

Work based learning courses for **international learners**

> Part-Time BA / BSc Hons and MA / MSc

The University of Chester is one of the oldest higher education institutions in the UK, and hosts the renowned Centre for Work Related Studies (CWRS).

CWRS is a leading centre for facilitating and accrediting work based learning for professionals, and has a proven track record in collaborating to create high insight and impact learning. CWRS facilitates learning across the globe including in Australia, China, Dubai, Ghana, South Africa and Turkey.

CWRS is one of the largest centres for negotiated, work based learning

in the world, and its Work Based & Integrative Studies (WBIS) programme has been commended and showcased by UK government agencies.

WBIS enables academic recognition to be achieved through real workplace learning and impact, in areas that are important to you.

Together, these give you a unique opportunity to design your own qualification with a distinctive award title.



'I heard about learning through work and was particularly interested in how my prior learning could be accredited and count towards the ultimate qualification. That was the biggest thing for me.'

Don, BA (Hons) in Education and Training (WBIS)

> Key features of the WBIS programme:

Your learning is tailored to meet your specific needs, interests and aspirations

You design your award title with university specialists

You can gain academic credit for your prior experiential and certificated learning

You can learn at a distance using the online WBIS Portal and learning technology

You can choose from online, workplace project or workshop modules



> Key benefits:

Achieve distinctive academic and professional credentials that help you get an edge

Learning that is directly relevant to your direction and motivation

Enables academic achievement alongside work, family and other commitments

Develop workplace skills and direct and practical outcomes in real work contexts

> Key subject areas:

Business and management

Computing and social media

Coaching, mentoring and facilitation

Communication and negotiation

Education, teaching and learning

Housing and regeneration

HR, learning and talent development

Leadership, change and transition

Nursing studies and health studies

Project management

Public services and government.



> How WBIS works

Typically, you will undertake a Self Review and Negotiation of Learning module, where you negotiate and agree your chosen pathway with your designated Personal Academic Tutor. Your pathway will be a mix of:

- accreditation for prior experiential and certificated learning
- online modules
- workplace project modules
- workshop modules (optional)

'I've been greatly impressed by the professionalism and enthusiasm of my tutors'

Ursula, Master's Learner

> Distance routes

You will study mainly through the WBIS Portal, but you may be able to attend one or two day workshops in the UK.

> Distance BA / BSc Hons degrees (part-time)

Award titles are negotiated, and examples include: BA Hons in Leadership and Management (WBIS) and BA Hons in Marketing Management (WBIS).

Self Review & Negotiation of Learning	Or prior learning, up to the equivalent of 240 UK credits
Plus 5 optional modules (at UK Level 4)	
Plus 6 optional modules (at UK Level 5)	
Plus 6 optional modules (at Level 6)	

> Distance MA / MSc degrees (part-time)

Award titles are negotiated, and examples include: MA in Business and Personal Coaching (WBIS), MSc in Capital Investment Management (WBIS), MSc in Nursing Studies (WBIS).

Self Review & Negotiation of Learning	Or prior learning, up to the equivalent of 120 UK credits
Plus 4 optional modules (at UK level 7)	
Designing Practitioner Research	
Workplace project/investigation (equivalent of 3 modules)	

> Full time routes

For professionals with a significant amount of accredited study, you can study on a University of Chester campus for a minimum of 6 months. As a full time student, you will be studying most of the working week, but you will also be working on a real organisational issue or development as an employee or consultant (which you must arrange before application).

> Full Time BA / BSc Hons Top Up

Award titles are negotiated, and examples include: BA Hons in Leadership and Management (WBIS), BA Hons in Marketing Management (WBIS), BA Hons in HRM and Organisational Change (WBIS).

Prior certificated learning: equivalent of 240 UK credits
Self Review & Negotiation of Learning
Skills & Approaches
Work based project (3 modules)
Exit Review & Forward planning

> Full Time Master's Top Up

Award titles are negotiated, and examples include: MA in Sales Management (WBIS), MA in Business Development (WBIS), MA in Organisational Development (WBIS). Contact us for the next start date.

Prior qualification recognised as 120 UK credits (60 credits in Europe), including Research Methods training*
Workplace project/investigation (equivalent of 3 modules)

*We have another routes for those without a research methods training. Please contact us.



> Eligibility

All applicants need to:

1. Be in work (paid or unpaid) or have access to a workplace (arranged before application)
2. Meet English language proficiency requirements, if your first language is not English (check our website for details)
3. Have, for all Master's routes;
 - a) an undergraduate degree
 - or
 - b) exceptional high-level skills through experience, evidenced through your application and possible interview.

> Apply now

Request an application form by contacting us via the details at the bottom of the page.

