LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

Course information for applicants

This information applies to the course as it will be delivered to students starting the course in 2027/28.
Information provided here was confirmed on 22/09/2026

General information

Programme code
MSCCG

Target award
If you complete this course successfully you will be eligible for the award of:
MSc Corporate Governance

Delivery mode
✓ On campus
✓ Distance learning

Where you will study
The majority of teaching will be at City campus but on occasion may be at Headingley campus.

The course is also offered by distance learning (part time only).

Professional accreditation or recognition

Professional body
Corporate Governance Institute (CGI)

Summary of the accreditation or recognition
This course is accredited by the Chartered Governance Institute UK & Ireland. The MSc in Corporate Governance programme has embedded the learning outcomes of the Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme (CGQP). The quality of provision has been recognised by the Chartered Governance Institute through awarding the University the status of an ‘approved centre’. The modules are mapped to CGQP learning outcomes thereby providing a route to the Grad CGI.

Achieving GradCGI status demonstrates high level mastery of the many subjects relevant to governance and compliance. Graduates typically progress quickly to Associate membership, which requires up to six years' relevant work experience in addition to their qualification in governance.

The Corporate Governance Institute (CGI) require you pass all modules on the course to be eligible for graduate membership of the CGI after course completion.

Awarding body
Leeds Beckett University

Regulator
Office for Students

Level of qualification
Level 7 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

Course duration
If you are made an offer of a place on the course, your offer letter will include the start date.

This course can be studied:

12 months full-time (September start)
16 months full-time (January start)
24 months part-time (September start)
28 months part-time (January start)

Part-time study
This course can be studied part-time.

If you study the course part-time, it will usually take twice as long to complete compared with the equivalent full-time course. The modules may be delivered in a different sequence than on the full-time course, but you will study the same modules at each academic level. With the agreement of the course team, you may be able to increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration.

As a part-time student, you will not usually have the option of a work placement.

Work placement
This course does not include a placement year.

Entry requirements
Admissions criteria are available on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have previous relevant qualifications or experience, you could be exempt from certain parts of your course. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) allows you to start your course at a point appropriate to the learning and skills that you may have developed in a professional, vocational or community setting.

Find out more here: https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning
If you have questions about entry requirements and admissions, contact AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Course fees

Course fees and a breakdown of any additional costs is included on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have questions about fees for this course, contact Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Timetable

You will receive your full timetable for the year during induction week.

What you will study

Course aims

The course aims to develop critical, ethical, competent and reflective practitioners who can perform effectively within a range of governance contexts and demonstrate the capabilities required for professionals in the field of corporate administration. It seeks to facilitate the knowledge and understanding of a broad range of corporate governance, legal and financial management principles and practices, as well as the development of related skills and competencies.

The course provides students with an in-depth understanding of corporate governance from corporate, investor and stakeholder perspectives. Corporate governance is concerned with issues such as who controls a company, the relationship between owners and managers and other stakeholders, who takes responsibility for decisions, and executive remuneration levels. Overall, the course takes an international, multi-sector and multi-disciplinary perspective on corporate governance, with a particular focus on development and ethical concerns. A critical mode of thinking is employed to stimulate students' thinking, and encourage students to reflect on their learning experiences, challenge their taken-for-granted assumptions and knowledge, and enhance and enrich their learning experiences.

The course is appropriate for graduate students who have a first degree in management, business or other social sciences. The course is also appropriate for more experienced individuals who are looking for a postgraduate qualification in corporate governance to enhance their career progression to executive director level or for other roles such as non-executive director or consultancy. The rationale of the course is to develop skilled, flexible and adaptable executive leaders who will play a crucial role in facilitating the process of ethical and focused organisational change representing a broad reach of stakeholder interests. The overall aim of the course is to enable students to develop the knowledge, skills and awareness that will enable them to transform their companies by providing team-based leadership through the creation and communication of version and values, to achieve world-class standards of performance.

