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REAL ESTATE

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COURSE OVERVIEW

This RICS-accredited MSc covering real estate fundamentals including valuation, planning, and investment is designed to give you the skills, knowledge and confidence to face every economic, social and governance challenge - so you can thrive in this ever-evolving industry.

MSc

Next enrolment: September 2027

24 months, part-time

£19,100 GBP

100% online - learning via online materials, group tutorials and discussion forums

Approx. 20 hours per week

Apply your knowledge from day one with industry-focussed course content

24/7 library access

A HISTORY OF EXPERTISE

You'll be learning from global leaders in the delivery of real estate practice, with over 20 years' experience.

BUILD A GLOBAL NETWORK

Collaborate and study with real estate professionals from across the globe.

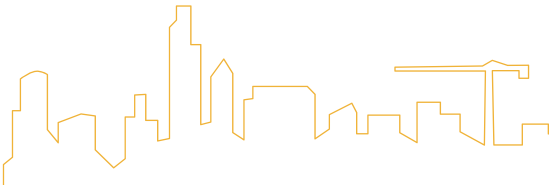
RICS ACCREDITATION

Study an accredited master's and pave the way for professional accreditation and RICS membership

RICS

PART OF A THRIVING DEPARTMENT

Our School of Planning, Property and Environmental Management enjoys an excellent reputation with employers. Our graduates work in a wide range of organisations across the world.



ACADEMIC'S VOICE



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Our MSc Real Estate course is designed to equip you with the skills, knowledge, and global network needed to thrive in an ever-evolving industry. With RICS accreditation and world-class academics guiding you, you will be prepared to lead in a sector driven by innovation and change.

DR SOTIRIOS THANOS

Course Director

HEAR FROM SOTIRIOS ↗

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

If you're a professional working in real estate or you wish to transition into this dynamic sector, this course is for you.

You'll gain the skills and knowledge to thrive regardless of whether you have a background in real estate or not. With RICS accreditation, our MSc is also a stepping stone to professional membership of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Our students come from a range of professional backgrounds across the sector. Many of our students hold senior leadership and management roles, including CEOs, Managing Directors, and Heads of Operations. Others come from specialised property and asset management roles, such as Asset Managers, Valuation Surveyors, and Estate Managers.

We also welcome professionals from related fields such as finance, compliance, and project management, as well as consultants and analysts seeking to expand their expertise. Early-career professionals, trainees, and current students also choose our course to advance their knowledge and gain a competitive edge.

You'll be surrounded by peers from inside and out of real estate, giving you a broad perspective on the industry.



BENEFITS TO YOUR CAREER

This programme is designed to empower you to take the next step in your real estate career. The course content addresses the needs and challenges within the industry, and our RICS accreditation showcases the high standard and relevance of the course.

+ **Industry Opportunities**
  With units including property valuation, land and development and asset management, this MSc opens the door to new opportunities. You'll gain the skills to take on high level roles in urban planning, real-estate development, energy, water and more varied industry disciplines – so you can lead the way in overcoming the real estate challenges of tomorrow.

+ **RICS Accreditation**
  Approved by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, the course is globally recognised by employers. It's the first step towards an APC accreditation, your own RICS membership and a rewarding career in the industry.

+ **A Global Network**
  Our Real Estate course attracts students from all over the world – so you'll become part of a global community of experts. It's your opportunity to build a network of friends, colleagues and like-minded professionals who'll support you throughout your career.



REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

At The University of Manchester, we focus on the practical aspects of managing real estate in the real world, setting you up with tangible skills to build on your career.

We'll arm you with the transferable skills that are vital in the modern workplace, and make sure you're equipped with a thorough knowledge of key areas such as strategic asset management, property valuation and real estate law in practice.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Gain an understanding of professional norms, standards, and values in real estate practice and how these operate within the context of international political, legal, institutional, and organisational frameworks.

SUSTAINABLE INNOVATIONS

Explore new insights into the areas of sustainable development and strategic management of the built environment

RESEARCH-LED TEACHING

Draw on the world-leading research and practical experience of the School of Environment, Education and Development.

BROAD PERSPECTIVES

Develop a solid grounding in real estate from the perspectives of investor, developer, occupier and broader society.



