



## Programme Specification (Postgraduate)

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### 1. Programme title(s) and code(s):

MSc in International Business

MSc in International Business with AI^

Postgraduate Diploma in International Business \*

Postgraduate Certificate in International Business\*

Notes

\* An award marked with an asterisk is only available as an exit award and is not available for students to register onto.

^ Refer to Section 11: Criteria for Award and Clarification

#### a) HECOS Code

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100080	100%

### 2. Awarding body or institution: University of Leicester

#### 3. a) Mode of study Full-time

#### b) Type of study Campus-based

### 4. Registration periods:

The normal period of registration for the M.Sc. International Business is 12 months The maximum period of registration for the M.Sc. International Business is 24 months.

### 5. Typical entry requirements

The programme will follow standard entry requirements: a good UK honours degree or its equivalent or a relevant graduate level qualification; or possession of the University of Leicester's Professional Diploma in Management (or its predecessor, the Diploma in Management) will be required. For students whose first language is not English, the English Language requirement is an IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 90.

Students who complete 2+1 undergraduate degrees where the 2 is not taught in English must still meet the University IELTS requirement.

### 6. Accreditation of Prior Learning

Not applicable

### 7. Programme aims

The MSc in International Business is designed to prepare students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the complexities of the global business landscape. This programme provides a robust blend of theoretical and practical understanding, fostering critical thinking, problem-

solving, and decision-making capabilities essential for success in international business. The course is designed to deepen students' knowledge of key elements of international business, including the fundamentals of international business, responsible international business, strategic risk management, global strategies, innovation, operations management, and the practices businesses employ to achieve success. Additionally, students will gain expertise in conducting market research and performing data analysis, equipping them with the tools to navigate a competitive and dynamic global market. A significant component of the programme is the dissertation, which enables students to undertake independent research on a topic of their choice within the field of international business.

On completion of this programme, the students will be able to:

- i. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding and critical awareness of the current practices, ideas, concepts, models and principles underpinning international business and apply the knowledge to a wide range of complex global challenges.
- ii. Critically evaluate arguments in academic literature, present alternative viewpoints and synthesise evidence to recommend solutions for tackling real-world business issues.
- iii. Demonstrate independent research skills using robust research methodologies, collate and evaluate global business data, to present evidence-based solutions for global businesses.
- iv. Demonstrate expertise required to be a confident learner, with the ability to work both independently and collaboratively.
- v. Address complex challenges in the global business environment by strengthening decision-making capabilities and developing innovative, commercially viable solutions that drive sustainable growth in international markets.
- vi. Communicate effectively across diverse audiences, articulating complex ideas in professional and global contexts.
- vii. Develop and apply business acumen, strategic problem-solving skills, and strong leadership capabilities to effectively navigate and resolve challenges in complex and rapidly evolving international business environments

The “with AI” variant also aims to:

- Equip students with the knowledge and practical skills to leverage AI technologies in global business contexts.
- Develop the ability to analyse complex business problems using AI-driven insights and systems thinking approaches.
- Enable students to design, implement, and evaluate AI agent prototype to support decision-making and operational efficiency.
- Foster ethical awareness, critical evaluation, and effective communication in the deployment of AI in international business settings.
- Promote research-informed approaches to integrating AI into business strategy and innovation.

## **8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification**

- QAA Benchmarking Statement
- Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)
- UK Quality Code for Higher Education
- [University Education strategy](#)
- [University assessment strategy](#) [login required]

- University of Leicester Periodic Developmental Review Report
- External Examiners' reports (annual)
- United Nations Education for Sustainable Development Goals
- Student Destinations Data

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### 9. Programme Outcomes

Unless otherwise stated, programme outcomes apply to all awards specified in 1. Programme title(s). To ensure students meet the programme specific learning outcomes, the following competencies are mapped to the programme learning outcomes as described in 7.

