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COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

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1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Accounting and Finance
Course code	MSACFFTC, PDACFFTC, PCACFFTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip and PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield Campus
School(s)	School of Management
Theme	Leadership and Management
Centre	Economics and Finance
Course Director	Prof. Yacine Belghitar
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements - minimum of a UK 2.1 degree in Accounting, Finance or related Business discipline Applicants who do not have a degree in Accounting, Finance or related Business discipline can apply, provided they can demonstrate passion for a career in Accounting or Finance.
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc – one year
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is primarily delivered by Finance and Accounting group in School of Management with research interests in financial management and accounting. The course shares 20 credits on the core modules and 20 credits via two electives with the MSc Finance.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

- Teaching/instruction from external academics, industry and other guest speakers
- Individual research thesis/project

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) provides an approved route to work toward an additional professional qualification.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to provide students with a conceptual and advanced understanding in various functional dimensions of the complex world of accounting and finance. It develops the necessary skills and knowledge in line with the requirements of the financial reporting and the international accounting standards.

The proposed programme is equally attractive to new graduates and those looking to develop a career in the accounting and finance such as financial controller, accounting manager, business consultant and finance experts from various backgrounds. The course is an ideal for both those in accounting profession and others who may be considering a career change or fresh graduates considering advance skill in accounting and finance.

The objectives are five-fold:

1. To prepare students for the world of employment as well as career development opportunities in accounting and finance;
2. To develop students' competence to apply a range of advanced accounting skills to the practice of financial reporting from a global perspective;
3. To impart advanced study and understanding of finance function practice and the changing external context in which it operates;

4. To enrich the students' learning experience by offering an opportunity to undertake academically rigorous independent research and enhance their ability to communicate ideas, arguments and research findings effectively in written form; and
5. To enhance lifelong learning through the development of transferable intellectual and study skills to enable self-direction and creativity, in order to contribute to business, the economy and society at large.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Identify and apply appropriate tools and techniques for transforming data into useful information for business decision support.
ILO 2. Critically appraise and reflect onthe current financial environment.
ILO 3. Apply organisational values to recognise, defend and address ethical, corporate social responsibility and sustainability issues.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Select, adapt and apply theoretical accounting and finance methods to practical business problems and justify the approach..
ILO 5. Critically assess current developments and topical issues in the practice of accounting and financial management together with the capacity to evaluate its relevance to business decision.
ILO 6. Assemble and construct information using a range of contemporary accounting and finance tools and mediums, for decision making in business organisations.
ILO 7. Evaluate complex business problems and draw appropriate decisions, using appropriate accounting and finance decision-making techniques.

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 8. Critically evaluate and synthesis the published literature in accounting and finance.
ILO 9. Carry out research using appropriate techniques and draw justifiable inferences from the data obtained.
ILO 10. Display practical capabilities in self-directed research, data gathering, data analysis and interpretation and report writing.
ILO 11. Produce a high-quality thesis and critically evaluate the interpretations of the data.

4. How is the course taught?

The MSc Accounting and Finance course provides a varied, stimulating and experiential learning environment. All taught modules consist of formal lectures, in-class discussions, group and self-study. Group project work, reflective practice and class exercises are used to develop problem solving skills. The course is supported by an electronic learning environment (Canvas) which is the central repository for all information relating to the course and available to the students at all times. Additional practical expertise is provided by visiting fellows and guest speakers. Each delivered module comprises 20 hours of class

contact time with a further 80 hours of study time to consolidate learning and carry out assignments, giving 100 notional learning hours per module. The thesis component of the module is a total of 80 credits.

Four taught modules are borrowed from the MSc in Finance, however, these modules are delivered separately for the MSc in Accounting and Finance.

Students are supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Orientation week;
- Library induction, referencing and plagiarism sessions;
- A Virtual Learning Environment;
- Learning teams supported by an academic tutor;
- Personal development lectures delivered by the head of the careers development service
- Help with preparation of CVs.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

Postgraduate Certificate in Accounting and Finance
The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 0 5 modules from 2, 4 to 10 1 module from 1 or 3	0 50 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
n/a	
TOTAL:	60

Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance
The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 0 All modules 1 to 10	0 100
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
2 modules from 11 to 14	20
TOTAL:	120

MSc in Accounting and Finance

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc is awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 0 All modules 1 to 10 Module 15 16 Thesis	0 100 0 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
2 modules from 11 to 14	20
TOTAL:	200

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

Students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months. The course is structured in three terms.
In term 1, students attend 6 compulsory modules (modules 1 to 6).
In term 2, students will attend four compulsory modules (modules 7 to 10, and 15) and two elective modules (any two modules from modules 11, 12, 13 and 14).
Term 2 core modules build on term 1 modules. Electives build on all core modules
The core and electives modules are taught in a series of 10x2 hour lectures in terms one and two.
The individual research-based thesis is undertaken during term 3.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The core purpose of the course is to provide students with a sound knowledge of the Accounting and Finance required for a successful career in this area. It provides a varied, stimulating and experiential learning environment. All taught modules consist of formal lecturers, in-class case discussions, group and self-study. Group project work, reflective practice and class exercises are used to develop problem solving skills.

The faculty have given careful consideration to the student experience in designing the assessment strategy that is aligned with the course learning outcomes.

The assessment strategy for this course is challenging and diverse. Summative assessment includes a range of assessment types including the preparation of individual and group reports, group presentations, and written exams. This approach ensures that students demonstrate their understanding through a wide range of learning techniques but are not disadvantaged through any one approach. The diversity of assessment modes also enables students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes.

Written coursework will be of varying lengths, recognising that writing coursework to a short length can be more challenging for some and can develop different skills relevant to professional practice. Feedback for all assessments is given in a timely fashion, dependent on the type of assessment, but always within 20 working days of submission deadline.

A number of modules are further supported by formative assessments including group discussions, case studies, oral presentations, and working through exercises in groups and individually. Formative feedback will be provided during or after the session in a way appropriate for the task.

The students are also required to write a thesis that carries 40% of the total credits for the course. They will be provided guidance through the Research Methods module as well as by their supervisors. This independent research work provides students a unique opportunity to a tackle a specific issue of topical interest in Accounting or Finance under the guidance of an expert supervisor. The thesis develops the students' research and project management skills, including the ability to think and work in an original way, contribute to knowledge, and communicate through a written piece of work.

The course further aims to offer personal and specialist skills development for candidates with extensive industrial experience.

The taught components precede the research project, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for the individual research project. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through the [*Research Methods* module] and meetings with their thesis supervisor.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules
Accounting and Finance

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc**. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
0		M-T-IND	SOM MSc Induction	Prof. Yacine Belghitar	20		0	Y	25/09/2023	25/09/2023	02/10/2023	N/A	AO	N/A					
1		M-F-COF-B23	Corporate Finance	Prof. Yacine Belghitar	20		10	Y	25/09/2023	02/10/2023	13/11/2023	40	EX	100				December exam week	

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear androgogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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2		M-AF-FDA	Financial Data Analysis	Dr Nemanja Radić	20		10	N	25/09/2023	03/10/2023	14/11/2023	40	GCW	100				12/01/2024	
3		M-AF-FAC	Financial Accounting	Dr Matthias Nnadi	20		10	N	25/09/2023	04/10/2023	30/10/2023	40	EX	100				December exam week	
4		M-F-IFME-B23	International Financial Market and Ethics	Dr Nemanja Radić/ Dr Walter Gontarek	20	20	10	Y	25/09/2023	05/10/2023	01/11/2023	40	GCW	100				19/01/2024	
5		M-AF-STR	Strategic Management	Dr Will Lewis	20		10	N	25/09/2023	25/10/2023	01/12/2023	40	GPRES	100				12/01/2024	
6		M-AF-GBE	Global Business Environment	Prof. Costas Alexiou	20		10	N	25/09/2023	06/10/2023	01/11/2023	40	GCW	100				29/11/2023	
7		M-AF-BVA	Business Valuation	Dr Vineet Agarwal	20		10	N	12/01/2024	12/01/2024	09/02/2024	40	EX	100				March exam week	
8		M-E-ENF B23	Entrepreneurial Finance	Prof Steffi Hussels	20		10	N	08/01/2024	08/01/2024	09/02/2024	40	GCW	100				02/04/2024	
9		M-AF-IFR	International Financial Reporting	Dr Matthias Nnadi/ Associate	20	20	10	N	08/01/2024	08/01/2024	07/02/2024	40	ICW	100				08/03/2024	
10		M-AF-SMA	Strategic Management Accounting	Dr Matthias Nnadi/ Associate	20	20	10	N	09/01/2024	09/01/2024	08/02/2024	40	EX	100				March exam week	

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11		M-F/PEQ	Private Equity	Dr Wasim Ahmad	20		10	Y		12/02/2024	13/03/2024	40	ICW	100				12/04/2024	
12		M-F/MAR	Mergers, Acquisitions and Restructuring	Prof. Yacine Belghitar/ Prof. Andrea Moro	20		10	Y		13/02/2024	14/03/2024	40	GPRES	100				09/04/2024	
13		M-AF-IPFT	International Public Finance and Taxation	Dr Matthias Nnadi	20		10	Y		16/02/2024	15/03/2024	40	ICW	100				12/04/2024	
14		M-AF-INF	International Finance	Prof. Sunil Poshakwale	20		10	Y		13/02/2024	14/03/2024	40	ICW	100				12/04/2024	
15		M-AF-REM	Research Methods	Dr Vineet Agrawal	12		0	N		12/01/2024	09/02/2024	N/A	AO	N/A				09/05/2024	
16		M-F-THS	Thesis	Prof Yacine Belghitar	0		80	Y		January 2024	May 2024	50	THS	100				02/09/2024	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.[12]

