



## Project Management MSc

Postgraduate | 2 years Full Time with Advanced Practice | Full Time  
Architecture and Built Environment | City Campus, Northumbria University  
Newcastle | Start September 2026 or January 2027

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## About this course

*Please note: This course is closed for January 2026 entry.*

**Are you interested in gaining a Masters qualification that is highly valued by employers and applicable to a range of industries? This two-year course will give you project management skills that are widely transferable.**

Project management offers excellent starting salaries for those entering the profession with prospects of enjoying salaries between £20,000 and £27,500 for those aged 24 and under. With career progression and experience this can rise up to and in excess of £70,000. The average (median) project management salary, as identified in a [2019 Salary and Market Trends Survey](#) undertaken by the Association for Project Management (APM) is £47,500.

The course covers topics such as how to assess project feasibility, how to manage risks in projects, how to keep people working together, and how to develop a portfolio of projects. The curriculum is aligned with the academic requirements of the Association for Project Management (APM), which is the UK's largest professional body for project managers.

APM Academic Accreditation assesses programmes or modules to help students and professionals choose the best education in support of their project management careers. Academic Accreditation identifies courses and modules which are aligned to the APM Body of Knowledge, 7th edition. Working with other accreditation streams we offer clear, visible and joined-up career progression opportunities.

The Advanced Practice semester in your second year, provides you with the opportunity to undertake a Live Project (including the possibility of live research project work with staff), for one semester as part of your programme. This experience gives you the opportunity to apply skills and knowledge acquired during the taught part of your programme and to acquire new skills and knowledge in an alternative learning environment. Specific learning will be defined in a personal learning contract.

## Research

If you take this option, you may be assigned to our Library and Information Management Research Group. There is every possibility that you may contribute to published research and therefore you may be named as part of the research team, which would be a great start to a research career.

## Modules & Learning

**Our teaching methods include lectures, small group seminars, workshops, master classes and field visits. As this is a Masters course there is a significant element of independent learning and self-motivated reflection.**

You'll undertake a final Masters level research project that will hone your skills in evaluating and applying research techniques and methodologies. The topic of the project will reflect your own unique interests.

Assessments are designed to give feedback as well as to monitor your level of achievement. The assessed projects will enable you to test your skills in ways that relate to current industrial practice. Specific assessment methods include assignments, written reports, exams, group presentations and debates.

Your Advanced Practice semester will be assessed on a pass/fail basis and as such, it does not contribute to the classification of your degree. However, when taken and passed it is recognised both in your transcript as a 60 credit Advanced Practice Module and in your degree title.

## Teaching Staff

**You'll be taught by tutors whose wealth of practitioner and research expertise adds to the richness of the delivery of the course. Their expertise, combined with their on-going active research, will provide an excellent foundation for your learning.**

Our reputation for quality is reflected by the range and depth of our collaborations with industry partners. These collaborations and links help inform our curriculums and ensure input from practitioners via guest lectures and master classes.

## Facilities

**Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) is embedded throughout the course with tools such as the 'Blackboard' eLearning Portal and electronic reading lists that will guide your preparation for seminars and independent research. Our use of lecture capture software will help you revise challenging material. You'll have access to industry-standard software such as Microsoft Project, IBM SPSS and NVivo.**

The 24/7 [University Library](#) achieves some of the highest levels of student satisfaction in the UK and has held the Cabinet Office accreditation for Customer Service Excellence since 2010. It has excellent digital resources with over 100 databases for independent learning as well as half a million electronic books and another 500,000 print books.

To facilitate group projects there are dedicated student working spaces, such as 'The Hub', an area that is well equipped for meetings and working with IT. The Zone is another area that's popular with students undertaking group work or individual study.

## Research-rich Learning

**As a Masters student you'll develop your research skills to a new and higher level. Your research supervisor will support you in your final independent research project, where you choose to produce either**

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a research paper or a dissertation. Your supervisor will provide guidance from its development through to completion.

Northumbria's strong research ethos is an essential aspect of how you will develop as a critical, reflective and independent thinker. Your project-based learning will benefit from the research activities of the teaching team.

Our specialist interests include information management, process improvement strategies, lean production, project-driven organisations, innovation diffusion, 4D planning and scheduling, and construction project management. Northumbria University is particularly known for working on Building Information Management (BIM).

## Your Career

**The course meets a particular need for professional training in project management. Many of the modules involve field visits and guest lectures, allowing you to understand the processes being used to manage construction projects and to talk with experienced managers. This will give you extra insights that increase your competitive edge.**

The course has the additional benefit of being aligned with the academic requirements of the Association for Project Management (APM). This will make it easier for you to become a full member of the UK's largest professional body for project managers.