#### a) Discipline specific knowledge and competencies

##### i) Knowledge

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b></p> <p>Graduates should possess a sound knowledge of the key principles and practices areas of international business <b>International Business and Global Marketing, Global Strategy, Innovation and Operations, Business Intelligence, Research Methods and Data Analysis, Responsible International Business and Strategic Risk Management(i, ii, v, vii)</b></p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b></p> <p>Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessments</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b></p> <p>Seminar and workshop activities, such as case studies, , simulation, discussions, and online recommended resources</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b></p> <p>Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)</p>
<p><b>Masters</b></p> <p>In addition to the above, successful graduates will demonstrate advanced knowledge of conducting independent research by applying quantitative and qualitative research methodologies to investigate and</p>	<p><b>Masters</b></p> <p>In addition to the above, students will complete independent research, culminating in either a dissertation or a comprehensive business project.</p>	<p><b>Masters</b></p> <p>In addition to the above, students will complete independent research, culminating in either a dissertation or a comprehensive business project.</p>	<p><b>Masters</b></p> <p>In addition to the above: research proposal, Dissertation or Project</p>

analyse a topic in an international business area. (iii)			
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ii) Concepts

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b></p> <p>Successful graduates will be able to comprehend and critique core international business concepts such as but not limited to related to international trade, global business strategies, global marketing, cross cultural management, global supply chain and operations management, responsible international business and strategic risk management, and research methods (i)</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b></p> <p>Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessments</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b></p> <p>Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b></p> <p>Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)</p>
<p><b>Masters</b></p> <p>In addition to both of the above, successful students should be able to explain, apply and critique core concepts in research methodology underpinning the research in international business (iii)</p>	<p><b>Masters</b></p> <p>In addition to the above, students will complete independent research, culminating in either a dissertation or a comprehensive business project.</p>	<p><b>Masters</b></p> <p>The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research.</p>	<p><b>Masters</b></p> <p>In addition to the above the Dissertation or Project</p>

iii) Techniques

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Graduates should be able to select relevant material from academic readings and demonstrate academic writing and associated bibliographic techniques. (ii, iii, vi)</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessments</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)</p>
<p><b>Masters</b>            In addition to the above, graduates should be able to demonstrate mastery of various methodological approaches and tools to investigate topics in international business of a range of methodological tools used to investigate topics in international business (including, interviews, questionnaires, focus groups, ethnographic research). Graduates should be able to differentiate the conditions when either qualitative or quantitative data analysis should be used and/or be able to identify the conditions under which it is appropriate to combine different techniques (iii, iv, vi)</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>            In addition to the above, students will complete independent research, culminating in either a dissertation or a comprehensive business project</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>            The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>            In addition to the above Dissertation or Project</p>

iv) Critical Analysis

Intended learning Outcome		Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<b>Certificate and Diploma,</b> Graduates should be able to identify and apply relevant concepts and techniques in international business with independence and rigour. (i, ii, vi, vii)	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessment.	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)
<b>Masters</b> As above	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, students will complete independent research, culminating in either a dissertation or a comprehensive business project	<b>Masters</b> The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above Dissertation or Project

v) Presentation

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Graduates should be able to present and communicate professional and academic writing to a professional standard that is appropriate to diverse audiences (vi)	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessments	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)
<b>Masters</b> As above	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, students will complete independent research, culminating in either a dissertation or a comprehensive business project	<b>Masters</b> The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, Dissertation or Project

vi) Appraisal of evidence

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Graduates should be able to assess a variety of complex international business ideas. (i, v, vii)	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessments	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)
<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, graduates should be able to demonstrate independent line of enquiry at an advanced level (iii, iv)	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, students will complete independent research, culminating in either a dissertation or a comprehensive business project	<b>Masters</b> The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above Dissertation or Project

**b) Transferable Skills**

i) Research Skills

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Graduates should be able to locate, select and organise relevant evidence for assignments that are logically structured, and focused and clearly written. (iii, iv, vi)	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessments	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)
<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, graduates should be able to plan research projects based on focused research questions, conduct significant	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, students will complete independent research, culminating in either a dissertation or a comprehensive business project	<b>Masters</b> The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, research proposal, Dissertation or Project

background research and produce critical literature analysis, collect and analyse data which is relevant to research questions, and report findings that demonstrate an ability to critique the data (i, ii, iii, v, vi)			
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ii) Communication skills