Module code	**Module title**	**Module Type**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
M-T-IND	SOM MSc Induction	Compulsory	MSc Management	Accounting and Finance Management and Corporate Sustainability Management and Entrepreneurship Strategic Marketing Finance Logistics and Supply Chain Management Procurement and Supply Chain Management Supply Chain Practice
M-F/COF	Corporate Finance	Compulsory	MSc Finance	MSc Accounting and Finance
M-F/IFME	International Financial Markets and Ethics	Compulsory	MSc Finance	MSc Accounting and Finance
M-F/PEQ	Private Equity	Elective	MSc Finance	MSc Accounting and Finance
M-F/MAR	Mergers, Acquisitions and Restructuring	Elective	MSc Finance	MSc Accounting and Finance
M-F/IEM	Investing in Emerging Markets and Alternative Investment	Elective	MSc Finance	MSc Accounting and Finance
M-F/FIS	Fixed Interest Securities and Credit Risk Modelling	Elective	MSc Finance	MSc Accounting and Finance
M-AF/INF	International Finance	Elective	MSc Accounting and Finance	MSc Finance
M-AF/IPFT	International Public Finance and Taxation	Elective	MSc Accounting and Finance	MSc Finance
M-E-ENF	Entrepreneurial Finance	Compulsory	Management and Entrepreneurship	MSc Accounting and Finance MSc Finance
M-F-THS	Thesis	Compulsory	MSc Finance	MSc Accounting and Finance

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The course uses a range of assessment types. Students can expect to have written examinations, pieces of assessment by submitted course work and elements of assessment by presentation. This approach has been adopted in order to give the opportunity for students to learn in groups and develop their soft skills such as negotiation strategy and effective presentation.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7	ILO8	ILO9	ILO10	ILO11
	Postgraduate Certificate			***Postgraduate Diploma***				***MSc***			
1	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX						
2		GCW			GCW			GCW			
3	EX	EX	EX		EX						
4				GCW		GCW					
5				GCW		GCW	GCW				
6				GCW		GCW					
7	EX	EX			EX			EX			
8	GCW			GCW		GCW	GCW				
9	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW						
10		EX	EX			EX	EX				
11	ICW					ICW					
12	GPRES					GPRES					
13			ICW		ICW		ICW				
14	ICW				ICW		ICW				
15								AO			
16									THS	THS	THS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	**Modules Covered**	**Assessment**	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		N/A	N/A

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6-year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition, students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5-year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Upon completion of the MSc Accounting and Finance, we expect students to gain a career such as financial controller, accounting manager, business consultant and finance experts.

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1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Advanced Air Mobility Systems
Course code	MSAASFTC, MSAASPTC, PDAASFTC, PDAASPTC, PCAASFTC, PCAASPTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University campus
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing (SATM)
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Autonomous and Cyberphysical Systems
Course Director	Prof Antonios Tsourdos
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
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Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	Not Applicable
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University Entry Requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ level 7
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc: 1year; Part-time MSc: up to 3 years
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by Centre for Autonomous and Cyberphysical Systems where the research interests include:

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Traffic Management
Air Traffic Management (ATM)
Connected systems
Communications, Navigation and Surveillance sensors in support to ATM and UTM
Autonomous and Intelligent Systems
Systems Engineering and Integration
Sensor Fusion

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

The Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) will be shared with the Applied Artificial Intelligence (AAI) MSc IAB in . As the student cohorts grow in numbers it is expected that the Advanced Air Mobility MSc will have its own IAB in the future. There are already members of the AAI MSc that would be ideal to also be part of the AAM IAB, such as: BAE Systems, Boeing, NATS, Inmarsat, ANRA Technologies, QinetiQ, Airbus D&S, Thales, Aveillant, Northrop Grumman, Spirent Communications, Etihad, Leonardo and others. The board will propose suitable topic for the Individual Research Projects.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

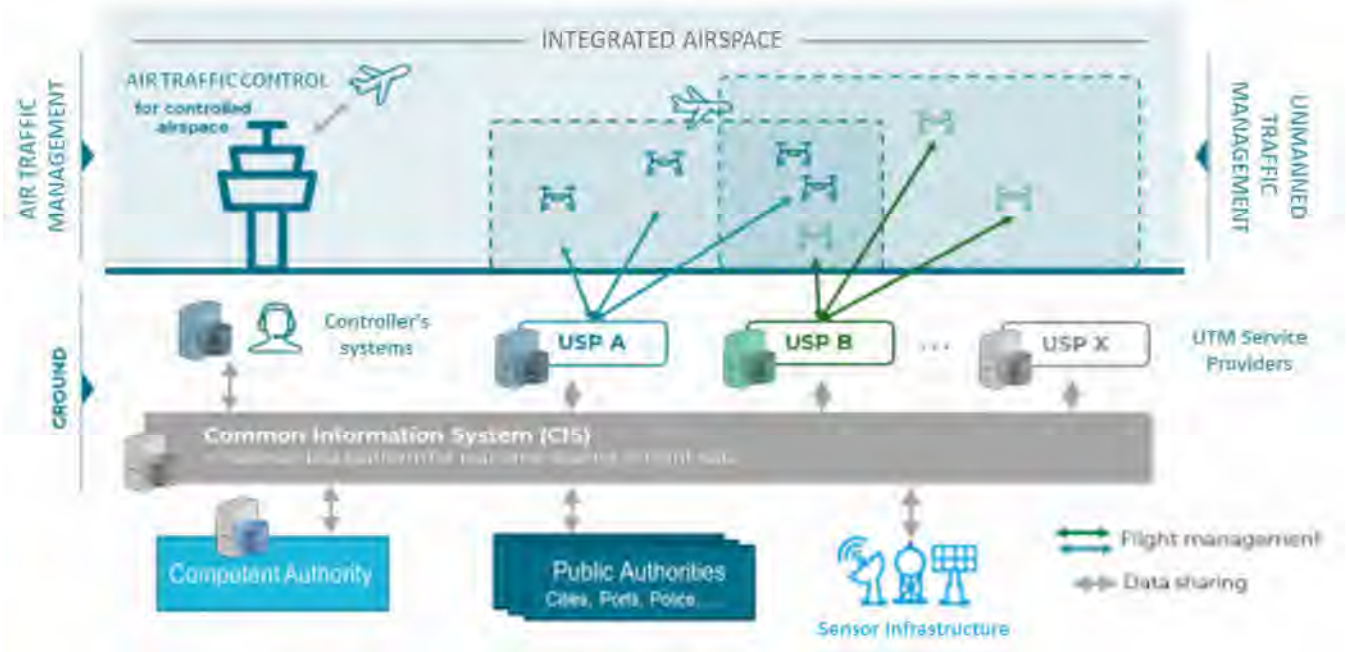
Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

A recent study by PWC on the potential of drone applications, estimated that deploying drones in various industries will have a net impact on the UK economy of £42bn by 2030, with £16bn net cost savings from the uptake of drone technology and 76,000 drones in use across UK skies by 2030[3]. In this context, the Aerospace deal and Aviation strategy stress the importance of future highly skilled workers to support this Advanced Aviation transformation. Thus, the demand for engineers familiar with the latest aviation technologies and trends, in the field of Air Traffic Management (ATM) digitalisation, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Traffic Management (UTM) and Urban Air Mobility (UAM) is increasing remarkably.

[3] PwC – Skies without limit, 2018.



The course aims to train engineers in the overall Systems-of-Systems architecture of the integrated ATM and UTM ecosystems, their enabling sensor infrastructure (incl. communication, navigation and surveillance) and their relevant algorithms (e.g. flight management, trajectory planning and prediction, capacity balancing, etc). The course provides an in depth understanding of the need to digitalise ATM and demonstrate the methods to increase automation and autonomy in both ATM and UTM, in order to fully unlock the potential of drone applications seamlessly in an integrated airspace. Particular attention is going to be given to real world applications (e.g. Urban Air Mobility and autonomous regional flights), so that scalability and complexity of techniques is taken into account in the design of any architecture, solution and algorithm. The engineering, regulatory, safety and ethical context will be also provided.

The course is targeted at both fresh graduates of STEM disciplines and to engineers currently working in the aviation, aerospace and autonomous sectors wishing to train in intelligent and connected air traffic systems in order to improve their career perspectives and bring benefits to their employers.

In more details, the specific aims of the course are:

- To provide the students a relevant theoretical knowledge of the ATM and UTM ecosystems, their corresponding connected sensor infrastructure (incl. communication, navigation and surveillance) and their intelligent algorithms (e.g. flight management, trajectory planning and prediction, capacity balancing, etc).
- To provide the students a formation that will allow them to apply the ATM and UTM knowledge to real world applications.
- To enable students to be able to analyse new real-world ATM and UTM problems, to critically evaluate different solutions and to create and design new automated and autonomous applications to fully unlock the potential of a seamlessly integrated airspace.
- To meet the increasing demand of "Next Generation aviation professionals " having a solid knowledge in automation, autonomy, general AI and of systems engineering.
- To support Cranfield University's mission to offer a comprehensive teaching offer in the aerospace sector.

This programme naturally lends itself to the following range of students:

- Engineers wishing to train/reskill in the area of ATM and UTM, e.g. digitalising ATM or fully unlocking the potential of drone applications.
- Aviation and aerospace professionals wishing to keep-up with the pace of technology advances in the ATM/UTM sector, and learn how automation and autonomy are transforming these sectors.
- Graduates in Engineering disciplines, Computer Science or STEM area.