STUDENT'S VOICE



"This course has played a significant role in my development. Completing a RICS-accredited MSc in Real Estate enabled me to pursue the APC and ultimately achieve MRICS accreditation, which is widely recognised across the real estate industry and has strengthened my professional credibility.

ELIZABETH OPEAGBE

Investment Executive
British Land

HEAR FROM ELIZABETH ↗

COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

STUDY PATHWAYS

To achieve a **Master of Science (MSc)**, you need to complete six mandatory 20-credit units, one elective 20-credit unit, and the 40-credit enquiry-based project.

01

REAL ESTATE MARKETS (20 CREDITS)

- Understand the fundamentals of real estate
- Explore geographical and sector markets
- Study how macroeconomics shapes property cycles

02

PROPERTY VALUATION (20 CREDITS)

- Introduce principal methods of property valuation
- Explore the mathematical application of different methods of valuation
- Critically examine the physical, legal and economic factors

03

FUTURE CITIES (20 CREDITS)

- Explore the principles, nature and practice of planning systems and processes around the world
- Understand emerging future trends in global urban development
- Examine the notion of the future 'smart' city in a global context

04

LAND AND DEVELOPMENT (20 CREDITS)

- Understand land-use policies and making the best use of land resources
- Gain practical experience and understanding of the development process through real-life development sites
- Get to grips with the financial issues and risks involved in development schemes

**Unit information can be subject to change, this information is accurate as of October 2026.

05

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND FINANCE (20 CREDITS)

- Explore the principles of investment and the creation of value
- Critically evaluate direct and indirect methods of investing in real estate
- Demonstrate approaches used in financing of funds and individual projects

06

STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT (20 CREDITS)

- Introduce the principles of strategic asset management
- Explore the tactics used to proactively manage real estate assets
- Delve into topics including metrics, risk management and sustainability and responsible property investment

07 ELECTIVE UNIT

REAL ESTATE LAW IN PRACTICE (20 CREDITS)

- Learn about the nature of law and law of contract
- Understand how leases and other contracts are created, operated and terminated, including service of notice
- Study property law, land tenure, third party rights and conflict avoidance

08 ELECTIVE UNIT

REAL ESTATE MODELLING (20 CREDITS)

- Understand how to use relevant analytical and quantitative tools
- Get a good grounding in statistics and modern econometric techniques
- Become proficient in running multivariate techniques using SPSS

09 ELECTIVE UNIT

CORPORATE REAL ESTATE PROJECT (20 CREDITS)

- Consider how organisations develop and implement strategic objectives
- Apply relevant concepts and techniques to solve problems in a project environment
- Facilitate a detailed exploration of the development of business-focused real estate strategies

10

PROJECT-BASED ENQUIRY (40 CREDITS)

- Plan, manage and conduct practice-based research on a topic related to the course
- Build knowledge and competency in an appropriate range of research methods including the development of a focal question or hypothesis
- Develop and manage a specific research project through to final submission

01 REAL ESTATE MARKETS



REAL ESTATE MARKETS (20 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

This unit introduces you to the fundamentals of real estate markets and serves as an entry point to academic study in this area.

You will explore what constitutes a real estate market, how it operates, and the factors influencing its performance in both national and global contexts.

You'll critically examine various geographic and sector markets, analysing the institutional frameworks that shape them, including political, legal, social, cultural, technological, and environmental factors.

The unit also explores the impact of macroeconomic trends, money supply, and property cycles, along with the implications of megatrends such as urbanisation, climate change, and globalisation.

Through a combination of online lectures, tutorials, and interactive discussions, you'll build the analytical and critical thinking skills required to assess the dynamics of real estate markets and apply your knowledge to contemporary issues.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate a good understanding of the fundamentals of real estate and the structure and operation of real estate markets.
- Analyse and evaluate the causes of economic and property cycles.
- Demonstrate knowledge of current influences and drivers affecting various real estate markets.
- Apply critical thinking to produce innovative and credible solutions to real estate problems.
- Develop strong numeracy skills to address issues related to data accuracy, uncertainty, and approximation.