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Graduates should be able; write and present (both written and oral aspects of coursework) with clarity and precision (iv, vi)</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessments</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Written skills to be assessed using a variety of assessment techniques for example; essays, practical reports (e.g. Market Research), portfolios, literature reviews, case studies, marketing/business plans. Oral skills to be assessed using formative assessment based on informal qualitative feedback on content and performance from lecturer and peers in small group seminars and assessed group coursework</p>
<p><b>Masters</b>            In addition to the above, graduates should be able to produce a Project or Dissertation that is logically structured and written with clarity and precision. (ii, iii, iv, vi)</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>            In addition to the above, students will complete independent research, culminating in either a dissertation or a comprehensive business project</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>            The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>            In addition to the above, research proposal, Dissertation or Project</p>

iii) Data Presentation

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>                      Graduates should be able to synthesise secondary research data into coherent and sustained written arguments through professional report. (iii,iv, vi)</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>                      Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessments</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>                      Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>                      Essay assignments (formative and summative), practical report, written examinations.</p>
<p><b>Masters</b>                      In addition to the above, successful students will be able to clearly arrange primary research data into thematic analysis and/or statistical data. (iii)</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>                      In addition to the above: completion of an independent research project culminating in a dissertation. Lectures and seminars designed to support the preparation of the research proposal.</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>                      The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research.</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>                      In addition to the above, research proposal, Dissertation or Project</p>

iv) Information Technology

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching Methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>                      Graduates should be able to retrieve and present information using appropriate information technology, software and subject specific databases (iii).</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>                      Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>                      Case studies, quizzes, simulation</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>                      Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)</p>
<p><b>Masters</b>                      In addition to the above, successful students will be able to use, if necessary, data analysis software that</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>                      In addition to the above: completion of an independent research project culminating in a dissertation.</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>                      The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research</p>	<p><b>Masters</b>                      In addition to the above, research proposal. Project or Dissertation.</p>

is relevant to their Dissertation (e.g. SPSS, NVivo) (iii)			
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v) Problem Solving

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<p><b>Certificate, Diploma and Masters</b>            Graduates should be able to identify, investigate, analyse, formulate and advocate solutions to problems. They will be able to identify problems and opportunities faced by organisations using case studies. They should be able to analyse and propose sustainable actions to help resolve problems(ii, iii, v, vii).</p>	<p><b>Certificate, Diploma and Masters</b>            Lectures, seminars, directed reading, guided independent study, assignment feedback on formative and summative assessments</p> <p>In addition to the above:            completion of an independent research project culminating in a dissertation for a master’s degree</p>	<p><b>Certificate, Diploma and Masters</b>            Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources</p> <p>In addition to the above for Masters            The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research</p>	<p><b>Certificate, Diploma and Masters</b>            Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)</p> <p>In addition to the above, research proposal, Project or Dissertation. s.</p>

vi) Working relationships

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Graduates should be able to work collaboratively as part of a team; and to contribute and comment on ideas in learning groups.(iv)</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Participation in seminar activities such as moderating and participating in focus groups; group problem solving through international business case studies</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources</p>	<p><b>Certificate and Diploma</b>            Formative assessment based on informal qualitative feedback on content and performance from academics and peers.</p>
<p><b>Masters</b></p>	<p><b>Masters</b>            In addition to the above: the establishment of a working</p>	<p><b>Masters</b></p>	<p><b>Masters</b>            In addition to the above, research proposal, Project or Dissertation.</p>

Graduates should be able to draw on the knowledge and expertise of others. (iv)	relationship with the Dissertation supervisor	In addition to the above: The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research	
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vii) Managing learning

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Graduates should be able to manage guided independent study to ensure the completion of assessment tasks and successfully manage the related study work-load. (i, ii, iv)	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Lectures, Seminars; guided independent study, self-reflection on assignment feedback; formative and summative.	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Case studies, discussion, quizzes, group activities, simulation, and online recommended resources	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Essay, reports, group and individual coursework assignment (formative and summative assessments)
<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above: successful students should be able to identify a plausible and workable research project; construct a feasible research timetable; carry out independent research.(iii, iv, vi)	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above: completion of an independent research project culminating in a dissertation	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above: The dissertation supervision process (1-to-1), independent research	<b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, research proposal, Project or Dissertation.

viii) Career Management

Intended learning Outcome	Teaching methods	Learning Activities	Assessment Type
<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Graduates should be able to take charge of their progress and development; to reflect on their strengths and limitations, interests, motivation and skills; and to recognise their achievements. (vi, vii)	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Personal Tutor system; self- reflection on assignment feedback; guest lecture/s from alumni and business professionals, Continuing Professional Development opportunities	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Leading discussions, reflection	<b>Certificate and Diploma</b> Personal Development Planning through formative reflection of module content and within personal tutor meetings.