Students with the above background will be expected to have the required technical knowledge to delve directly into the course.
However, it is clear that the industry would also benefit from students from social sciences, human factors and similar backgrounds, as public acceptance, ethical and regulatory matters are also major challenges in this space. Thus, students with these backgrounds are also encouraged to apply, with the understanding that they will need to expend significant additional effort to be brought up to speed with the technical background required to successfully achieve this MSc qualification. Support will be provided through facilities and services such as Linkedin Learning and a tailored personal development plan where applicable. These would of course also be available to students with technical background, that need to refresh their skills.

Successful graduates of this MSc course become conversant in key aspects of automation and autonomy within the ATM and UTM industries, which places them at an advantage in today's competitive employment market. Additionally, successful graduates of this MSc course will also be cognisant of the ethical, safety and regulatory challenges in the ATM and UTM industries, and the methods by which these matters should be considered in the design of products, solutions and services to address these markets.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

- ILO 1. Differentiate Air Traffic Management (ATM), Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Traffic Management (UTM) architectures and systems, locate their role in the overall ecosystem and identify their appropriate applications.
- ILO 2. Appraise and contrast the different enabling communication, navigation and surveillance technologies used in ATM and UTM.
- ILO 3. Apply a range of professional design and system engineering practices to build reliable, safe and scalable ATM and UTM components and services to time, quality and budget.
- ILO 4. Formulate and manage the ethical, social and regulatory implications in the design and use of automated and autonomous systems.
- ILO 5. Synthesise and critically assess the performance of ATM and UTM system components, based on functional, safety and regulatory metrics.

B. Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

- ILO 6. Design integrated ATM and UTM architectures/solutions, debate and solve their integration into more complex systems
- ILO 7. Critically analyse and contrast complex ATM and UTM architectures/solutions performance, using appropriate technical, safety and regulatory performance metrics.
- ILO 8. Clearly formulate and communicate effectively (both orally and in writing) the main challenges of seamless ATM/UTM integration and methods to address them.

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

- ILO 9. Propose and design a solution to address a significant challenge of their chosen topic area in ATM or UTM and document their thought process and methodology to achieve this.
- ILO 10. Evaluate and critique their own research findings and the ones of their peers.

4. How is the course taught?

This course is unique in that it offers a combination of subjects much sought after in the Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Traffic Management industries, that are not covered in a single MSc course anywhere else, giving particular emphasis to the digitalised integrated architecture, the enabling sensor infrastructure (incl. communication, navigation and surveillance) and intelligent algorithms, such as flight management and planning, and deconfliction. The MSc course consists of three major components – the taught modules (eight), the group design project and the individual research project. This format applies to both full-time and part-time students.

Taught modules are mainly delivered through lectures. These are complemented with laboratory, practical sessions or case studies at least on two afternoons for each module, in order to put into practice what was learnt during the lectures and thus to really consolidate the information conveyed. Lectures will be mainly delivered face-to-face for full-time students, however some of the lectures may be delivered by online means. For part-time student, lectures will be delivered both face-to-face and remotely to meet the needs of the students. For example, remote delivery may be prioritised to accommodate schedules of specific cohorts of part-time students. Specific group exercises where remote break-out rooms can facilitate interaction and learning methods, remote delivery will be preferred for both part-time and full-time students. Lectures, practical and lab sessions will be supported by interactive tools (e.g. polls, Q&As, quizzes etc) such as Socrative, padlet and others.

It is encouraged wherever possible that students (particularly full-time ones) attend classes on campus, to be able to take advantage of all the facilities, infrastructure and services that the University makes available to them, to make the most of the student experience.

A group design project activity will take place in order to enable students to work as part of a team, develop project design planning and management skills, and communications abilities. An academic supervisor will be overseeing each group and progress meetings will be planned to support the project development and provide feedback before final submission of the group report and associated presentation.

At the end of taught modules, students will select an individual research project (IRP), that would have been suggested by members of the Industrial Advisory Board. The real-world relevance of the IRP topics is another unique feature of the MSc course and can be another effective differentiator in the job market. The IRP provide an opportunity for the students to get familiarised with a specific company and could pave the way for a potential job application to that company. Examples of previous IRPs have included the following subjects:

- Use of Artificial Intelligence in the management of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operation
- Detect and Avoid Configuration Influence in Heterogenous Unmanned Air Vehicle Airspace (U-Space)
- Radar discrimination of small airborne target through optimal trajectory pattern matching
- Modelling of Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) Architectures
- Multi-modal surveillance system for UTM
- Characterising counter UAS performance and formalising mitigation strategies
- Airline big data compression and reconstruction framework
- Adaptive or Demand based Air Traffic Management

Throughout the course, the students will be supported by the Cranfield Virtual Learning Environment (CANVAS), which will provide online content, details of modules, coursework and reading material. CANVAS will be the main portal for communicating administrative, logistical and module specific information to the students.

Finally, from the outset the students will be encouraged to make use of the University's learning and development resources (e.g. Linkedin Learning amongst others) for their personal development and to

support them throughout the MSc course (e.g. follow webinars on how to write a literature review, on effective time management, presentation skills etc)

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- the School Student and Academic (SAS) Lead - first point of contact for anything course/study related;
- the Course Director and Module leads – point of contact for specific module queries, assessment and project work;
- Student Advice Centre – independent department where to seek information, advice or support whenever students need it, particularly to help work through any difficulties no matter how big or small they may seem. The Advice Centre provides an integrated, professional, student-centred service which offers information, advice, guidance and support to enable students to develop and achieve their full potential.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Module 2 (Introduction to Advanced Air Mobility) Module 3 (Air Traffic Management Systems) Module 9 (Uncrewed Traffic Management)	0 10 10 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Any other three modules from 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	30
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Modules 2-9 Group Design Project or Project Dissertation (part-time)	0 80 40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Modules 2-9 Group Design Project or Project Dissertation (part-time) Individual Research Project	0 80 40 80
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [4]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

The MSc course consists of three major components – the taught modules (eight of 10 credits each), the group design project (40 credits) and the individual research project (80 credits).

The taught component includes eight taught compulsory modules for MSc and PgDip (3 compulsory modules for PgCert), which are generally delivered from October to March. The course begins with the fundamentals of Air Traffic Management (ATM) and communications systems, and progresses to the core

[4] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

subjects of statistical learning, data analytics, guidance and navigation, AI for autonomous systems, and Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM).

The taught modules are typically delivered over 1 week, delivered mainly through lectures which are complemented by laboratory, practical sessions or case studies depending on the module. The following week is largely free of structured teaching, so that the students are given enough reflection time for assignments and other course work.

Full-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months. Full-time students go through the course as recommended in the table in Section 7 (as shown by the dates next to the abbreviation FT).

Part-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 3 years. Part-time students go through the course as recommended in the table in Section 7 (as shown by the dates next to the abbreviation PT)

Part-time students are recommended to complete 4 modules on the first year (suggested modules are: Intro to AAM, Air Traffic Management Systems, Communication Systems, Unmanned Air Traffic Management) and 4 modules, plus the Group Design Project on the second year (suggested modules are: Statistical Learning Methods, Data Analytics and Visualisation, AI for Autonomous Systems, Guidance and Navigation for Autonomous Systems).

The final year is expected to be focused on the Individual Research Project.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[5]

The taught modules are assessed by submitted coursework, to encourage students to develop an appropriate written style. This also ensures that students are given enough time to research the subject, critically think about the topic at hand and provide a critical assessment of it. It enables students to absorb more information that will be stored in their long-term memory. Students can thus expect to have 8 pieces of assessment by submitted coursework (modules 2-9). Course work may consist of problem-solving exercises, assessment of a case study or a critical thought piece. These different types of individual coursework will allow the student to develop different but complementary analytical and written skills.

The assessment tasks are challenging and enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes. The pre-requisite induction module will introduce the students to the course, the life on campus and some basic concepts of programming. This is an attendance-only module, hence is not going to be assessed. Modules 2-9 are introducing various practical aspects of ATM and UTM and will be assessed through essays and reports. These will be of varying lengths, recognising that writing articles to a short length can be more challenging for some and can develop different skills relevant to professional practice. The length of each assessment task will be conveyed by the module lead during module delivery and where applicable it will be stated within the module descriptor. Students will write employability relevant policy briefing documents to equip them with the skills they require to succeed in the area of ATM, UTM and UAM and to address the specific award ILOs 1-5.

A number of formative tasks including group discussion, case studies and oral presentations supports the modules 2-9 and the group design project. Formative feedback is given verbally within the classroom following discussions, via a written summary for case studies from the module leader and oral feedback provided by the Course Director and peers for presentations. Students will also engage with an interactive learning activity, which incorporates formative feedback.

[5] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

In addition, all students undertake a group design project (GDP), that is assessed by an individual presentation and group report, as well as a reflective piece on their contribution to the project, as well as the ones of the team members. This provides the opportunity to the students to develop their communication skills and their ability to work effectively in groups. Students are expected to design, implement, validate and test an advanced air mobility system component, applying the knowledge acquired in the taught modules and integrate the various concepts learnt. The GDP aims at providing the students with the experience of working on a collaborative engineering project, satisfying the requirements of a potential customer and respecting deadlines. These activities will address ILOs 6-8.

Finally, following completion of the taught modules, all students will complete an individual research project (IRP) that addresses a significant challenge in advanced air mobility, providing an opportunity to implement the knowledge learnt to solve a real-life problem. The IRP will assess both their written and oral presentation skills, through a submitted thesis and oral examination. The thesis will be based on a structured programme of research and should satisfactorily demonstrate the student's ability to conduct original investigations, to test ideas (whether their own or those of others) and to obtain appropriate conclusions from the work. The course industrial advisory board proposes the topics of the IRPs. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through a pair of academic supervisors. The IRP addresses ILOs 9 and 10 and takes the form of a Thesis and a final presentation of the student to the teaching team. Finally, a further, unassessed, occasion for dissemination and receiving formative feedback is through the final poster session to which all members of the industrial advisory boards are invited.

