

Module specification

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Module Code	ONLM718
Module Title	Supply Chain Management
Level	7
Credit value	15
Faculty	FSALS
HECoS Code	100079
Cost Code	GABP

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Is the module core or option for this programme
MSc Supply Chain Management	Core

Pre-requisites

None

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	15 hrs
Placement tutor support	0 hrs
Supervised learning e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision (level 6 projects and dissertation modules only)	0 hrs
Total active learning and teaching hours	15 hrs
Placement / work based learning	0 hrs
Guided independent study	135 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	150 hrs

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Module aims

In this module you will explore how Supply Chain Management manages the supply chain through the various processes and organisational structures. The module covers concepts that include the greater supply chain management system. Topics include Purchasing, Operations, Customer Relations, and Logistics.

Module Learning Outcomes - at the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Apply critical thinking to the principles and frameworks of supply chain management to identify and solve real-world problems in the supply chain.
2	Critically analyse supply chain operations and processes to identify opportunities for improvement and optimisation, and explain ways in which these may be implemented.
3	Critically evaluate the role of collaboration and communication in effective supply chain management and identify best practices for managing supply chain relationships.
4	Utilise data analysis tools and techniques to inform strategic decision-making in supply chain management.
5	Critically assess the impact of global trends and issues on supply chain management and develop strategies for managing supply chain risks and opportunities in a global context.

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

Formative Assessment

Formative assessment for this module may include:

End of lesson questions or quizzes, to check knowledge at the end of each unit and module, feedback on subject discussion forums, sharing experiences in groups, self and peer assessment and one-minute papers, to demonstrate understanding and progress of subject knowledge, and improve learning.



Summative Assessment

Assignment 1:

Learners are to present a written assessment, applying critical thinking and analysis to the principles and frameworks of supply chain management and operations, and their ability and suitability to solve real world problems and identify opportunities for improvement and optimisation. (Indicative word count – 1,000 words).

Assignment 2:

Taking account of the impact of global trends and issues on supply chain management, learners are to present a written assessment critically evaluating the role of collaboration and communication, evidencing the utilisation of data, tools and techniques to make informed judgements when managing supply chain relationships, and developing strategies for managing risk. (Indicative word count – 2,000 words).

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1, 2	Written Assignment	40%
2	3, 4, 5	Written Assignment	60%

Derogations

None

Learning and Teaching Strategies

The overall learning and teaching strategy is one of guided independent study, in the form of distance learning requiring ongoing student engagement. Online material will provide the foundation of the learning resources, to support a blended approach, requiring the students to log-in and engage on a regular basis throughout the eight-week period of the module. There will be a mix of recorded lectures and supporting notes/slides, containing embedded digital content and self-checks for students to complete as they work through the material and undertake the assessment tasks. The use of a range digital tools via the virtual learning environment together with additional sources of reading will also be utilised to accommodate learning styles. There is access to a helpline for additional support and chat facilities through Canvas for messaging and responding.



Indicative Syllabus Outline

Supply chain foundations
Contemporary theory and frameworks
Procurement
Operations Management
The customer relationship
Management and the supply chain
Logistics management

Indicative Bibliography:

Please note the essential reads and other indicative reading are subject to annual review and update. Please *ensure correct referencing format is being followed as per University Harvard Referencing Guidance*.

Essential Reads

Journal of Supply Chain Management
Supply Chain Management: An International Journal
International Journal of Operations and Production Management
Journal of Business and Management
International Journal of Business and Management
Journal of International Economics
International Trade Journal
Journal of Business Research
International Journal of Corporate Social Responsibility

Other indicative reading

Krajewski L.J., Ritzman L.P., Malhotra M.K (2015), Operations Management: Processes and Supply Chains, (13th edn), Pearson

Rushton, A., Croucher, P., and Baker, P. (2022), The Handbook of Logistics and Distribution Management: Understanding the supply chain, (7th edn), Kogan Page.