<p><b>Masters</b> In addition to the above: if appropriate, successful students will be able to research an area which may be relevant to their career preferences. (iii, vi, vii)</p>	<p><b>Masters</b> In addition to the above: completion of an independent research project culminating in a dissertation</p>	<p><b>Masters</b> The dissertation supervision process</p>	<p><b>Masters</b> In addition to the above, the project or dissertation</p>
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### 10. Progression points

This programme follows the standard Scheme of Progression set out in [Senate Regulations](#) – see the version of *Senate Regulation 6 governing postgraduate programmes* relevant to the year of entry.

In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the course.

#### a) Course transfers

n/a

#### b) With Industry

[n/a](#)

### 11. Criteria for award and classification

This programme follows the standard scheme of postgraduate award and classification set out in [Senate Regulations](#) – see the version of *Senate Regulation governing postgraduate programmes* relevant to the year of entry.

Students are required to pass the module MK7002 to be able to get an award titled MSc International Business with AI.

If the interim award is based only on a combination of MN7050, MN7051, MN7053, or MK7056 students will instead gain an interim award of International Business PGCert/Dip.

### 12. Special features

The programme's assessment strategy has built in flexibility to respond to new situations as they arise, therefore ensuring the programme can at all times remain responsive to the International Business environment. For example, using the term 'assignment' allows for agile use of range of different assessment methods on each module for different cohorts, in the past this strategy has allowed us to design assessments that appropriately allow students to engage with emerging and evolving issues in a time relevant manner. For the purpose of the module specification a list of likely and indicative (although not exhaustive) assignment, formats for each point of assessment are suggested. This agile strategy for setting of assessments is reviewed and monitored at programme level alongside our moderation processes to ensure that a good range of authentic and appropriate assessment methods are used within each module and across the programme for each cohort.

## 12a. Research-inspired Education

Students on this programme will advance through the four quadrants of the University of Leicester Research-inspired Education Framework as follows:

RiE Quadrant	Narrative
<p><b>Research-briefed</b></p> <p>Bringing staff research content into the curriculum.</p>	<p>The MSc in International Business offers a comprehensive grounding in the skills and knowledge required for success in the international business environment. It emphasises critical thinking, problem-solving, and developing innovative solutions to international challenges.</p> <p>Research-briefed: A key feature of the programme is its research-briefed approach, integrating the expertise and scholarly work of research-active faculty into teaching. This ensures students engage with cutting-edge insights and real-world applications, tested through diverse assessments. By blending academic research with practical learning, the programme equips graduates with the analytical, strategic, and decision-making capabilities needed to excel in global markets.</p>
<p><b>Research-based</b></p> <p>Framed enquiry for exploring existing knowledge.</p>	<p>Research-based: The MSc in International Business employs a research-based approach, focusing on real-world challenges. Students analyse strategies, develop solutions, in teaching sessions and through course content. These experiences enhance analytical and problem-solving skills while preparing students to address complex global business issues with evidence-based solutions. These equips graduates with the tools to excel in the international business environment.</p>
<p><b>Research-oriented</b></p> <p>Students critique published research content and process.</p>	<p>Research-oriented: Students engage with peer-reviewed academic papers, analysing theories, frameworks, and contrasting viewpoints. These critiques form the basis for group and individual assignments, fostering analytical and evaluative skills. Through activities such as developing research plans and exploring research methodologies, students gain expertise in applying research processes to real-world scenarios.</p>
<p><b>Research-apprenticed</b></p> <p>Experiencing the research process and methods; building new knowledge.</p>	<p>Research-apprenticed: Training and practice will be provided for all students on writing for a variety of audiences, collaborative working, and academic literacy. Training and skills development are provided to conduct research and analyse data for research purposes. This hands-on learning enhances problem-solving and analytical skills, preparing graduates to address complex global business issues with evidence-based solutions.</p> <p>Students will be required to present findings from research and problem-based activities in a variety of formats for a variety of academic and business focused audiences.</p>

**As part of studying at a research-intensive university, students on this programme have the following extra or co-curricular opportunities available to them to gain exposure to research culture:**

Students have access to research seminars and workshops are timetabled on a weekly basis across the College of Business and are accessible to all students within the College. Other research support workshops are also available by Centre for International Training and Education group offered by the university to support and enhance students research skills.