The 3-part assessment approach (coursework, GDP and IRP) has been adopted in order to ensure that students demonstrate their understanding of the taught modules and their capability to apply the knowledge learnt in real-life applications both through working as group and through individual research.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[6]	Total hours delivered by Visiting	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
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1		N-AAM-IDW	Induction	Dr Yan XU	12	0	0	N	27/09/2023	27/09/2023	29/09/2023	N/A	AO					N/A	N/A
2		N-AAM-IAAM	Introduction to Advanced Air Mobility	Dr Yan XU	28	0	10	N	02/10/2023	02/10/2023	06/10/2023	50%	ICW	100%				FT 03/11/2023 PT 17/11/2023	March 2024
3		N-AAM-ATM	Air Traffic Management Systems	Dr Yan XU	28	0	10	N	09/10/2023	09/10/2023	13/10/2023	50%	ICW	100%				FT 17/11/23 PT 01/12/23	March 2024

[6] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[7] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[8] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%. This will be at the Board of Examiners discretion.
[9] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually.
[10] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%.
[11] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[12] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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4		N-AAM-CS	Communications Systems (CS)	Dr Saba Al-Rubaye	28	0	10	N	30/10/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	50%	ICW	100%				FT 01/12/23 PT 15/12/23	March 2024
5		N-AAI-SLM	Statistical Learning Methods	Dr Ivan Petrunin	28	0	10	Y	23/10/2023	23/10/2023	27/10/2023	50%	ICW	100%				FT 24/11/23 PT 08/12/23	
6		N-AAI-DAV	Data Analytics and Visualisation	Dr Ivan Petrunin	28	0	10	Y	20/11/2023	20/11/2023	24/11/2023	50%	ICW	100%				FT 08/01/2024PT 22/01/2024	
7		N-AVC-AIAS	Artificial Intelligence for Autonomous Systems	Dr Ivan Petrunin	28	0	10	Y	03/01/2024	03/01/2024	09/01/2024	50%	ICW	100%				FT 02/02/24 PT 16/02/24	Next available date
8		N-AVC-GNS	Guidance and Navigation for UAS	Dr Hyo-Sang Shin	28	0	10	Y	15/01/2024	15/01/2024	23/01/2024	50%	ICW	100%				FT 16/02/2024 PT 01/03/2024	Next avail

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9		N-AAM-UTM	Uncrewed Traffic Management	Dr Yan XU	28	0	10	N	04/12/2023	04/12/2023	08/12/2023	50%	ICW	100%				FT 19/01/24 PT 02/02/24	May 2024
10		N-AAM-GDP	Group Design Project	Dr Yan XU	50	0	40	N	09/10/2023	09/10/2023	12/04/2024	50% 50% 50%	RP IPRES CW	25% 25% 50%				12/04/24 17/04/24 17/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the cours

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11		N-AAM-IRP	Thesis	Prof Antonios Tsourdos	20	0	80	N	Occ A 15/04/2024 (FT) Occ B 15/04/2024 (PT)	Occ A 15/04/2024 (FT) Occ B 15/04/2024 (PT)	Occ A 03/09/2024 (FT) Occ B 13/09/2024 (PT)	50% 50% 50% 50%	THESIS OR THESIS ORAL	80% 20% 80% 20%				FT 16/08/24 27/08/24 PT 13/09/24 27/08/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be un

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12		N-AAM-PD	Project Dissertation (for Part-Time students only)	Dr Yan XU	20		40	N	15/04/2024	15/04/2024	03/09/2024	50% 50%	ICW IPRES	85% 15%				13/09/24 27/08/24	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-AAI-SLM	Statistical learning Methods	Applied Artificial Intelligence	Advanced Air Mobility Systems,
N-AAI-DAV	Data Analytics and Visualisation	Applied Artificial Intelligence	Advanced Air Mobility Systems, Defence and Security Programme
N-AVC-AIAS	Artificial Intelligence for Autonomous Systems	Autonomous Vehicles Dynamics and Control	Advanced Air Mobility Systems, Defence and Security Programme
N-AVC-GNS	Guidance and Navigation for Autonomous Systems	Autonomous Vehicles Dynamics and Control	Advanced Air Mobility Systems, Defence and Security Programme

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Individual Coursework assignment, Group Design Projects and Individual Research Projects.

This approach has been adopted because:

MSc-level assessment of Intended Learning outcomes (ILOs) in the area of Engineering requires the students to exhibit a deep knowledge and comprehension of the topic, but also the capability of the students to synthesise and evaluate complex strategies for problem solving. Thus, in many practical engineering subjects this can be readily done relying on individual coursework assignments that are based upon realistic applications and problems.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate (PgCErt)

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	**ILO 1**	**ILO 2**	**ILO 3**	**ILO 4**	**ILO 5**
2 IAAM			ICW	ICW	
3 ATM	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW
4 CS	ICW	ICW			ICW
5 SLM		ICW			ICW
6 DAV			ICW		ICW
7 AIAS	ICW		ICW		
8 GNS		ICW			ICW

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5
9 UTM	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO8
2 IAAM			
3 ATM	ICW	ICW	
4 CS			
5 IAMS			
6 DAV			
7 AIAS			
8 GNS			
9 UTM	ICW	ICW	
10 GDP	RP IPRES GCW	RP IPRES GCW	RP IPRES GCW
12 Project Dissertation (for Part-Time students only)	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES

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In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 9	ILO10
2 IAAM		
3 ATM		
4 CS		
5 IAMS		
6 DAV		
7 AIAS		
8 GNS		
9 UTM		
10 GDP	RP GCW IPRES	RP GCW IPRES
12 Project Dissertation (for Part-Time students only)	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 9	ILO10
11 IRP	THESIS OR	THESIS OR

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The Advanced Air Mobility Systems MSc course is designed both for improving the graduates' attractiveness to the market, broaden their career options and being more valuable resources if they are currently employed and attend the course as part of an apprenticeship program. Graduates would be able to get into ATM and UTM related jobs, as for example Airports, Air Navigation Service Providers, Air Traffic Control Engineering, Original Equipment Manufacturers of radar, communication and navigation systems (e.g. SAAB, Thales, Boeing, Airbus etc), regulatory authorities (e.g. Civil Aviation Authority); established or new companies that would use drone operations in their business, or want to develop that capability, and would manage it in-house (e.g. end users such Network Rail, Energy companies etc), UTM service providers (e.g. Altitude Angel, ANRA, Airmap, Unifly etc); startups offering new systems or services as mentioned in the next box, such as Vertical Aerospace, Neuron, Flock, and Skyports; engineering consultancies dealing with ATM, UTM or UAM (e.g. Atkins, ARUP, Amey).

Upon completion of the course, graduates will be exposed to the following opportunities:

- Research Degree (PhD);
- Direct employment or graduate schemes in a number of industries: Aerospace, Defence, Air Transport, Aviation, Air Traffic Management, Unmanned Traffic Management, Regulatory and Public Sector related to drones.
- As possible career path, various roles are available: Air Traffic Engineer, Airport Engineer, Air Traffic Management Specialist, Unmanned Traffic Management Engineer, Air Traffic Regulator, Air Traffic Policy Lead, Systems Engineer.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield Separation and Purification Design University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Advanced Chemical Engineering
Course code	MSACGFTC, MSACGPTC, PDACGFTC, PDACGPTC, PCACGFTC, PCACGPTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	PgCert, PgDip, MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield
School(s)	School of Water, Energy & Environment
Theme	Energy & Sustainability
Centre	Centre for Renewable and Low Carbon Energy
Course Director	Dr Ali Nabavi
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	No
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	No
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	No

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year, part-time MSc - up to three years Full-time PgDip – one year, part-time PgDip – up to two years Full-time PgCert – one year, part-time PgCert – up to two years
Course Start Month(s)	October

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by Centre for Renewable and Low Carbon Energy where the research interests include:

- Energy Markets & Policy, Future Energy System
- Biofuels Processes & Technologies
- Thermodynamics in Bio-process Systems
- Biomass and Energy Conversion Technology
- Process and Energy Systems Design, Simulation and Optimisation
- Downstream process: Product Separation and Product Recovery
- Process Control
- Environmental Protection & Management
- Bioprocess Engineering
- Thermal management and energy storage
- Decarbonisation of power, industry and transport sectors.
- Carbon capture utilisation and storage

Hydrogen, biomethane, ammonia, and sustainable fuel production
Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

- Seek support from industry for students to have professional experiences through group project.
- Seek industrial support for sponsoring MSc Thesis projects.
- Associated industrial advisory committee. The industrial advisory committee will meet on a yearly basis to help in steering the course content.
- Develop double degree relationships with European academic institutions.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is accredited by the Energy Institute (EI) until August 2025 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to provide engineering and applied science graduates with an advanced understanding and practical experience of the methodologies employed in chemical engineering research and chemical process technology.

The aim of the course is to prepare engineering and applied science graduates to meet the increasing demand in industry, consultancies, and the education and public sectors for engineers, scientists and advisors with expertise in a range of areas. This course equips students with diversified engineering skills, which includes theoretical and practical elements in design, optimisation, and operation of a wide range of chemical processes in energy, materials, environments, biorefining, biochemicals, petrochemicals, and waste management. Graduates will acquire a unique skill set that combines a wide variety of experimental techniques; numerical modelling and simulations, including computational fluid dynamics, process simulation, and machine learning; economic, life cycle, and safety assessment; and management component, including project management, social and ethical assessment, and business development.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Graduates with engineering or related applied science degrees keen to pursue a career as chemical engineering professionals.
- Graduates currently in employment keen to extend their qualifications or to pursue a career change.
- Applicants are required to have at least a UK 2nd class honours degree or its equivalent.
- Applications from candidates with lesser qualifications but with considerable relevant working experience will be considered.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Chemical Engineering

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Holistically apply advanced theory and practice to chemical production processes.