The Advanced Practice semester may help you develop a track record of achievement that will help you stand out from other job applicants.

A two-year Masters course, like this one, may carry particular weight with employers. They'll understand that you'll have a deeper understanding of topics as well as more hands-on practical experience.

When it comes to applying for jobs, our Careers and Employment Service offers a range of resources as well as support that's available online and on a one-to-one basis.

This course will open up opportunities in project management roles in construction and many other industries. Past graduates have gone on to work for multinational companies such as BAE Systems, Volvo Car Group, NHS, Siemens, IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Shell and Virgin Money. Job roles have included project managers, programme managers, project portfolio managers, management consultants, business developers, entrepreneurs, quality managers and directors.

If you decide to start up your own business, it's good to know that the combined turnover of our graduates' start-up companies is higher than that of any other UK university.

The course could also lead you to a postgraduate research degree such as an MPhil, PhD or Professional Doctorate.

Whatever you decide to do, you will have the transferable skills that employers expect from a Masters graduate from

Northumbria University. These include the ability to tackle complex issues through conceptualisation and undertaking research, the ability to contribute to new processes and knowledge, and the ability to formulate balanced judgements when considering incomplete or ambiguous data.

## Who would this course suit?

This two-year Masters course is for people who want a qualification that is highly valued by employers and which combines technical and people management skills.

## Entry Requirements 2025/26

### Standard Entry

Applicants should normally have:

A minimum of a 2:2 honours degree in any subject. Other subject qualifications, equivalent professional qualifications and/or relevant work experience will be considered on an individual basis.

### International qualifications:

If you have studied a non UK qualification, you can see how your qualifications compare to the standard entry criteria, by selecting the country that you received the qualification in, from our country pages. Visit [www.northumbria.ac.uk/yourcountry](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/yourcountry)

### English language requirements:

International applicants are required to have a minimum overall IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with 5.5 in each component (or approved equivalent\*).

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## Module Overview

Year 1	
KA7058	Research Methods
KA7059	Project Programme and Portfolio Management
KA7060	Project Organisations and Information Management
KA7061	Project Change, Risk and Opportunities Management
KA7064	People in Project Management
KA7065	Project Feasibility and Economics
KA7056	Academic Language Skills for Architecture and Built Environment
Year 2	
KA7057	Advanced Practice Semester
KA7068	Research Project

## Finance

### Tuition Fees (UK students)

**2026 entry:** Full Fee £14,250

**2025 entry:** Full Fee £14,000

You should expect to pay tuition fees for every year of study. The University may increase fees in subsequent years in line with any changes to the tuition fee cap. Increases will be linked to inflation or any other uplift. (Refer to offer letter for further details)

### Tuition Fees (International students)

**2026 entry:** Full Fee £24,500

**2025 entry:** Full Fee £23,950

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## Additional Costs (All Students)

**2026 entry:** Occasionally, optional field trips are arranged. Not participating will not adversely affect your course performance but if you do want to participate, you may need to contribute up to 250.

**2025 entry:** Occasionally field trips are arranged. Not participating will not adversely affect your course performance but if you do want to participate, you may need to contribute up to 250.

## Financial Support

Northumbria University is committed to supporting our students. We offer scholarship packages for students depending on their abilities.

You can find out more information on our individual packages at [www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/pg-fees-funding](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/pg-fees-funding)

Financial support opportunities have associated eligibility conditions, therefore it is essential applicants consider all requirements and observe the application process and deadlines.

## Other Additional Costs

### Accommodation Costs

Many students find that staying in University accommodation enhances their student experience, and Northumbria has a fantastic selection available for you. Visit our [accommodation pages](#) to investigate your options for living and studying in Newcastle. All costs incurred are optional and students should select the most appropriate accommodation for their needs.

### Information on DBS checks

The Government have changed guidelines on ID verification required as part of Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks.

The University's DBS provider, Atlantic Data, are on the register of digital identity services and the university has received the System Change Quotation. This will incur a £5 (ex. VAT) cost to the applicant.

For further information, please see [GOV.UK ID Checking Guidance](#)

### Accessibility Support

The Student Accessibility Team can provide support for physical conditions including sensory impairments, Specific Learning Differences (SpLD), ADHD, autism spectrum conditions, or long-term mental health conditions. To register for support, we require supporting documents from external bodies such as GPs or other medical practitioners. These external bodies may charge

for providing this information. Please see our [webpages](#) for more information on our support.

