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
MSCGT

Target award
If you complete this course successfully you will be eligible for the award of:
MSc Corporate Governance (Top-Up)

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.

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 part-time

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 MSc Corporate Governance (Top Up) 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 programme enables students to develop the knowledge, skills and awareness that will empower them to transform their companies by providing team-based leadership through the creation and communication of vision and values, to achieve world-class standards of performance.

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.

Top-up routes for specialist masters' in MSc Corporate Governance are designed to allow access to the final element of a master's degree to build upon graduates' CGI professional qualification. The course is specifically focused at experienced and CGI qualified individuals who are looking for a postgraduate qualification in corporate governance to assist and 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 provision provides the opportunity for students to obtain a qualification, which is in continual demand by employers, and needed by professionals to progress in the corporate secretary profession, therefore the course reflects and builds on 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.

Candidates are likely to 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 MSc Corporate Governance (Top Up) will utilise the opportunities offered by the experiential diversity of its intake to enhance the student learning experience. The research methods element of the module uses a variety of methods; typically, the block will consist of a mix of group and individual activities, workshops and case study analysis. Where appropriate, students will be given opportunities to relate the material covered to the workplace. The integration of students is seen as an important opportunity for students to learn by sharing their and their peers experience through discussion. Modules at this level will be characterised not only by the inclusion of more advanced knowledge, but also by being more open-ended in the realistic situations in which students are required to identify and tackle problems. The progressive problem-solving philosophy, together with the complementary encouragement of independent learning, will shift the mix of work away from that done in class and towards that done outside.

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

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/teaching period
PG Major Project	60	Year-long
Total number of credits of compulsory modules:	60	

Assessment and feedback

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

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On this course students will be assessed by coursework. 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	33 hours
Independent study	567 hours
Placement study	