ILO 2. Combine and compare appropriate techniques and tools for the operation, design, evaluation, simulation, control and optimisation of a range of chemical processes.

ILO 3. Critically evaluate technologies and strategies for the generation and application of heat and power across a number of chemical processes and energy systems scenarios.

ILO 4. Critically evaluate and assess the current and future biorefining technologies for the sustainable production of bioenergy and biofuels based on the type of biomass used as feedstock and the targeted products.

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Chemical Engineering

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Integrate knowledge and understanding of business operation, and commercial, marketing and finance aspects in a context relevant to chemical and energy industries.

ILO 6. Integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from the taught modules in a real-life Situation.

ILO7. Effectively work in a small project team to identify project objectives and select appropriate methodologies to address problems faced by industrial clients; collaborating with other

team members to communicate findings in a professional manner in written, oral and visual forms.

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 8. Define a research question, develop aim(s) and objectives, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, and evaluate findings and draw appropriate conclusions.

ILO 9. Communicate their findings successfully via a thesis, written in an approved School style and in an oral presentation.

4. How is the course taught?

The teaching methods include:

- Combination of online and in class structured lectures, tutorial sessions, computer-based workshops, lab-based practices and private study;
- Personal Development Planning is explicitly and implicitly developed during the course, including topics such as communication, time-management, team work, learning strategies and project management;
- Seminars delivered by invited industrial or academic experts in some areas covered by the course;
- Visits to industrial sites;
- Knowledge and understanding are further developed and enhanced through the assignments associated with some of the taught modules, the group project activity, and the final MSc individual thesis project;
- Timely and informative feedback on the assignments is an essential part of the learning process.

In addition to the teaching methods outlined above, students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- A dedicated electronic Canvas site
- Workshop in MATLAB training
- 3-day laboratory training short course for students undertaking MSc research projects which involve experimental work
- Arrangement of attendance of relevant modules offered by other MSc programmes

The taught programme is generally delivered from October to December and from January to February. The seven modules are divided into 3 core modules and 4 applied modules. The Research Methods for Chemical Engineering module is allocated six weeks on the timetable. The remaining modules are allocated 2 weeks each on the timetable and will be delivered using face to face interactions. The applied modules build on and apply the material taught in the core modules and utilise more interactive teaching methods, such as workshops and practicals. The modules are assessed by individual course work.

The group project is running between March and May. Each group will typically include 3-6 students and two academic supervisors will be assigned to each group.

Group Project teams are expected to hold a minimum of 5 team meetings during the project which must be minuted and all participants must sign off the minutes. The academic supervisor will attend at least five of these meetings to record attendance, to assess individual contribution, and to provide guidance as appropriate. Students undertaking the group project are required to participate in these 5 meetings. Additionally, it is expected that students will meet and work on the project outside of the formal weekly meetings. A (student) project co-ordinator will be responsible to ensure that these meetings are used to good effect, and that appropriate minutes are taken and findings reported to the academic supervisor.

Part-time (and full-time) students are encouraged to use tele-conferencing, video-conferencing and web-conferencing facilities to participate in the group project review meeting i.e. they are not always required to attend in person. This will afford students with the experience of working within a disperse project team. However, all students will be required to attend in person the initial and final project review meetings. Facilities for telephone and web-conferencing already exist in several of the available meeting rooms in Building 52 and are routinely used for research project meetings as well as MSc group project meetings within the School. Facilities for video-conferencing also exist in Building 83. Moreover, when accessing the campus is not feasible, the meetings can be held through Microsoft Teams, Zoom, and Skype.

Part time students have the option of completing a Dissertation as an alternative to the Group Project. Students opting for the Part-Time Dissertation will be assigned a supervisor by the Course Director and will agree with the supervisor on an appropriate topic of study. This may be related to a workplace/industrial activity that is relevant to the student's work environment. The Dissertation will include a comprehensive literature review of classical and contemporary related material and also a discussion and properly argued conclusions. Where appropriate the Dissertation will acknowledge the work and contribution of others. The Dissertation will be assessed in a similar way to the group project by presentation and formal report.

The individual thesis project is typically pursued between May and early September. Each student is allocated an academic supervisor who will guide and assess his/her work. It is expected that a formal weekly review meeting will occur where the student will provide a brief presentation on the work performed to date and record minutes and arising actions.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits[3] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction	0
Advanced Reaction Kinetics for Energy	10
Separation and Purification Design	10
Research Methods for Chemical Engineering	20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
2 modules chosen from:	
Thermal Systems Operation and Design	10
Applied Thermochemical Pilot Design	10
Bioprocess Engineering	10
Biofuels and Biorefining	10
Process Instrumentation and Control Engineering	10
TOTAL:	60

[3] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits[4] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction	0
Advanced Reaction Kinetics for Energy	10
Separation and Purification Design	10
Research Methods for Chemical Engineering	20
Engineering Project Management	10
Biofuels and Biorefining	10
Applied Thermochemical Pilot Design	10
Full-time students:	
Group Project	40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Full-time and Part-time student to choose one:	
Bioprocess Engineering	10
Thermal Systems Operation and Design	10
Process Instrumentation and Control Engineering	10
Part-time student to choose one:	
Group Project	40
Dissertation	40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction	0
Advanced Reaction Kinetics for Energy	10
Research Methods for Chemical Engineering	20
Separation and Purification Design	10
Biofuels and Biorefining	10
Applied Thermochemical Pilot Design	10
Engineering Project Management	10
Thesis	80
Full-time students:	
Group Project	40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Full-time and Part-time student to choose one:	
Bioprocess Engineering	10
Thermal Systems Operation and Design	10

[4] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation.

Process Instrumentation and Control Engineering Part-time student to choose one: Group Project Dissertation	10 40 40
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [5]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months. This course is also offered on a part-time basis. Students would instead attend the required modules of the taught component according to a schedule agreed with the course

[5] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

director. Part time students taking the group project would still be expected to complete the group project within the same time and with full-time students.

Alternatively, part time students may opt to undertake an individual dissertation instead of the group project over a period of six months. MSc individual thesis projects for part time students are commonly undertaken in collaboration with the candidate's place of work.

The modules, except RMCE, are taught over two weeks, with the assignment completed during that period. The first week is mainly allocated to structured teaching, with the following week largely free of structured teaching to allow time for more independent learning and reflection, and completion of assignments. Research Methods for Chemical Engineering module is delivered over six weeks, with week 1, 3, and 5 mostly allocated to structured teaching, and week 2, 4, and 6 mainly allocated for more independent learning.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[6]

Taught modules: The thought modules are designed to deliver a high-quality academic experience and enable students' achievements to be assessed reliably and aligned with module and course levels' ILOs. For every module, the full details of the assessment, including the purpose, requirements, and expected standards are clearly specified and provided to students. Assessments are developed to provide equal opportunities for all students. The quality of every assessment, against module ILOs, is critically reviewed internally and externally. The module assessments are reviewed annually to identify and implement any potential improvements.

The assessment criteria for core modules are designed to ensure students can utilise acquired engineering and analytical tools (i.e. computational fluid dynamics, life cycle assessment, and techno-economic analysis) and advanced knowledge to design, develop, and evaluate chemical products and processes. For applied modules, students are expected to demonstrate their capability to engage with a range of real-world applications. Therefore, the assessments are designed with a developmental purpose to ensure sufficient feedback on students' performance is provided throughout the process.

Summative assessments are based on Individual coursework (ICW) individual presentation (IPRES), and group presentations (GPRES). The ICW and IPRES are designed based on short and extended reports and presentation to simulate different scenarios of professional practices in workplaces. The summative feedback on students' works is provided within 20 working days after the submission, in the form of specific and general comments via the VLE. On the other hand, formative feedback is provided throughout the lectures; practical, tutorial and Q&A sessions; and experimental- and simulation-based laboratories to ensure students are able to identify their strengths and limitations, and how to improve their performance.

Group Project: The group project provides the students with the opportunity to gain professional skills expected of the workplace. In addition to technical skill practice, students develop a range of soft skills such as team working, problem solving, communication skills and reflective practice. The students work in small consultancy teams typically on a client sponsored project for a period of 8 weeks. Many teams will be made up of students from different courses giving the students the opportunity of working in an interdisciplinary team. The students are responsible for interpreting the brief, developing a project plan, selecting and implementing a methodology, deriving results, analysing the results and drawing conclusions in alignment with the aims and objectives. All students participate in a peer review activity providing them with the opportunity to reflect on the practices of their colleagues as well as their own. Peer review feedback is provided individually by an independent member of academic staff. A single group report is produced and the project is presented orally at the concluding Exhibition Day, both elements are

[6] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

summatively assessed by independent markers and a group mark is assigned for element. Individual assessment is derived from supervisor observation and meeting minute actions and an individual reflective report where the students reflect on the development of three soft skill competencies based on objectives that they set for themselves. The team working competency is mandatory as one of the three skills for each student.

Dissertation: Part time students are not required to complete the Group Project undertaken by the full time registered students on a SWEE MSc course. An alternative assignment takes the form of a dissertation or design project which in most situations will be based around a topic relevant to the work of the part-time student. It is evident that some aspects of the Group Project experience that the work-based dissertation replaces – for example the client interaction and group dynamics components will not directly replicated by undertaking this assignment. It is expected that these experiences would normally be a part of the normal working life of the part-time student.

