



The University of Manchester
Alliance Manchester Business School

Options Fact Sheet and Specialism Guidelines for BSc Management / BSc Management (Specialism)

For final year students in 2025 / 2026

Key points you need to know about your courses for next year:

- All programme structures can be viewed here:
<https://www.ambs.ug handbook.manchester.ac.uk/programme/programme-information/programme-structures/> however, please remember that programme structures are subject to change each year.
- To be eligible to graduate with a management degree specialism, you need to have taken a minimum of 40 credits of specialism core courses in the second year and those from the final year core courses as listed in this document and set out on your programme structure. You make the credits up to 120 with a choice from any of the remaining courses available to you as listed on your final year programme structure subject to programme restrictions, pre-requisites and timetabling constraints.
- BSc Management with no specialism students choose options from across the range of final year courses as indicated on the programme structure subject to pre-requisites and timetabling constraints.
- Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that your choice of course options adhere to the requirements of the specialism you intend to register, or are already registered, for. Your choices must fulfil the requirements at both second and final year. If your choices do not meet the requirements at both levels, then you will be unable to graduate with that specialism.
- If you are registered for a specialism and decide to do a dissertation, you must ensure that your dissertation subject is in the area of the specialism (with the exception of Accounting and Finance, see below). Please check with your dissertation supervisor and the dissertation course coordinator to ensure that this is the case. However, if you have already chosen 60 credits of courses from your specialism list, there is no necessity for the dissertation to be in the specialism area. Accounting & Finance specialists can only do a dissertation under the BMAN31500 Dissertation code in a general subject area (an academic from A&F will not be available to supervise an A&F dissertation).
- If you have not taken or have taken but not passed at first attempt BMAN24410 Research Methodology in your second year you will not be able to do a dissertation.
- A&F specialists are advised to take BMAN 30190 Empirical Finance or BMAN 31000 Financial Analysis of Corporate Performance if an A&F specific supervisor is required.
- If you choose to do a dissertation you will be asked to indicate the subject area of your research on a Dissertation Application Form. It is important that you do this to help us determine demand for supervisors from each subject area. For information on the dissertation process please refer to the UG Handbook.

- BMAN30180 Consultancy Project: enrolment onto this 40-credit course is by application. The deadline for this year is **12 noon on the 21st July 2025**. An application form is available from the UG Handbook.
- You can read a course outline for all your core and optional courses using this link, [Course unit information | MyManchester](#). Course information is currently being updated for 2025 / 2026 and will be fully updated by July 2025.
- Please note the requirements for courses with pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements. If a course outline states that a pre-requisite is required, it means that you must have taken and passed **at first attempt** the pre-requisite course at a minimum of 40% (in some cases a minimum of 60%). A course for which you achieved only a compensated fail mark (between 30% and 39%) does not count as you passing the pre-requisite. If a course outline states that a co-requisite is required, it means that you must take both courses together. **The pre-requisite and co-requisite rules cannot be changed under any circumstances.**
- The majority of courses have been confirmed for 2025 / 2026 but there may be reasons for courses to either change or be withdrawn before they start. Your programme structure will be updated to reflect any changes that are made and will be uploaded to the handbook when it has been finalised. In the meantime, if there are any changes that affect your structure you will be notified by email.
- It is your responsibility to choose your optional courses that are permitted on your programme, these will appear on your programme structure. You will automatically be enrolled on any core courses (specialisms only). You must also ensure you have taken and passed the pre-requisite course if this applies. Manual course unit checks will be carried out during Week 3 of teaching when the system closes so ensure you are enrolled on 120 credits before the deadline. Adding courses at this point can be problematic for your studies. **Please check with the Curriculum and Programmes team before the deadlines if you are in any doubt.**
- As part of your programme structure, you are eligible to take a maximum of 10 credits of either level 2 or level 3 [University College courses](#) and/or study a language from the [University Language Centre](#).
- You should make sure you have enrolled for 120 credits for the year **at the start of the academic year i.e. by the end of week 2 of semester 1 (10th October 2025)**. Failure to choose all courses before this date will mean fewer timetable slots being available when you choose an alternative course.
- Draft timetables will be available to view in July however please note that some lecture times and days may change due to reasons beyond our control. Although we endeavour to avoid it, on rare occasions specialism core courses may clash. In addition to this, because of the number of courses offered to you, it is inevitable that some courses will clash with others. Having some courses that clash means that we can offer as wide a range of subjects as possible.
- Course unit selection is scheduled to open in August. The dates are as follows: -
 - 6th August at 10am for final years
 - 7th August at 10am for second years

Please note, this is dependent on exam boards and faculty guidance, if this date/time changes you will be notified by email.