**Teaching on this programme will be research-informed (it draws consciously on systematic inquiry into the teaching and learning process itself) in the following way:**

The School supports all staff involved in teaching to gain an accredited Higher Education teaching qualification, in which they demonstrate their use of teaching theory to support their own practice and reflect on their current teaching and continuing professional development.

Teaching on this programme is research-informed, drawing on systematic inquiry into teaching and learning processes. All module leaders and teaching-focused staff are active members of both their subject-specific research groups. Regular workshops are conducted offering an informal space to discuss contemporary pedagogical issues in business education. Learning and research culture is fostered within the department through hosting seminars and inviting guest speakers to enhance the teaching and learning process. Teaching and learning research culture provide staff with a clear platform to share and evaluate current and potential practice-based activities within the pedagogic sphere.

### **13. Indications of programme quality**

- Internal moderation
- External Examiner Reports
- Internally Administered Student Satisfaction Feedback
- Student Attainment Data
- Peer Enhancement of Learning and Teaching Process and Reporting
- Panel of Examiners

All programmes are reviewed formally through the University administered processes of:

- Periodic Development Review
- Programme Level Annual Development Review
- Curriculum Planning

### **14. External Examiner(s) reports**

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports for this programme can be found at [exampapers@Leicester](mailto:exampapers@Leicester) [log-in required].

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### Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)

The University regularly reviews its programmes and modules to ensure that they reflect the current status of the discipline and offer the best learning experience to students. On occasion, it may be necessary to alter particular aspects of a course or module.

#### Updates to the programme

Academic year	Module	Change
2026/27	MK7050: International Business and Global Marketing	Previously <i>Principles and Practices of International Business</i>
2026/27	MK7002 AI Agent Solutions in Business Project	New module replacing MK7055 <i>International Business Project</i>

MSc International Business – September Intake

Level 7/Year 1      Delivery Year 2026/27    Intake Month September    Mode of Study Full Time Structure

#### Credit breakdown

Status	Teaching Period 1	Teaching Period 2	Teaching Period 3 & 4
Core taught	60 credits	60 credits	n/a
Optional	n/a	n/a	60 credits

180 credits in total

## Core modules

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
Teaching Period 1 (October – January) Sem 1	MK7053	Global Strategy, Innovation and Operations	30
Teaching Period 1 (October – January) Sem 1	MK7056	Responsible International Business and Strategic Risk Management	30
Teaching Period 2 (January – April) Sem 2	MK7050	International Business and Global Marketing	30
Teaching Period 2 (January – April) Sem 2	MK7051	Business Intelligence, Research Methods and Data Analysis	30

## Option modules

Teaching Period 3 & 4* (May – September) Sem 2*	MK7054	International Business Dissertation	60
Teaching Period 3 & 4* (May – September) Sem 2*	MK7002	AI Agent Solutions in Business Project	60

## Notes

\*Denotes module with delivery spanning 2 academic years

MSc International Business – January Intake

**Level 7/Year 1      Delivery Year 2026/27    Intake Month January    Mode of Study Full Time Structure**

## Credit breakdown

Status	Teaching Period 2	Teaching Period 3	Teaching Period 4 & 1
Core taught	60 credits	60 credits	n/a
Optional	n/a	n/a	60 credits

180 credits in total

### Core modules

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
Teaching Period 2 (January – April) Sem 2	MK7050	International Business and Global Marketing	30
Teaching Period 2 (January – April) Sem 2	MK7051	Business Intelligence, Research Methods and Data Analysis	30
Teaching Period 3 (May – July) T3	MK7056	Responsible International Business and Strategic Risk Management	30
Teaching Period 3 (May – July) T3	MK7053	Global Strategy, Innovation and Operations	30

### Option modules

Teaching Period 4* and Teaching Period 1 (July – January) T3*	MK7054	International Business Dissertation	60
Teaching Period 4* and Teaching Period 1 (July – January) T3*	MK7002	AI Agent Solutions in Business Project	60

### Notes

\*Denotes module with delivery spanning 2 academic years

### MSc International Business – April Intake

**Level 7/Year 1      Delivery Year 2026/27    Intake Month April    Mode of Study Full Time Structure**

### Credit breakdown

Status	Teaching Period 3	Teaching Period 4*	Teaching Period 1 & 2 (Year Long)
Core taught	60 credits	60 credits	n/a
Optional	n/a	n/a	60 credits