It is expected that the dissertation will normally consist of the following elements: Abstract, Background context, Introduction to the theme(s) addressed within the dissertation, setting out the issues that will be covered, Methodology, In-depth analysis/discussion of the topics discussed, Concluding remarks, References, Appendices (if relevant). One supervisor is allocated to the dissertation and supervision follows the model used for the independent research project. The student will submit a 6000 word report and will give an oral presentation of their work. Both elements of assessment will be marked by independent assessors.

Thesis: The individual research project (or thesis) requires students to further develop problem definition, hypothesis setting, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, and evaluate findings and draw appropriate conclusions in the context of research questions relevant to the course followed by a student. The student is required to communicate their findings successfully via a standard thesis (Energy), and an oral presentation based around a poster. The projects are designed to integrate knowledge, the taught modules, and apply understanding and skills from the group project, to deliver a high-quality written thesis and oral presentation. The individual research project is typically delivered through collaboration with an industrial sponsor, or it may be an ‘internal’ project reflecting the research interests of the School.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[7]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[8]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[9] - 40% or 50%	Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
												Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[10] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [11](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part [12]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[13]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	I-ENE-INWK Occ A	Induction	Patrick Verdin	24		0	Y		02/10/23	06/10/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	
2	N-ACE-RMCE	Research Methods for Chemical Engineering	Mingming Zhu	60		20	N		09/10/23	13/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 18/11/23 PT 02/12/23	05/24
3	N-BPE-PCP	Advanced Reaction	Peter Clough	42		10	N		20/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				FT 02/12/23 PT 06/01/24	05/24

[7] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[8] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[9] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[10] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education.
[11] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear androgogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[12] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-tak)*n.
[13] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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		Kinetics for Energy																
4	N-ACE-SPD	Separation and Purification Design	Ali Nabavi	30		10	N		04/12/23	15/12/23	50	ICW	100				FT 02/01/24 PT 16/01/24	05/24
5	N-BPE-BPT	Biofuels and Biorefining	Vinod Kumar	35		10	N		08/01/24	19/01/24	50	ICW	100				FT 20/01/24 PT 03/02/24	05/24
6	N-BPE-BE	Bioprocess Engineering	Vinod Kumar	30		10	N		22/01/24	02/02/24	50	ICW	100				FT 03/02/24 PT 17/02/24	05/24
7	N-PSE-TSOD Occ A	Thermal Systems Operation and Design	Ali Nabavi	30		10	N		22/01/24	02/02/24	50	ICW	100				FT 03/02/24 PT 17/02/24	05/24
8	N-APE-PICE	Process Instrumentation and Control Engineering	Liyun Lao	30		10	N		22/01/24	02/02/24	50	IPRES	100				FT 03/02/24 PT 17/02/24	05/24
9	N-ACE-ATPD	Applied Thermochemical Pilot Design	Stuart Wagland	40		10	N		05/02/24	16/02/24	50	ICW GPRES	75 25				FT 17/02/24 PT 07/03/24	05/24

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10	N-AME-EPM Occ A	Engineering Project Management	Gill Drew	20		10	Y		19/02/23	01/03/23	50	ICW	100				FT 02/03/23 PT 16/03/23	05/24
11	I-ENE-GRPP Occ A	Group Project	Patrick Verdin	16		40	Y		04/03/24	10/05/24	50 50 50 50	GCW GPRES ICW RP	64 16 10 10				03/05/24 30/04/24 10/05/24 11/05/24	TBC
12	I-SWEE-DISS Occ A	Dissertation (P-T option only)	Jitka MacAdam	10		40	Y		26/02/24	20/09/24	50	IPROJ IPRES	80 20				20/09/24 @ 16.00 W/C 23/09/24	09/24
13	I-SWEE-THES Occ A	Thesis	Jitka MacAdam	20		80	Y		07/05/24	06/09/24	50 50	OR THESIS	10 90				27/08/24 to 04/09/24 02/09/24	TBC

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-ENE-INWK	Induction week	Advanced Mechanical Engineering	• Advanced Chemical Engineering • Advanced Digital Energy Systems • Renewable Energy
I-ENE-GRPP	Group project	Advanced Mechanical Engineering	• Advanced Chemical Engineering • Advanced Digital Energy Systems • Renewable Energy
I-SWEE-DISS	Dissertation	Advanced Water Management	• Water and Sanitation for Development • Water and Wastewater Engineering • Water and Waste Infrastructure for Resilience • Advanced Mechanical Engineering • Advanced Chemical Engineering • Advanced Digital Energy Systems • Renewable Energy • Environmental Engineering • Environmental Management for Business • Geographical Information Management • Global Environmental Change • Applied Bioinformatics • Future Food Sustainability • Food Systems Management • Design Thinking
I-SWEE-THES	Thesis	Advanced Water Management	• Water and Sanitation for Development • Water and Wastewater Engineering • Water and Waste Infrastructure for Resilience • Advanced Mechanical Engineering • Advanced Chemical Engineering • Advanced Digital Energy Systems • Renewable Energy • Environmental Engineering • Environmental Management for Business • Geographical Information Management • Global Environmental Change

			• Applied Bioinformatics • Future Food Sustainability • Food Systems Management • Design Thinking
N-AME-EPM	Engineering Project Management	Advanced Mechanical Engineering	• Advanced Mechanical Engineering • Advanced Chemical Engineering • Renewable Energy - Management

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types. Students can expect to have 5 (PgCert), 8 (PgDip), or 9 (MSc) pieces of assessment by submitted work and 1 (PgDip), or 2 (MSc) elements of assessment by presentation or viva.

This approach has been adopted because:

- Assess the knowledge of the students using methods appropriate to the nature of the subject area.
- Help the students to improve their technical writing and oral presentation skill.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Chemical Engineering

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4
2	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
3	ICW	ICW		
4	ICW	ICW	ICW	
5	ICW	ICW		ICW
6		ICW		ICW
7	ICW	ICW	ICW	
8.		IPRES		
9		ICW GPRES	ICW GPRES	

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Chemical Engineering

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7
10	ICW		
11		GCW GPRES ICW RP	GCW GPRES ICW RP
12		IPROJ IPRES	

C. MSc in Advanced Chemical Engineering

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO8	ILO9
13	OR/THESIS	OR/THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in-depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition, students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Graduates will be equipped with advanced interdisciplinary skills in chemical engineering, which includes theoretical and practical elements in operation, design, and control of a wide range of chemical and energy processes, as well as rapidly growing and dynamic bioenergy sector. This includes skill training in management applied to the energy sector which will enable graduate engineers to effectively fulfil a wider role in a business organisation.

Graduates are likely to work in companies competing in a range of industries, including chemicals, petrochemicals, biochemicals, conventional energy and bioenergy, materials, consultancy and management. Those wishing to continue their education via PhD or MBA studies in the chemical or energy

sectors will be greatly facilitated by the interdisciplinary, project-oriented profile that they will have acquired through this course.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Advanced Digital Energy Systems
Course code	MSADEFTC, MSADEPTC, PDADEFTC, PDADEPTC, PCADEFTC, PCADEPTC
Academic Year	2023-24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert
Additional exit routes	NA
Mode of delivery	Full-time and Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield
School(s)	School of Water, Energy and Environment
Theme	Energy and Sustainability
Centre	Energy Systems and Strategy
Course Director	Dr Da Huo Dr Ali Alderete Peralta (Assistant CD)
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	No
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	No

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	NA
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year, Part-time MSc - up to three years, Full-time PgDip - one year, Part-time PgDip - two years, Full time PgCert - one year, Part time PgCert - two years
Course Start Month(s)	October

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the Centre for Energy Systems and Strategy, Energy & Sustainability Theme, School of Water, Energy and Environment where the research interests include:

Community Energy Systems, Renewable Energy Technologies, Power System Analysis, Power Transmission and Distribution Systems, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Blockchain technology and Renewable Energy Systems

The course is supported by the Centre for Simulation and Analytics (Cranfield Defence and Security), the Centre for Autonomous and Cyberphysical Systems, School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, and the School of Management.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

N/A

Cranfield University remains
fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies. Accreditation will be sought from the Energy Institute once the course qualifies.

What are the aims of the course?

The aim of the course is to provide electrical engineering, computer science, mathematics, engineering, energy and information technology graduates with current theory and practice of energy systems so that they can apply information and data analytical technologies to solve energy problems. These skills will be applicable in a wide range of industrial energy systems, including, power, oil and gas, renewable energy, petrochemical, chemical, pharmaceutical, water, food and drink industries. In particular, by equipping the students with advanced computational methods, the course graduates will have employment prospects across the energy industry (from generators, suppliers to network operators, consultancies), policy and academia. Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) entry routes are provided for students who wish to access only parts of the course provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Information Technology and Energy graduates and practicing IT or Energy engineers wishing to pursue a technical management career in the growing energy industry sector.

Applicants are required to have at least a UK 2nd class honours degree or its equivalent for overseas applicants.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Design an appropriate data acquisition system for energy related processes.
ILO 2. Critically analyse industrial data collected from different energy systems.
ILO 3. Develop systematic strategies using a range of software for energy systems modelling, optimisation and control to resolve the technical issues involved in the design and operation of industrial energy systems.

B. Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Apply the analytical knowledge gained to solve practical problems in the principle subject areas of energy systems.
ILO 5. Integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from the taught modules in a real-life situation to address problems faced by industrial clients; creating new problem diagnoses designs or systems insights; and communicating findings in a professional manner in written, oral and visual forms.

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 6. Define a research question, develop aim(s) and objectives, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, evaluate findings critically and draw justifiable conclusions, demonstrating self-direction and originality of thought.
ILO 7. Communicate their individual research via a thesis and in an oral presentation in a style suitable for academic and professional audiences

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

1) A dedicated electronic VLE site (e.g. Canvas).
1) A one-day training and practice workshop on an industrial scale pilot plant (e.g. along with a site visit to a wind/solar farm) for all students.

