

Business Higher National Diploma

Course Overview

This is a two-year full-time university-level course awarded by De Montfort University (DMU). Over three terms per year, the programme brings together the practical and theoretical elements of management, marketing and finance and leads to a Higher National Diploma (HND) award. The overarching aim of the Business HND is to support students to acquire and develop the knowledge, skills, and behaviours necessary to work effectively, confidently, and responsibly within a wide range of business organisations. It provides students with an excellent grounding in all aspects of business, incorporating knowledge from a range of disciplines such as accounting, economics, finance, human resource management, marketing, and sustainability. Whilst this course is taught at Leicester College, the diploma is affiliated to De Montfort University and with this you can enjoy the benefits of DMU's extensive library and student union at its campus in Leicester city centre.

What you will learn

By the end of your first year you will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of a range of business concepts, theories, and a basic ability to interpret them in a structured business management context.
- Develop and apply your own perspective to your studies to deal with uncertainty and complexity in generating business management solutions.
- Systematically acquire subject discipline knowledge on the institutional context of business management.
- Articulate ideas, arguments, and conclusions in written and oral form.
- Develop and apply values, skills, knowledge, and behaviours that will enable you to contribute to the development of a just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

You'll be provided with an excellent grounding in all aspects of business which will give you the ability to critically evaluate organisations in terms of their key areas of business management, structures, functions, and processes. Students have also taken the opportunity to secure year-long placements through the DMU Works careers and employability team. Examples of companies they have previously secured placements with include BMW, Jaguar Land Rover and Siemens.

By the end of your second year you'll be able to:

- Evaluate organisations in terms of their key areas of business management, structures, functions and processes and the relationships between these.
- Demonstrate competence by identifying and critically analysing a range of business concepts, theories, and research in evaluating issues and identifying priority actions.
- Develop and apply your own perspective to your studies to deal with uncertainty and complexity in generating business management solutions.
- Systematically acquire subject discipline knowledge and evaluate the institutional context of business management.
- Clearly and confidently articulate ideas, arguments, and conclusions in written and oral form to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- Develop and apply values, skills, knowledge, and behaviours that will enable them to contribute to the development of a just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

After your second year, you may wish to continue your studies, in the first instance, upon successful completion of your HND continue to 'top-up' to a full BA (Hons) Degree in Business and Management (and further BA (Hons) options) via a third year of study at the main DMU campus.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry to this course requires a minimum of 32 UCAS in a level 3 qualification (i.e. A-Level, extended/subsidiary diploma, Access to HE or T-Level) in a related subject. You are also expected to hold GCSE English and maths at grade 4 (C) or equivalent. We welcome applicants who do not meet our standard entry requirements but can demonstrate the ability to study this subject at university level and have evidence of relevant work experience.

How you will be assessed

Assessment will be a combination of formative activity, case studies, assignments and exams across the academic year graded on a percentage mark achieved basis. The final HND award is graded pass, merit or distinction depending on the level of achievement at the end of year 2.

Course Fees

After successful completion of the 1st semester, students may be eligible for a £250 progression award. If you have to complete a work placement involving working with children or vulnerable adults as part of your course, you may need to apply for a DBS check at a cost of £40. If the course is longer than one year the total fees are for the first year only and further fees may apply in future years. All fees are based on a 'home' learner status.

Course Progression

Progression to the Higher National Diploma in the second year is dependent on your performance and engagement in year 1. On successful completion of this HND, you can apply to 'top up' to the 3rd year of the BA (Hons) Business and Management at De Montfort University and also BA streams within the faculty. In order to do this, you will need level 2 English and maths. You may also wish to inquire with other universities for your top-up studies.

What Happens Next

Course Details

Course Code	P00538
Start Date	22/09/2025
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	2 years
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level	5

Apply Here

Applications to this full-time undergraduate course should be made through UCAS at ucas.com using the course code 422N, institution code D26. If you haven't started a UCAS application yet, and only want to apply to Leicester College, you can apply directly to us using our direct application form via the College Website and we will process a UCAS application on your behalf. Due to the nature of this programme, you may also be invited to attend an interview, or where necessary, other means of interview (i.e. telephone, web-based, Microsoft Teams) can be arranged.