KEY INFORMATION



200 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)



Teaching through live/recorded lectures, seminars, discussion forums, and an in-person conference



Assessment via an online test and a 3,000-word essay

02 PROPERTY VALUATION



PROPERTY VALUATION (20 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

This unit provides you with a comprehensive understanding of property valuation principles and practices, equipping you with the knowledge and techniques required for professional valuation practice.

You will explore the theoretical and practical approaches to property valuation, including market value, investment value, and specialised valuation techniques.

The unit covers the key methods of valuation, including comparative, income, residual, and cost-based approaches, while addressing statutory and regulatory requirements relevant to valuation practice.

You will also engage with real-world case studies to develop practical skills in preparing valuation reports, ensuring compliance with RICS Valuation – Global Standards (the 'Red Book').

Delivered through blended learning using online learning materials, tutorials and opportunities to interact with tutors and fellow students.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Critically discuss the characteristics of property markets across sectors and geographical areas
- Select appropriate valuation techniques and apply them accurately in a range of contexts
- Explain the framework of regulation for valuation practice in the UK and international contexts.
- Critically appraise a range of valuation approaches and techniques and their application in a variety of property market conditions.
- Reflect and comment upon the reliability and accuracy of single point estimate valuations.
- Demonstrate negotiation skills to reach agreement, recognising cultural differences and ethical requirements.

KEY INFORMATION



200 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)



Teaching via online learning materials



Assessment via valuation scenarios, group valuation and measurement exercise, and a valuation report

03 FUTURE CITIES



FUTURE CITIES (20 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

This unit introduces you to the principles, nature, and practice of planning systems and processes globally.

You will explore discretionary, zoning, and hybrid systems and examine how these systems influence the development process. The unit also investigates how cities are evolving during the 'urban age,' where population growth and urbanisation present significant challenges in creating sustainable, resilient urban environments.

Through case studies and discussions, you will explore the future of cities, with a focus on the concept of the 'smart' city. You will develop skills in analysing urban data to assess how real estate and city development are affected by changing socio-economic and environmental dynamics. The module also encourages critical reflection on theoretical perspectives and the challenges of managing urban growth sustainably.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate an understanding of different types of planning systems globally.
- Have an overview of the current issues facing cities in relation to their future development, recognising the challenges of what is commonly referred to as the 'urban age'
- Critically assess the concept of the 'smart' city and evaluate how cities respond to competing socio-economic and environmental demands.
- Display an understanding of the global spatial disparities between cities.
- Illustrate arguments with relevant examples and case studies drawn from cities around the world

KEY INFORMATION



200 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)



Teaching via online learning materials



Assessments via a Future City Profile report and an essay and critical reflection

04 LAND AND DEVELOPMENT



LAND AND DEVELOPMENT (20 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

This unit provides you with a thorough understanding of the dynamics of land and property development, focusing on the economic, social, and environmental factors that influence land use and urban growth.

You will critically engage with the processes that shape land acquisition, planning, and development decisions, while gaining insight into the challenges of creating sustainable and commercially viable developments.

The course explores the life cycle of a development project, from site identification and feasibility analysis to the management of planning applications, funding, and delivery. You will analyse the roles and perspectives of key stakeholders, including landowners, developers, planners, and investors, and develop a critical understanding of the negotiation and decision making processes that underpin land development.

Through practical case studies, you will apply development appraisal models to assess site potential, test the financial feasibility of proposed schemes, and analyse the sensitivity of project outcomes to changing market conditions. You will also gain insights into contemporary issues in urban regeneration, affordable housing, and sustainable development, ensuring that you are prepared to address the challenges facing modern urban environments.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate comprehensive understanding and knowledge of the development process, actors, drivers and constraints.
- Demonstrate sound understanding of the components of a residual development appraisal and the factors affecting viability.
- Demonstrate sound capacity for critical thinking and ability to present well-justified arguments, recognising the interconnected nature of development practice.
- Demonstrate numeracy skills through appreciation of issues around selection, accuracy, uncertainty and approximation with numbers.
- Communicate ideas effectively through preparation of professional reports.

KEY INFORMATION



200 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)



Teaching via online learning materials and self-directed study



Assessments via a group presentation and a development report, including financial appraisal, of a selected site

05 REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND FINANCE



REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND FINANCE (20 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

This unit provides a comprehensive overview of the principles and practices underpinning real estate investment and finance.

