appreciation of the project manager as a disturbance handler and problem solver
  - Ensuring project process acts as a balance between managing risk, achieving sustainability and providing a vehicle of opportunity
- Reflect on and critique their own experience in organisations
- Compare and contrast the requirements of different project environments
- Appreciate the commercial and behavioural issues in the management of projects.

### Units covered

- 1) An introduction to project management
- 2) Project stakeholders and stakeholder analysis
- 3) Project quality and risk management
- 4) Project planning tools and budgeting
- 5) Project management methodologies
- 6) Project performance monitoring and control

### Learning and teaching methods

The learning and teaching methods for the module follow the online delivery strategy for the programme as a whole. The module will be delivered by reading materials available on the learning platform supported by pre-recorded lecturecasts, synchronous Question and Answer (Q&A) sessions and directed independent study. Students will be encouraged to identify and share relevant resources and are expected to extend and enhance the knowledge and understanding they acquire by regularly consulting on-line library materials relating to the course. Tutor support will be available to students via online office hours, pre-arranged telephone and/or Skype calls and email communication.

### Assessment

Description of unit of assessment	Length / Duration	Submission Date	Weighting
2 Assessed Discussion Activities	Two weeks	Weeks 2 and 4	20%
Journal Entries	200 - 300 words each	Weeks 2, 4 and 6	10%
End of Module Project	2,500 – 3,000 words	End of module	70%