

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership
Awarding Body	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	None
Credit Structure ²	360 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits Level 6: 120 Credits
Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Standard Length of Course ³	42 months full-time
Intended Award	BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership
Apprenticeship Standard	Supply Chain Leadership Professional (Integrated Degree) - Level 6 Apprenticeship Standard
Named Exit Awards	CertHE Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership DipHE Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership
Entry Requirements ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants must be employed for more than 30 hours per week in a suitable role and have the support of their employer. • All applicants under the age of 21 should hold a Level 3 qualification equivalent to 112 UCAS points but might, exceptionally, be considered on the basis of experience and commitment to the programme. • Applicants over the age of 21 can be considered on the basis of sufficient skills and experience, in line with the University policy. • All applicants are required to hold Level 2 English and Maths at GCSE grade C/4 or above (or the equivalent)
Delivering Institution	University of Suffolk
UCAS Code	

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2025-26 academic year⁵.

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

³ Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

⁴ Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#) and further details about Disclosure and Barring Checks (DBS) can be found on the [University's DBS webpage](#).

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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Course Summary

This programme is designed to support the careers of those looking for a career in supply chain or logistics or who already have a role in these sectors and wish to enhance their knowledge and skills. It has been designed to incorporate areas that industry professionals have identified as being important for those in the early stages of a management or leadership career. The apprenticeship standard ([Supply Chain Leadership Professional](#)) was created by a group that included a large number of businesses who were able to comment on areas of knowledge, skills and behaviours critical to careers in Supply Chain and Logistics. The resulting document is known as the 'Apprenticeship Standard'.

As we developed this programme we worked very closely with this standard and have 'mapped' every module against the areas of Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours (KSBs) which define the content of the apprenticeship. You will see evidence of this in the module specifications (at the end of this handbook) where we clarify the KSBs that each module will help you develop. As you complete assignments and collect pieces of evidence from your employment you will develop your understanding of these elements and collect evidence to help you demonstrate your competence in these areas.

This is an 'integrated' programme which means that when you complete the final 'End Point Assessment' you will simultaneously complete your degree (BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership) and the Supply Chain Leadership Professional apprenticeship. You will be prepared for a range of career paths within supply chain functions. These roles will usually report to members of the executive team and might be employed in public, private or charitable sectors.

Course Aims

1. Ensure that you can demonstrate competence in areas of Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours as set out in the Supply Chain Leadership Professional apprenticeship standard.
2. Provide you with an understanding of the fundamentals and complexities of leading and managing in the supply chain and logistics sectors.
3. Encourage and support you to apply your learning to your work, to understand and solve problems and to communicate in a variety of ways to professional audiences.
4. Challenge you to think in a sustainable way, alert to the positive impact that well-run businesses can have on the planet and to society.

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)⁶.

On successful completion of this course you will be able to:

1. Evaluate concepts, including those that are complex and at the forefront of research and debate, those described in Level 4 and Level 5 and Technology; Leadership.
2. Synthesise and critically examine information and data drawing on sources that you have found for yourself.

⁶ As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)
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3. Suggest and justify creative solutions to real-world scenarios using a range of concepts drawn from across disciplinary boundaries, information and data.
4. Discuss your university apprenticeship experience in terms of competence against areas of Knowledge, Skill and Behaviours as set out in the apprenticeship standard.
5. Formulate, justify and evaluate a project which demonstrates the value of well-designed research to supply chain or logistics business practice.

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following Apprenticeship Standards:

- [Supply Chain Leadership Professional \(Integrated Degree\)](#)

Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 4			
	Supply Chain and Operational Design	20	Mandatory
	Supply Chain Network Design	20	Mandatory
	Capacity Planning and Forecasting	20	Mandatory
	Finance and Procurement	20	Mandatory
	Work-Based Learning Project	40	Mandatory
Level 5			
	Inventory and Warehouse Management	20	Mandatory
	Logistics and Transportation	20	Mandatory
	Sustainability and the Regulatory Environment	20	Mandatory
	Decision-Making and Research	20	Mandatory
	Work-Based Project	40	Mandatory
Level 6			
	Technologies and eBusiness	20	Mandatory
	Supply Chain Strategy	20	Mandatory
	Effective Leadership and Management	20	Mandatory
	Work-Based Research Project and End Point Assessment	60	Mandatory

⁷ Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#)

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Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership and the Level 6 Supply Chain Leadership Professional apprenticeship. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a Diploma of Higher Education on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5, or a Certificate of Higher Education successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at level 4.

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at the University of Suffolk Ipswich campus. Students studying full-time on BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership are likely to have approximately 76 contact hours for level 4, 68 contact hours for level 5 and 60 contact hours for level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of seminar, discussion and practical group activity. Students will normally be expected to undertake 6 hours of independent study in an average week, but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each module's intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will be 100% coursework (including essays, reports, presentations, group work, reflective learning journals and research projects).

End Point Assessment

All students on the course undertake an End Point Assessment (EPA) to complete their Supply Chain Leadership Professional apprenticeship. Students will be expected to undertake the EPA as part of their degree. The EPA will be delivered by the University. The EPA will be 50% coursework (research project, report and presentation), 50% oral examinations. Following successful completion of the EPA students will achieve their Supply Chain Leadership Professional apprenticeship.

Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute.

Course Costs

Students undertaking BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Supply Chain Leadership will not be charged tuition fees directly. Tuition fees will be agreed between the University and a student's employer. Students will be required to sign a commitment statement before starting their apprenticeship which will detail the student's, employer's, and University's expectations under the apprenticeship agreement. Students may need to cover travel costs to the University of Suffolk campus in Ipswich.

Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).