It explores both direct and indirect forms of real estate investment, equipping you with the knowledge and analytical skills needed to assess property as an asset class within a diversified investment portfolio. You will examine the role of real estate in capital markets, including the evaluation of debt and equity instruments, and assess the implications of using different financing mechanisms for real estate development.

The course delves into key financial concepts such as portfolio diversification, risk management, and performance evaluation. You will explore techniques used to manage risk through debt securitisation and mitigation strategies, as well as assess the potential returns associated with different types of property investment. Through practical case studies, you will develop the ability to analyse real estate funding structures and understand how market dynamics influence investment decisions.

A significant focus of the unit is on applying quantitative techniques to evaluate investment performance and support informed real estate investment decisions. You will gain hands-on experience with real estate financial models, enabling you to make informed and strategic investment decisions in a rapidly changing market environment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate an understanding of different classes of investment, the role of direct and indirect property investment, and the structuring of debt and equity instruments as investment products.
- Analyse and compare real estate funding techniques and assess their implications.
- Demonstrate a critical understanding of debt instruments, risk mitigation techniques and debt securitisation used in the financing of real estate.
- Undertake portfolio review and make strategic investment decisions.
- Apply and critically analyse measures of real estate investment performance.
- Effectively communicate complex ideas and findings through a written format.

KEY INFORMATION



200 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)



Includes 50 hours of directed study, 100 hours of research and directed reading, and 50 hours for assignment preparation



Assessments via an online test and a written professional report

06 STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT



STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT (20 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

This unit equips you with the knowledge and skills to manage property assets strategically in a rapidly changing market.

It explores the principles, frameworks, and techniques used in strategic asset management (SAM) to maximise the value and performance of real estate portfolios. You will critically analyse the role of asset management within the wider context of property investment, development, and corporate strategy.

The unit introduces you to key concepts, including the life cycle of assets, risk management, performance measurement, and portfolio optimisation. You will evaluate the impact of legislative, regulatory, and market factors on asset management decisions, with a focus on aligning asset strategies with organisational goals. Through practical case studies and real-world scenarios, you will develop the ability to assess asset management challenges and devise appropriate strategies to enhance asset performance.

Additionally, the unit highlights the importance of sustainable asset management and the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations. You will be encouraged to apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to create effective asset management plans that balance financial performance with social responsibility and environmental sustainability.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the role of the real estate asset manager and alternative management strategies.
- Demonstrate understanding of the implications of asset management decisions on real estate asset value.
- Critically evaluate information, make considered judgements and produce innovative and credible solutions to a problem.
- Demonstrate commercial awareness through consideration of a broad range of issues and the implications on value.
- Demonstrate numeracy skills through appreciation of issues around selection, accuracy, uncertainty and approximation with numbers.

KEY INFORMATION



200 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)



Includes 50 hours of directed study, 100 hours of research and directed reading, and 50 hours for assignment preparation



Assessments via a group presentation and a written critical reflection

07 REAL ESTATE LAW IN PRACTICE



REAL ESTATE LAW IN PRACTICE (20 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

This unit introduces you to the fundamental legal principles that underpin real estate practice, providing a comprehensive understanding necessary to operate effectively in the field.

You will explore how these principles manifest in the real estate market and practice, with a focus on English law while considering other legal jurisdictions.

The course begins with an introduction to the nature of law and legal frameworks, helping you understand the foundational concepts of law and how legal systems are structured. You will then delve into the law of contract, learning how contracts are created, operated, and terminated, including specific types of contracts encountered in real estate practice. Additionally, the unit covers leases, tort law, professional negligence, property law, and dispute resolution, providing insights into their creation, operation, and termination.