The taught programme is delivered from October to February and is divided into 5 core and 3 applied modules. Each module is delivered over two weeks.

The Group Project is delivered between March and Early May. Each group will typically include 4-6 students and an academic supervisor will be assigned to each group. The academic supervisor will participate in these project review meetings to record attendance, assess the individual oral presentations and level of contribution to the project and to provide guidance as appropriate. Students within a group project are required to participate in these review meetings. Additionally, it is expected that students will meet and work on the project outside of the formal meetings.

Part-time students have the option of completing a dissertation as an alternative to the Group Project. Students opting for the part-time dissertation will be assigned a supervisor by the Course or Programme Director and will agree with the supervisor an appropriate topic of study. This may be related to a workplace/industrial activity that is relevant to the student's work environment. The dissertation will include a comprehensive review of classical and contemporary related material and also a discussion and properly argued conclusions

The Individual Research Project is typically delivered between May and early September. Each student is allocated a supervisor, who will guide and assess the student work. During the Individual research project period, the supervisor and the student should agree a schedule of meeting to review progress made and agree future actions.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits[3] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Renewable Energy Technologies 1	10
Renewable Energy Technologies 2	10
Cybersecurity for Energy Systems	10
Data Analytics for Energy Systems	10
Artificial Intelligence for Energy Systems	10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
1 from the following 3 modules:	
Applications of Blockchain Technology	10
Energy Entrepreneurship	10
Energy Systems Case Studies	10
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

[3] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.

The accumulation of 120 credits[4] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Renewable Energy Technologies 1	10
Renewable Energy Technologies 2	10
Cybersecurity for Energy Systems	10
Data Analytics for Energy Systems	10
Artificial Intelligence for Energy Systems	10
Applications of Blockchain Technology	10
Energy Entrepreneurship	10
Energy Systems Case Studies	10
Group Project	40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Part time students only select one from the following:	
Dissertation	40
Group project	40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Renewable Energy Technologies 1	10
Renewable Energy Technologies 2	10
Cybersecurity for Energy Systems	10
Data Analytics for Energy Systems	10
Artificial Intelligence for Energy Systems	10
Applications of Blockchain Technology	10
Energy Entrepreneurship	10
Energy Systems Case Studies	10
Group Project	40
Thesis	80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Part time students only select one from the following:	
Dissertation	40
Group project	40
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

[4] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [5]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

Part-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 3 years.

This course is also offered on a part-time basis. Students would instead attend the required modules of the taught component according to the schedule agreed with the course director. MSc research projects are commonly undertaken in collaboration with the candidate's place of work.

Each core module is taught over two weeks, with the second week largely free of structured teaching to allow time for more independent learning and reflection, and completion of assignments. Each applied module is delivered over two weeks at Cranfield.

[5] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[6]

Taught modules:
The taught modules are primarily assessed through individual coursework, allowing students to gain experience of written communication in a number of styles. This is supported by formative group work discussions and presentations that develop oral communication and group working skills. The course work set ranges from evaluation of coding examples through to assessment of case studies and critical reviews of the current state of the art.

Group Project:
The group project provides the students with the opportunity to gain professional skills expected of the workplace. In addition to technical skill practice, students develop a range of soft skills such as team working, problem solving, communication skills and reflective practice. The students work in small consultancy teams typically on a client sponsored project for a period of 8 weeks. Many teams will be made up of students from different courses giving the students the opportunity of working in an interdisciplinary team. The students are responsible for interpreting the brief, developing a project plan, selecting and implementing a methodology, deriving results, analysing the results and drawing conclusions in alignment with the aims and objectives. All students participate in a peer review activity providing them with the opportunity to reflect on the practices of their colleagues as well as their own. Peer review feedback is provided individually by an independent member of academic staff. A single group report is produced, and the project is presented orally at the concluding Exhibition Day, both elements are summatively assessed by independent markers and a group mark is assigned for element. Individual assessment is derived from supervisor observation and meeting minute actions and an individual reflective report where the students reflect on the development of three soft skill competencies based on objectives that they set for themselves. The team working competency is mandatory as one of the three skills for each student.

Dissertation:
Part time students are not required to complete the Group Project undertaken by the full time registered students on a SWEE MSc course. An alternative assignment takes the form of a dissertation or design project which in most situations will be based around a topic relevant to the work of the part-time student. It is evident that some aspects of the Group Project experience that the work-based dissertation replaces – for example, the client interaction and group dynamics components will not directly be replicated by undertaking this assignment. It is expected that these experiences would normally be a part of the normal working life of the part-time student.

It is expected that the dissertation will normally consist of the following elements: Abstract, Background context, Introduction to the theme(s) addressed within the dissertation, setting out the issues that will be covered, Methodology, In depth analysis/discussion of the topics discussed, Concluding remarks, References, Appendices (if relevant). Two supervisors are allocated to the dissertation and supervision follows the model used for the independent research project. The student will submit a 6000 word report and will give an oral presentation of their work. Both elements of assessment will be marked by independent assessors.

Thesis:
The individual research project requires students to further develop problem definition, hypothesis setting, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, and evaluate findings and draw appropriate conclusions in the context of research questions relevant to the course followed by a student. The student is required to communicate their findings successfully via a thesis, written in the style of a standard thesis, and an oral presentation based around a poster. The projects are designed to integrate knowledge, the taught modules, and apply understanding and skills from the group project, to deliver a high-quality written thesis

[6] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

and oral presentation. The individual research project/thesis is typically delivered through collaboration with an industrial sponsor, or it may be an ‘internal’ project reflecting the research interests of the School.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[7]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[8]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
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1	N-BPE-PRET	Renewable Energy Technologies 1	Peter King	30	0	10	Y		09/10/23	20/10/23	50	ICW	100				FT 21/10/23 PT 04/11/23	05/24

[7] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[8] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[9] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[10] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education.
[11] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[12] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[13] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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2	N-RNE-PGERE	Renewable Energy Technologies 2	Dr Jerry Luo	40	0	10	Y		23/10/23	03/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 04/11/23 PT 18/11/23	05/24
3	N-ADE-CES	Cybersecurity for Energy Systems	Dr Adam Zagorecki	30	0	10	N		06/11/23	17/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 18/11/23 PT 02/12/23	05/24
4	N-ADE-DAB	Data Analytics for Energy Systems	Dr Chao Long	28	0	10	N		20/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				FT 02/12/23 PT 06/01/24	05/24
5	N-ADE-AIES	Artificial Intelligence for Energy Systems	Dr Da Huo	30	0	10	N		04/12/23	15/12/23	50	ICW	100				FT 06/01/24 PT 20/01/24	05/24
6	N-ADE-ABT	Applications of Blockchain Technology	Dr Chao Long	32	0	10	N		08/01/24	19/01/24	50	ICW	100				FT 20/01/24 PT 03/02/24	05/24
7	N-OFF-ESCS Occ A	Energy Systems Case Studies	Renaldi Renaldi	32	0	10	Y		22/01/24	02/02/24	50	ICW	100				FT 03/02/24 PT 17/02/24	05/24
8	N-RNE-EE	Energy Entrepreneurship	Orsolya Ihasz	28	0	10	Y		05/02/24	16/02/24	50	GCW	100				FT 17/02/24 PT 17/02/24	05/24
9	I-ENE-GRPP Occ A	Group Project	Dr Patrick Verdin	16		40	Y		04/03/24	10/05/24	50 50 50	GCW GPRES ICW	64 16 10				03/05/24 30/04/24 10/05/24	TBC

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Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[7]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[8]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[9] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[10] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[11](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[12]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[13]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
											50	RP	10				11/05/24	
10	I-SWEE-DISS Occ A	Dissertation (PT Students only)	Jitka MacAdam	10		40	Y		26/02/24	20/09/24	50 50	IPROJ IPRES	80 20				20/09/24@ 16.00 wc 23/09/24	09/24
11	I-SWEE-THES Occ A	Thesis	Jitka MacAdam	20		80	Y		07/05/24	06/09/24	50 50	OR THESIS	10 90				w/c 27/08/24 – 04/09/24 02/09/24 @ 16:00hrs	N/A

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-ENE-INWK	Induction Week	Energy Programme	Advanced Mechanical Engineering, Advanced Chemical Engineering, Renewable Energy
N-BPE-PRET	Renewable Energy Technologies 1	Renewable Energy	Renewable Energy
N-RNE-PGERE	Renewable Energy Technologies 2	Renewable Energy	Renewable Energy
N-OFF-ESCS	Energy Systems Case Studies	Renewable Energy	Renewable Energy
N-RNE-EE	Energy Entrepreneurship	Renewable Energy	Renewable Energy
I-ENE-GRPP	Group Project	Advanced Mechanical Engineering	Advanced Mechanical Engineering, Advanced Chemical Engineering, Renewable Energy
I-SWEE-DISS	Dissertation (PT Students only)	Advanced Water Management	All SWEE courses
I-SWEE-THES	Thesis	Advanced Water Management	All SWEE courses

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Individual Course Work, Group Course Work, Group Presentation, Individual Research Project, Individual Presentation, and Thesis

This approach has been adopted because:

A balance of different types of group and individual course work to assess both fundamental knowledge and ability for practical applications

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3
1		ICW	ICW
2	ICW	ICW	ICW

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3
3		ICW	ICW
4	ICW	ICW	
5	ICW	ICW	
6	ICW	ICW	ICW
7	ICW	ICW	ICW
8		GCW	GCW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO4	ILO5
9	GCW GPRES ICW RP	GCW GPRES ICW RP
10	IPROJ/ IPRES	IPROJ/ IPRES

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO6	ILO7
11	THESIS OR	THESIS OR

~~**D.** Postgraduate Diploma~~

~~**In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:**~~

~~Award ILOs / Module No.~~	~~ILO4~~	~~ILO5~~
~~9~~	~~GCW GPRES ICW~~	~~GCW GPRES ICW~~

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO4	ILO5
	RP	RP
10	IPROJ/ IPRES	IPROJ/ IPRES

E. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO6	ILO7
11	THESIS OR	THESIS OR

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
NA			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6-year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principle means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition, students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5-year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Graduates from the course will be equipped with the academic skills and requirements to successfully pursue a career in:
1) Engineering consultancies and design practices.
2) Industries including: Power, Oil and gas, Petrochemical, Chemical, Pharmaceutical, Water, and Food and drink
3) Research organisations.
4) Academic institutions.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications
Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Advanced Lightweight and Composite Structures
Course code	MSACSFTC, PDACSFTC, PCACSFTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Aeronautics
Course Director	Dr Yigeng Xu
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University Entry Requirements (2.2 in an Engineering related subject)
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	1 year full-time
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Aerospace Theme, Centre for Structures, Assembly and Intelligent Automation where the research interests include:

- Structural analysis (linear/non-linear).
- Numerical methods development (mesh and meshless methods).
- Crashworthiness and material response to impact loading (ranging from quasi-static to dynamic).