180 credits in total

#### Core modules

Delivery period	Code	Title	Credits
Teaching Period 3 (April – July) T3	MK7053	Global Strategy, Innovation and Operations	30
Teaching Period 3 (April – July) T3	MK7056	Responsible International Business and Strategic Risk Management	30
Teaching Period 4 (July - September) T3*	MK7050	International Business and Global Marketing	30
Teaching Period 4 (July - September) T3*	MK7051	Business Intelligence, Research Methods and Data Analysis	30

#### Optional modules

Teaching Period 1 and 2 (October – April) Year Long	MK7054	International Business Dissertation	60
Teaching Period 1 and 2 (October – April) Year Long	MK7002	AI Agent Solutions in Business Project	60

#### Notes

\*Denotes module with delivery spanning 2 academic years

This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules.

#### Appendix 2: Module specifications

See postgraduate [module specification database](#) (Note - modules are organized by year of delivery) [login-required]



**Programme Specification (Postgraduate)**

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**Appendix 3: Module Mapping Matrix**

c) **Sub-section i:** Articulation of research-inspired components within taught modules.

<b>RiE Quadrant</b>	<b>Module code and name</b>	<b>Core<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>How the module delivers this aspect of the RiE quadrant (one or two sentences)</b>
<b>Research-briefed</b> Bringing staff research content into the curriculum.	MK7053: Global Strategy, Innovation and Operations	Core	Teaching staff delivers lecture/seminar/workshop contents based on their research expertise. All staff teaching on the programme are engaged in research and bring their experiences into their teaching. The ability to apply these examples is tested by a variety of formative and summative assessments.
	MK7050: <b>International Business and Global Marketing</b>	Core	Teaching staff delivers lecture/seminar/workshop contents based on their research expertise. All staff teaching on the programme are engaged in research and bring their experiences into their teaching. The ability to apply these examples is tested by a variety of formative and summative assessments.
	MK7051: Business Intelligence, Research Methods and Data Analysis	Core	Teaching staff delivers lecture/seminar/workshop contents based on their research skills and expertise. All staff teaching on the programme are engaged in research and bring their experiences into their teaching. The ability to apply these examples is tested by a variety of formative and summative assessments.
	MK7056: Responsible International Business and	Core	Teaching staff delivers lecture/seminar/workshop contents based on their research skills and expertise. All staff teaching on the programme are engaged in research and bring their experiences into their

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	Strategic Risk Management		teaching. The ability to apply these examples is tested by a variety of formative and summative assessments
	MK7002: AI Agent Solutions in Business Project	Optional	Staff incorporate their own research findings or insights into teaching content. Teaching staff share real-world case studies on AI agent deployment or findings from their AI/business research, this exposes students to current, cutting-edge applications.

RiE Quadrant	Module code and name	Core <sup>2</sup>	How the module delivers this aspect of the RiE quadrant (one or two sentences)
<b>Research-based</b> Framed enquiry for exploring existing knowledge.	MK7053: Global Strategy, Innovation and Operations	Core	Students will work in small groups during seminars to analyse case studies and provide analysis on firms' strategies and operations. Based on the analysis students work in team to recommend innovative strategic solutions suitable for international business. Students work in groups to also identify previous lecture learnings they need to apply address the problem posed. Electronic resources, such as short articles, videos are provided to assist them in preparing for seminar discussion
	MK7050: <b>International Business and Global Marketing</b>	Core	Students work in group to create a 30% report focused on specific MNE operating in foreign market. The students are then required to collaboratively use specific taught IB dimensions or frameworks assigned to them to generate a comprehensive report
	MK7051: Business Intelligence, Data Analysis and Research Methods	Core	Students in workshops/seminars gain hands on understanding of Building Data Analytics Dashboard. They are also exposed to approaches to developing research topic, developing research design, searching and reviewing literature, writing research proposal and managing referencing. All of these enhance their skills pertaining to undertaking research for their assignments and dissertations.
	MK7056: Responsible International Business and Strategic Risk Management	Core	Students will collaborate in small groups to explore how international businesses are shaped by civil society, consumer culture, and global inequality, applying responsible and sustainable practices — including ESG

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			integration and inclusive communication — to real-world scenarios.
	MK7002: AI Agent Solutions in Business Project	Optional	Students in practical workshops gain hands on understanding of AI, for instance, exploring industry reports guides problem identification, critique AI solutions, and effective communication and ethical awareness of AI usage in the business context.