- You will make your course choices via the student system by choosing the lecture. You will then be assigned a workshop, seminar or lab automatically to fit your timetable. If your choices clash you will be notified and asked to choose alternatives. If, for any reason, you wish to change your workshop, seminar or lab you should contact the Curriculum and Programmes team via ambs.programmes@manchester.ac.uk. Changes will be accommodated where possible.
- After the first 2 weeks of semester 1, the student system will close for changes to semester 1 and full year courses. After the first 2 weeks of semester 2, the Student System will close for changes to semester 2 courses. Please remember, you will not be permitted to drop a course which you took in the first semester in favour of a second semester course, nor will you be permitted to opt out of a full year course at the end of semester 1.
- Deadlines:
Changing full year and semester 1 courses: 10th October 2025
Changing semester 2 courses: 13th February 2026

No changes will be allowed after these dates.

- If you want to change your specialism and have satisfied all the criteria for the specialism you want to move to then you have until 10th October 2025 to let the Curriculum and Programmes team know (via ambs.programmes@manchester.ac.uk).
- It is expected that students will take an equal number of courses in each semester, that is, 60 credits in each semester. However, a 50/70 split may be permitted with prior written approval from your Programme Director. 80/40 splits or any other than the above are not permitted. If you are found to be on an unequal split without written permission, you will be required to add or drop the required number of courses which may be later in the semester and cause issues for your studies.
- If you are carrying a course unit over from a previous year – please bear in mind this will be in addition to the 120 credit per year requirement.
- Finally, remember to check the e-bulletin and your university email for further updates about choosing courses.

Final Year Specialism Core Courses

You must take a minimum of 60 credits from each set of core courses for your specialism:

BSc Management (Accounting & Finance) Specialism

BMAN30190 Empirical Finance (40)

OR

BMAN31000 Financial Analysis of Corporate Performance (40)

(You do not have to take either of the above courses, but you cannot take both)

BMAN30111A Advanced Corporate Finance (20)

BMAN31040 Advanced Management Accounting (20)
BMAN30030 Contemporary Issues in Financial Reporting and Regulation (20)
BMAN30060 International Finance (20)

BSc Management (Human Resources) Specialism

BMAN31500 Dissertation (in your area of chosen specialism) (40)
BMAN31871 Comparative Industrial Relations (20)
BMAN31982 International and Comparative Human Resource Management (20)
BMAN31901 Human Resource Strategy and Practice (20)

BSc Management (Innovation Strategy and Entrepreneurship) Specialism

BMAN31500 Dissertation (in your area of chosen specialism) (40)
OR
BMAN30180 Consultancy Project (40) – Note you need to apply to take this course by 19 July 2023
(You do not have to take either of the above courses but you cannot take both)

BMAN31731 Advanced Strategic Management (20)
BMAN32261 Entrepreneurship & Venturing (20)
BMAN32312 Advanced Strategic Management (20)
BMAN31992 International Competitiveness and Innovation (20)

BSc Management (International Business Economics) Specialism

BMAN31500 Dissertation (in your area of chosen specialism) (40)
BMAN31952 Digital Economy: Platforms, AI and the Business (20)
BMAN31881 Economic Analysis II: Corporate Development, Growth and Strategy (20)
BMAN32071 Advanced International Business (20)
BMAN31992 International Competitiveness and Innovation (20)

BSc Management (Marketing) Specialism

BMAN31500 Dissertation (in your area of chosen specialism) (40)
BMAN31302 Marketing Strategy (20)
BMAN31461 Retail Marketing (20)
BMAN31312 Services Marketing Management (20)

(40) = Full year Dissertation or Project course worth 40 credits

(20) = Normally a full year course that runs over two semesters worth 20 credits, could also be one semester.

(10) = One semester course worth 10 credits

Total number of credits required per year = 120