Through this course, you will gain detailed knowledge and skills in key areas of practice, critically explore the application of legal principles, and develop a holistic understanding of real estate law. The unit aims to foster your ability to consider issues comprehensively and apply legal knowledge in practical scenarios. You will engage with real-world problem scenarios, enhancing your ability to apply legal principles to complex situations and develop solutions that are both legally sound and commercially viable.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Explain the significance of the legal context and framework for real estate practice.
- Develop competence and understanding to be able to carry out good quality applied quantitative research with confidence and authority.
- Understand a surveyor's professional obligations and the role of professional regulation and ethics.
- Define issues in dispute, apply relevant legal rules, and reach reasoned conclusions.
- Differentiate between fact and opinion.
- Identify and use appropriate information retrieval systems.
- Demonstrate the ability to read a range of complex works and summarise the arguments succinctly

KEY INFORMATION



200 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)



Includes 50 hours of directed study, 100 hours of research and directed reading, and 50 hours for assignment preparation



Assessments via an online test and a report on problem scenarios

08 REAL ESTATE MODELLING



REAL ESTATE MODELLING (20 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

This unit will train you in conducting applied quantitative research in real estate, housing, or planning contexts.

You will gain a comprehensive understanding of fundamental concepts in statistics, econometrics, and modelling relevant to these fields. The course covers various topics, including data types, descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, linear regression techniques, and econometric modelling of real estate time-series data. You will also learn to use SPSS for running multivariate techniques and interpreting statistical output.

The unit aims to provide a rigorous exposition of analytical and quantitative tools, enabling you to conduct high-quality quantitative research. You will develop the skills to apply these techniques to real estate issues, critically appraise econometric results, and produce well-researched, coherent, and logically structured reports. The course prepares you for successful careers in the real estate sector, both in the UK and overseas, by equipping you with the necessary knowledge and practical skills.

Throughout the course, you will engage with real-world data and problem scenarios, enhancing your ability to apply quantitative techniques to complex situations.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Develop a complete understanding of fundamental concepts in statistics, econometrics, and modelling relevant to real estate, housing, and planning.
- Demonstrate applied knowledge of modern econometrics and the ability to conduct high-quality quantitative research.
- Critically appraise econometric results obtained by other researchers.
- Systematically approach the construction of solutions to real-life problems and demonstrate their applicability.

KEY INFORMATION



200 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)



Includes 40 hours of directed study, 70 hours of research and directed reading, and 40 hours for assignment preparation



Assessments through an online test and coursework

09 CORPORATE REAL ESTATE PROJECT



CORPORATE REAL ESTATE PROJECT (20 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

This unit provides you with the opportunity to undertake a professionally relevant project that involves both team working and individual project work.

You will explore a location and a sector of the market from the occupier's perspective, examining the financial, legal, policy, and business drivers behind organisational location. Understanding the relationship between organisational strategy and real estate strategy is crucial, as it requires knowledge of how real estate assets fit into the broader business context.

The unit aims to strengthen real estate graduates' understanding of the business planning cycle and highlight how real estate can effectively contribute to core business functions. You will engage in a detailed exploration of business-focused real estate strategies, their informational requirements, and performance measurement from the perspective of the real estate occupier. This unit is designed to develop your ability to identify and critically evaluate user needs, property resources, and the property market from the occupier's perspective.

Through this unit, you will gain the depth and breadth of knowledge required to support organisational objectives in various sectors, including business, public, and third sectors.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand the business planning process, its drivers, and limitations.
- Use a range of tools and techniques to identify the needs of real estate occupiers, including large and small corporates and the third sector.
- Understand the interrelationship between planning, development, management, and occupation of built assets.
- Evaluate the extent to which a particular location can satisfy the needs of real estate occupiers.
- Explore the advantages and disadvantages of a city or region as a location for various business sectors.
- Interpret corporate strategy and objectives and apply them to the development of a real estate strategy and operational plan.

KEY INFORMATION



200 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)



Includes direct study, assignment preparation, research and directed reading.



Assessments through a group presentation and individual strategy report

10 PROJECT-BASED ENQUIRY



PROJECT-BASED ENQUIRY (40 CREDITS)

ABOUT THIS UNIT

In this unit, you will plan, manage, and conduct practice-based research on a specific real estate topic.

You will begin by identifying and investigating a research problem located in or inspired by real estate practice. Starting with one or more research questions, you will explore workable solutions that ideally combine practical and theoretical aspects, supported by empirical evidence. The unit allows for both desk-based (literature) studies and secondary data analysis, enabling you to address specific issues or problems through various research methodologies.