The provision provides the opportunity for students to obtain a qualification, which is in continual demand by employers, and needed by professionals to enter, and/or to progress in the corporate secretary profession, therefore the course aims reflect the requirements of the CGI Professional Standards. The course is further matched to QAA FHEQ for H7 and the benchmark statement for business and management.

The MSc Corporate Governance is primarily aimed at students who wish to develop their academic capabilities and management aspirations to gain a career as corporate secretary or work in similar executive or boardroom roles within an organisation. Candidates can also join the programme from any range of background sectors, public and private, MNE or SME and include those working in law, finance HR or general management roles as well as those who have recently completed an undergraduate qualification and are looking for professional progression.

Teaching and learning activities

The course involves a range of different learning and teaching activities to provide a balance of activity and encourage engagement from students with a range of different learning preferences. The course begins with an induction day with interactive workshops which introduces students to concepts of post-graduate study. During the first semester, students study Applied Corporate Law, Interpreting Financial and Accounting Information, and Boardroom Dynamics to provide students with a board and resilient skills base. Learning and teaching activities for these modules include case study analysis, presentation, group work, individual research and theoretical input to provide both underpinning knowledge of key governance, legal and financial corporate themes/concepts and issues but also the resilience, courage and integrity to apply their knowledge in complex boardroom scenarios.
In the second semester students undertake The Practice of Governance, Leadership and Strategy, Corporate Secretarial Practice and Risk Management to enable students to expand and apply their learning through different contexts and theoretical perspectives. Learning and teaching activities for these modules vary on the content, but include activities such as boardroom discussions, critical evaluation of case studies, student-led presentations, debates and guest lectures. Assessment follows on with the applied nature of the programme using examination to assess held knowledge ability to respond on the spot to previously unseen questions this is further developed by the use of extensive and case studies where students demonstrate knowledge, skill and aptitude to substantial and complex cases. The course concludes with students undertaking an independent research-led CGI focused major project.

Course structure

This information is correct for students progressing through the course within standard timescales. If you have to repeat study or take time out during your course, you may be taught alternative modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes.

The option modules listed may vary. Those listed here are likely to be offered in a typical year.

Level 7 (September FT)

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/teaching period
Applied Corporate Law	20	1
Interpreting Financial and Accounting Information	20	1
Boardroom Dynamics	20	1
The Practice of Governance, Leadership and Strategy	20	2
Corporate Secretarial Practice	20	2
Risk Management	20	2
PG Major Project	60	Year-long
Total number of credits of compulsory modules:	180	

Level 7 (January FT)

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/teaching period
The Practice of Governance, Leadership and Strategy	20	1
Corporate Secretarial Practice	20	1
Risk Management	20	1
Applied Corporate Law	20	2
Interpreting Financial and Accounting Information	20	2

Boardroom Dynamics	20	2
PG Major Project	60	Year-long
Total number of credits of compulsory modules:	180	

Level 7 (September PT Y1)

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Applied Corporate Law	20	1
Interpreting Financial and Accounting Information	20	1
The Practice of Governance, Leadership and Strategy	20	2
Corporate Secretarial Practice	20	2
Number of credits of compulsory modules	80	

Level 7 (September PT Y2)

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Boardroom Dynamics	20	1
Risk Management	20	2
PG Major Project	60	Year-long
Number of credits of compulsory modules	100	

Level 7 (January PT Y1)

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
The Practice of Governance, Leadership and Strategy	20	1
Corporate Secretarial Practice	20	1
Applied Corporate Law	20	2
Interpreting Financial and Accounting Information	20	2
Number of credits of compulsory modules	80	

Level 7 (January PT Y2)

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Risk Management	20	1
Boardroom Dynamics	20	2
PG Major Project	60	Year-long
Number of credits of compulsory modules	100	

Assessment and feedback

The balance of assessment may change depending on which option modules you choose.

Level 7

This course is assessed predominantly by coursework with some practical activities. There is a major independent study module which will require the production of a major project.

Workload

You can expect to spend a total of 100 hours learning per 10 credits.

Typically, a student on this course can expect to divide their time like this:

Overall workload	Level 7
Teaching, learning and assessment	273 hours
Independent study	1527 hours
Placement study	