RiE Quadrant	Module code and name	Core <sup>3</sup>	How the module delivers this aspect of the RiE quadrant (one or two sentences)
<b>Research-oriented</b>  Students critique published research content and process.			
	MK7053: Global Strategy, Innovation and Operations	Core	Students are allocated case studies during the seminar and they use published literature to solve the case study from academic and practical view. In addition, students choose a topic for their assignments and conduct literature review on areas related to strategy, innovation and operations. In doing so, students use high-quality, peer-reviewed international business, strategy, operations and innovation journals and books to support and build their arguments in the literature review.
	MK7050: <b>International Business and Global Marketing</b>	Core	Students undertake a critical analysis of an organisation's international business, global marketing, drawing on core concepts, frameworks, and theories from the international business and marketing field. Throughout the module and in assessments, they engage and critically evaluate peer-reviewed journal articles and academic texts to interrogate the complexities, principles, theories, foundations and dynamics of international business and global marketing.
	MK7051: Business Intelligence, Research Methods and Data Analysis	Core	Students select an international business topic and develop research plan/proposal. They, then review relevant literature to identify its research needs and challenges. In doing so, students use extant literature pertaining to research methodologies, design strategies, and analysis techniques. Then, based on their

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			analysis, they propose how research plan if implemented could address the issues or gaps.
	MK7056: Responsible International Business and Strategic Risk Management	Core	Throughout the module, students will critically evaluate and engage with published research, strengthening their ability to connect theoretical concepts to real-world international business practices. The formative assessment provides an opportunity for students to critically examine literature and ideological perspectives, assessing international business responsibility through the lens of an organization, industry, or ethical crisis. In individual assessments, students will leverage academic literature to construct well-supported arguments on the strategic risks facing international businesses, including cultural, geopolitical, regulatory, environmental, and technological challenges. They will apply risk management tools, crisis communication strategies, and resilience planning frameworks to address these risks effectively
	MK7054: International Business Dissertation	Optional	As part of dissertation process, students are required to conduct literature review including critical evaluation of the existing published research contents related to their selected research topic.
	MK7002: AI Agent Solutions in Business Project	Optional	As part of the project, students are required to conduct a detailed literature review on their selected international business topic. They critically evaluate existing published research to explore how academic work addresses real-world business challenges. Students develop a strong theoretical foundation for their project while learning how to assess the quality and relevance of academic sources to connect theory with practice.

RiE Quadrant	Module code and name	Core <sup>4</sup>	How the module delivers this aspect of the RiE quadrant (one or two sentences)
<b>Research-apprenticed</b> Experiencing the research process and methods;	MK7051: Business Intelligence, Research Methods and Data Analysis	Core	Students collaborate in group to develop a prototype of an analytics dashboard on excel sheet. The students are encouraged to use various analytics components such as but are not limited to pivot tables, charts, graphs,

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building new knowledge.			trendline, and maps to address the assessment brief questions
	MK7054 - International Business Dissertation	Optional	Students are required to generate dissertation and analysis using primary/secondary research approaches. They are encouraged to use qualitative/quantitative or mixed methods research design
	MK7002: AI Agent Solutions in Business Project	Optional	As part of the project, hands-on prototype development mirrors authentic research. Students test AI solutions, learn to communicate results and address ethical concerns, and collaborate effectively in teams while iteratively improving designs.

vii) **Sub-section ii:** Articulation of plans / intentions for development of Research-Inspired Education beyond the existing provision. *Please capture any future ideas that are not already happening in the box below. This is an optional section and will not be subject to review.*

Students may be encouraged to attend research seminars and workshops hosted by the business school, providing valuable exposure to current academic and industry trends. For those considering further education, such as pursuing a PhD after their master's degree, interactions with current PhD students can offer insightful guidance and inspiration. Additionally, inviting PhD students to deliver lectures on topics closely related to their research can enrich the learning experience by showcasing cutting-edge studies and fostering peer-to-peer academic engagement. Students could also be supported in-terms of how to integrate their studies in the research community within Leicester or scope/potential of their research for publication in journals. MSc in international business could also try to get accreditation by the Institute of Export and International Trade (IOE&IT), the professional membership body representing and supporting the interests of everyone involved in importing, exporting and international trade. Students could be able to gain student membership of the IOE&IT during the course, providing access to a database of networking and job opportunities. This might make the programme more research intensive.