If a student applies for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) and is allocated specialist equipment, the student may be required to make a contribution of £200 towards the equipment cost.

### Healthcare Costs

Students, depending on their circumstances, may incur some charges for accessing healthcare or medication from the National Health Service. These include charges for prescriptions, charges for dental checks and treatment, and charges for other services, such as providing vaccinations or for certain types of medical evidence (for example, evidence to support a Personal Extenuating Circumstances/PEC claim at the University, if required). These charges are set and charged by NHS services, rather than by the University, and will be subject to change.

International students from particular countries may be required to pay to have a Tuberculosis (TB) test.

We also strongly recommend that all EU and international students take out their own insurance policy to cover costs which are not met by the National Health Service. It is your responsibility to ensure you pay for adequate insurance cover for the duration of your stay in the UK.

For more information about healthcare-related charges in the UK, please visit the [UKCISA](#) webpage.

### Immigration Health Surcharge

The **Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)** is a fee international students need to pay as part of their visa application.

The National Health Service (NHS) is a UK healthcare system paid for through taxes. As an international student, paying the IHS allows you to use the NHS in the same way as UK nationals and residents. Whether you need to pay depends on the immigration status you're applying for.

You usually need to pay the healthcare surcharge if you're applying for a visa or immigration application:

- for more than 6 months, if you're applying outside the UK
- for any length of time, if you're applying inside the UK

You do not need to pay if you're applying for a visitor visa or to remain in the UK permanently.

- More information on [Who Needs to Pay](#)
- Calculate your [Immigration Health Surcharge](#)
- More information on [How to Pay](#)

### Congregation Costs

When you graduate you will be invited to attend your graduation ceremony. Free tickets will be provided to the Graduate and two guests. Congregation ceremonies also have associated costs. To take part you will be required to

hire a graduation gown and cap\* You may also wish to purchase a professional photograph or additional guest tickets. To give you an approximation of costs, for students graduating in 2025/26, the price of an additional guest ticket was £15.00. Please note, these are subject to availability. Please also be aware that the associated costs of graduation ceremonies are subject to review each year. *\*Gown hire and photography are purchased from external providers, therefore the University cannot demonstrate prices.*

## Library Costs

Your University Library provides a postal service for books and journal articles which can be sent world-wide to Northumbria students who are studying part-time or by distance learning. Students who are on placement for more than six weeks are eligible to use the service whilst on placement.

There is no charge for posting books out, but you will be required to pay the cost of any return postage. We recommend that items are returned by recorded delivery. You can of course, return books in person to the University Library.

We no longer charge daily overdue fines for Library items but if a book is overdue by 30 days, we class it as lost. In such cases, a replacement charge of £25 will be added to your account. **If you have replacement charges for an overdue book, these charges will be automatically removed from your account when the book is returned, even if it is returned late.** Once returned, you'll be free to continue borrowing as usual. See our [borrowing guide](#) for further information.

Books that are actually lost or damaged beyond repair will be charged at a standard cost of £25. Alternatively you may choose to provide a replacement copy in discussion with the Library. [Click here](#) for further information about lost or damaged items. Where books borrowed from other libraries are lost or damaged we are obliged to adhere to the replacement policies of the lending institution.

If you lose your University smart card there is a replacement charge of £5 to obtain a new one. This cost is waived if your smart card has been stolen and you can provide a police crime reference number.

## Placement Costs

Placements in industry are a core element of many of Northumbria's courses. Whilst many of these placements are optional, some are mandatory. They offer you a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience, giving you a distinct edge in the job market. To undertake a placement, you will need to budget for any accommodation and travel charges.

## Printing & Photocopying Costs

Each year students get £10 print credit, this is the equivalent of 1,000 A4 black and white prints. This balance is topped up each year with the £10 and will roll-over to the next year (Northumbria does not reset this to zero).

- One A4 black and white: 1p
- One A3 black and white: 2p
- One A4 colour: 5p
- One A3 colour: 5p

Print credits will be debited from your account when you select and print out your document. Further information can be found on the Student Portal.

Note: These prices are per page, so double-sided will be double the price e.g. 2 sided B&W on A4 = 2p

## Visa Costs

International students will be required to pay visa application fees, and associated fees as required - such as the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge, Tuberculosis tests, fees to renew or extend a visa, and fees associated with appealing a visa/immigration decision. These fees are set and charged by the UK government, rather than by the University, and are subject to change. More information about these fees can be found on the [UK Government's website](#), and information about applying for a visa to study at Northumbria can be found on our [here](#).