The project aims to further your knowledge of relevant literature and develop your critical reasoning skills. You will be encouraged to seek new research findings that add to the existing body of knowledge, even if your dissertation does not involve primary data collection.

The unit also focuses on developing your competence in research methods, including formulating research questions, understanding research methodologies, and applying analytical techniques. Throughout the process, you will receive support through group supervision sessions and one-to-one advice, with formative feedback on your research project proposal.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate broadening and deepening subject and/or professional knowledge, and engage critically with research and scholarship.
- Identify and apply appropriate research methods, including developing research questions, understanding methodologies, and synthesizing findings.
- Critically evaluate literature, generate research findings, and make recommendations for improvements in professional practice and research agendas.
- Conduct literature reviews and secondary research, and apply relevant concepts and methods to real estate problems.
- Demonstrate analytical, evaluative, and problem-solving skills, and manage your work and learning in relation to a research project.

KEY INFORMATION

400 hours total study time (approx. 20 hours per week part-time)

Teaching via online learning materials, self-directed study, group supervision, and one-to-one advice

Assessment via a 10,000-word project-based enquiry

STUDY TIMELINE

September — November

01

REAL ESTATE MARKETS (20 CREDITS)

YEAR 1 | 10 WEEKS

November — February

02

PROPERTY VALUATION (20 CREDITS)

YEAR 1 | 10 WEEKS

February — May

03

FUTURE CITIES (20 CREDITS)

YEAR 1 | 10 WEEKS

May — July

04

LAND AND DEVELOPMENT (20 CREDITS)

YEAR 1 | 10 WEEKS

September — November

05

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND FINANCE (20 CREDITS)

YEAR 2 | 10 WEEKS

November — February

06

STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT (20 CREDITS)

YEAR 2 | 10 WEEKS

February — May

07 ELECTIVE UNIT

REAL ESTATE LAW IN PRACTICE / REAL ESTATE MODELLING / CORPORATE REAL ESTATE PROJECT (20 CREDITS)

YEAR 2	10 WEEKS

February — September

08

PROJECT-BASED ENQUIRY (40 CREDITS)

YEAR 2	20 WEEKS

**Although the order of units is scheduled in advance, it may be subject to occasional adjustments.

ONLINE LEARNING AT A GLANCE

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Our online courses are created and taught by the same established scholars as our on-campus options.

FLEXIBILITY

Online learning offers much more flexibility than traditional on-campus study, which makes it the perfect fit for working professionals.



HIGH QUALITY RESOURCES

You will have access to the same range of excellent facilities as on-campus students.

AN ONLINE COMMUNITY

Our virtual learning environment provides an opportunity to discuss and collaborate with your peers and academics with interactive features.

A GLOBAL APPROACH

Online learning at The University of Manchester is designed to be accessed by students from around the globe.

ONLINE LEARNING IN PRACTICE

Online learning can help you to access the excellence of The University of Manchester from anywhere in the world. The online model is ideal for working professionals who want to study alongside their careers and other commitments by offering flexible, part-time study.



VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our online, postgraduate courses are taught using a virtual learning environment. This is home to all of the teaching on your course including lectures tutorials, videos and more as well as all learning materials such as reading, discussion boards and journals.



FLEXIBILITY AND TIMETABLING

Our online, part-time postgraduate courses give you the opportunity to take full responsibility for your studies so you can fit learning around your life.

There are live tutorials online, however, we understand attendance to these will not always be possible around a busy work schedule, so they are recorded for you to watch at a time that suits you.

All the resources you require for your studies are available to you 24/7 so you can adjust your studies to fit around your work and personal life.



TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon receiving an offer you will be asked to confirm that you can meet the following technical requirements for successful completion of the course:

- An average of 15-20 hours available to devote to studying each week.
- Regular access to a computer with internet speeds fast enough to run video conferencing and stream video lectures.
- A computer that meets the software requirements of video conferencing and other software, broadband internet connection, desktop or laptop PC with windows 10 or later, 4GB RAM, 6GB disk space for installation (administrator rights are required to install software).
- Some courses will also require you to download relevant software - you will be provided access to this.
- A smart phone on Android 11.0 or greater, or iOS 11.0 or greater, as you'll need to authenticate your credentials to access your learning materials.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ONLINE LEARNING ↗

APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
23 August 2027

COURSE START DATE:
6 September 2027

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We require at least an Upper Second 2:1 bachelor's degree (or international equivalent). Admission of candidates who do not meet our academic entry qualification criteria may be approved if satisfactory evidence of postgraduate study, research or professional experience can be provided.

We are looking for relevant experience that demonstrates the potential of applicants to successfully complete the programme.

ADVICE TO APPLICANTS FOR THE NON-STANDARD ROUTE

To speed up the application process, please submit the following documents with your online application form:

Applicants should submit the same documents required for standard entry plus a further statement (max 500 words) addressing the following question:

What skills and competencies have you attained through postgraduate study, research or professional experience that allow you to meet the academic requirements and standards of this course?

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants whose first language is not English must meet the following language requirements:

+ IELTS Test score of 6.5 or more overall, with a minimum score of 6.5 in writing and a minimum score of 6.0 in the other subsections. Discover more about English Language requirements.

WHAT TO SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION

When applying for this course you will be required to submit the following:

+ Copies of official degree certificates and transcripts of your previous study, showing the subjects taken and grades obtained. If these documents are in languages other than English, please provide official translations.
+ English language score report (if applicable) or alternative evidence to demonstrate your English language competency.
+ Personal statement addressing the questions below (max 500 words):
  - What attracted you to apply to this course
  - What you hope to gain from the course
  - How it will help you achieve your future aims and aspirations
+ A copy of your CV detailing your full work experience.

BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION ↗

FEES AND FUNDING

TUITION FEES

MSc: £19,100 GBP (UK/EU/Intl)

HOW TO FUND YOUR COURSE

Funding your online course is a key consideration when looking to begin your academic journey and your individual circumstances will determine how you can fund your studies.

Whilst funding options for online postgraduate taught courses are not as numerous as those for undergraduate and PhD study, there are still a variety of options to explore for your online course including:

- Postgraduate loans
- Employer funding
- Self-funding
- Scholarships
- Bursaries
- Tuition discounts including The Manchester Alumni Loyalty Discount

EXPLORE FUNDING OPTIONS ↗



STUDENT STORIES



The course has allowed me to access all learning materials from day one. Despite being based outside the UK, I have benefited from a high-quality UK education, giving me a comprehensive understanding of various aspects of real estate, which has been very helpful.

MIKE
Acquisitons Manager,
Switzerland



I chose the University of Manchester because it is highly ranked and I wanted to learn from professionals with both business experience and academic knowledge.This master's degree will be very helpful in achieving my future goals of career progression across the world.

NATALIA
Acquisitons Manager,
Poland



The course was challenging, but it has significantly helped my career by providing the knowledge and expertise needed to move into HMO leasing and contributing to new projects in my current role, such as our transition to eco-efficient smart buildings.

NAOMI
Digital Innovation Consultant
UK



This course has significantly enhanced my knowledge and experience, giving me the potential to secure higher positions within my company in the future. The real estate market in the UAE is growing rapidly, and the course has prepared me to seize the opportunities this presents, especially in Abu Dhabi.

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WHY MANCHESTER?

AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED UNIVERSITY

In the Academic Ranking of World Universities (2024), the University is placed:

- 6th in the UK;
- 15th in Europe;
- 52nd in the world.

WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH

The University of Manchester's research beacons are examples of pioneering discoveries, interdisciplinary collaboration and cross-sector partnerships that are tackling some of the biggest questions facing the planet.

OUTSTANDING TEACHING

This quality of research feeds into our taught courses, many of which are also designed to meet the needs of industry.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We were the first university in the UK to set social responsibility as a core goal - this is reflected in our commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

GLOBAL INFLUENCE

There are more than 170 nationalities among our student population and our range of online and blended learning courses enable a global audience to benefit from a Manchester education.

Much of our research has a global impact, in areas including health and wellbeing, climate change, international trade and cohesive communities.

We also have agreements with a host of international institutions and organisations that inform our global approach to research and education.

SUPPORT AND SERVICES

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