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- Provide in-depth understanding of the importance / implications of using advanced materials in the development of lightweight structures and their response to a range of loading (from quasi-static to dynamic loads).
- Acquire a systematic understanding of structural behaviour and failure and develop an awareness of impact and crash protection issues and phenomena, with the ability to apply this knowledge to structural design.
- Meet employer demand for graduates who have strong applied analytical skills in structural behaviour and failure, who can practically apply this knowledge to real engineering problems using the latest industry standard numerical tools.
- To develop a firm grasp of the relationship of basic phenomena to real life engineering systems, and develop industrially relevant and marketable applied skills in structures and crashworthiness.
- To supply high grade personnel to the structures and crashworthiness communities in UK, European and world industry, including aerospace, automotive, offshore and defense sectors.
- To provide a prime focus for Cranfield's growing activity in analysis and design for structural crashworthiness and impact.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Any 1st or 2nd class UK honours degree (or equivalent) in an engineering related discipline.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Develop a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of concepts, theories, and engineering methods associated with the stress analysis and design of advanced lightweight materials and structures.

ILO 2. Apply relevant scientific principles and appropriate engineering analysis techniques to solve complex engineering problems such as the impact and crashworthiness analysis of advanced lightweight structures.

ILO 3. Assess limitations of current practice in the context of social, commercial and industrial constraints and use fundamental knowledge to investigate new and emerging technologies and developments.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Understand design processes and methodologies and use theory or experimental research to apply and adapt them in unfamiliar situations to generate innovative designs for advanced lightweight materials and structures with optimised mechanical performance.

ILO 5. Understand different roles within a teamworking environment, utilise individual skills and expertise to contribute to team output, and collaborate effectively with others, taking account of risk issues in the context of the particular specialisation, including health & safety, environmental and commercial risk.

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 6. Collect and analyse research data and use appropriate engineering analysis tools in tackling unfamiliar problems, such as those with uncertain or incomplete data or specifications, by the appropriate innovation, use or adaptation of engineering analytical methods.

ILO 7. Develop advanced level knowledge and understanding of a wide range of engineering materials and structures, skills in problem solving, communication, information retrieval, and awareness of the need for a high level of professional and ethical conduct in engineering.

ILO 8. Develop advanced level knowledge and understanding of management and business practices, awareness that engineering activities should promote sustainable development, ability to apply quantitative techniques effectively and evaluate them critically where appropriate, and ability to monitor and adjust a personal programme of work on an on-going basis.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Lectures.

- Computer based workshops.
- Tutorial / video sessions (where appropriate)/
- The group and individual projects are used to develop research and presentation skills (feedback provided to aid development and time management skills).
- The students will be exposed to seminars from leading national and international figures in crashworthiness and impact fields.
- Industrial visits (where appropriate).
- IT and Library Training Courses.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction (1)	0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
6 modules from 2-9	60
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction (1) Modules 2-9 Group Design Project	0 80 40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	

Induction (1) Modules 2-9 Group Design Project (10) Individual Research Project (11)	0 80 40 80
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months. Each module is taught over one, or two weeks, depending upon module length.

Sufficient "free" time is allocated in the timetables to provide additional time for independent learning and reflection. In addition, the larger contact hour modules are split over two weeks, with the timetable specifically designed to incorporate at least a one week break between parts to allow students to consolidate the previously taught material, before attending the concluding part(s) of the module.

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment tasks are challenging and are designed to enable students to demonstrate the full range of learning, skills and attributes and equip them with the skills they require to succeed after graduation in academic, policy oriented or practitioner service. Therefore, a range of assessment practices is employed across modules. Students are not only required to write essays but also to give oral presentations, defend their arguments and conclusions by way of interview, and to write employability relevant policy briefing documents and a written dissertation.

Course Team also offers:

- Working with course teams to help integrate assessments across modules
- Presenting to staff on aspects of integrated assessment
- Workshops on engaging students with formative assessment and feedback
- Resources and strategies for increasing clarification of standards and criteria

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
													Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%)	Weighting within multi-part module of assessments[9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part	Assessment and/or Submission exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1		N-ALS-INWK	Induction Week (ALCS Course)	Dr Yigeng Xu	16		0	N	02/10/2023	02/10/2023	06/10/2023	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	
2		N-ALS-ICM	Introduction to Continuum Mechanics	Dr Iman Dayyani	20		10	N	09/10/2023	09/10/2023	13/10/2023	40	EX	100				14/12/2023	13/05/2024
3		N-ALS-ACAS	Advanced Composite Analysis and Impact	Dr Hessam Ghasemnejad	20		10	Y	23/10/2023	23/10/2023	27/10/2023	50	ICW	100				24/11/2023	01/03/2024

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%. This will be at the Board of Examiners discretion.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually.
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%)	Weighting of multi-part assessments within module[9] (100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
4		N-ALS-TS	Thin-walled Structures	Dr Yigeng Xu	20		10	N	06/11/2023	06/11/2023	10/11/2023	50	EX	100				03/01/2024	17/05/2024
5		N-ALS-FEM	Finite Element Methods	Dr Iman Dayyani	30		10	N	20/11/2023	20/11/2023	01/12/2023	40	EX	100				05/01/2024	03/06/2024
6		N-ALS-MCS2	Materials Characterisation and Failure Simulations	Xiaodong Xu	20		10	N	08/01/2024	08/01/2024	12/01/2024	50	ICW	100				09/02/2024	03/05/2024
7		N-ALS-SS	Structural Stability	Dr Yigeng Xu	20		10	N	22/01/2024	22/01/2024	26/01/2024	50	EX	100				28/03/2024	07/06/2024
8		N-ALS-SIC	Advanced Simulation for Impact	Xiaodong Xu	20		10	N	05/02/2024	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	50	ICW	100				08/03/2024	10/05/2024
9		N-ALS-CRASH	Crashworthiness	Dr Hessam Ghasemnejad	20		10	N	19/02/2024	19/02/2024	23/02/2024	50	ICW	100				22/03/2024	22/05/2024
10		N-ALS-GA	Group Design Project	Dr Yigeng Xu	20		40	N	29/01/2024	29/01/2024	17/05/2024	50	GCW GPRES	80 20				17/05/2024 10/05/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%)	Weighting of multi-part assessments within module[9] (100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
																			the following year
11		N-ALS-THES	Individual Research Project	Dr Hessam Ghasemnejad	20		80	N	20/05/2024	20/05/2024	30/08/2024	50	THESIS IPRES	80 20				30/08/2024 23/08/2024	As recommended by the Board of Examiners

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-ALS-ACAS	Advanced Composite Analysis and Impact	Advanced Lightweight and Composite Structures	Astronautics and Space Engineering
N-ALS-CRASH	Crashworthiness	Advanced Lightweight and Composite Structures	Shared teaching with N-AEN-ASC, Introduction to Aircraft Structural Crashworthiness: Aircraft Engineering Airworthiness Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Safety and Accident Investigation

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

- Exam, assignment, group and individual projects

This approach has been adopted because:

- The analytical skills can be assessed by the exam while the numerical skills are mainly assessed by the assignments which give students an opportunity to apply their knowledge in practical applications. The experimental studies are examined by individual and group projects which judge students' capabilities in planning and evaluating of technical solutions in the advanced lightweight structures.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1.	ILO 2.	ILO 3.
1	*Not Assessed*		
2	*EX*	*EX*	
3	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*

Award ILOs Module No.	ILO 1.	ILO 2.	ILO 3.
4	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*
5	*EX*	*EX*	
6	*ICW*	*ICW*	
7	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*
8	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*
9	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs Module No.	*ILO 1.*	*ILO 2.*	*ILO 3.*	*ILO 4.*	*ILO 5.*
1	*Not Assessed*				
2	*EX*	*EX*			
3	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*	
4	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*	
5	*EX*	*EX*			
6	*ICW*	*ICW*			
7	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*	
8	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*		
9	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*	
10		*GCW+GPRES*	*GCW+ GPRES*	*GCW+ GPRES*	*GCW+ GPRES*

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs Module No.	*ILO 1.*	*ILO 2.*	*ILO 3.*	*ILO 4.*	*ILO 5.*	*ILO 6.*	*ILO 7.*	*ILO 8.*
1	*Not Assessed*							
2	*EX*	*EX*						
3	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*				
4	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*				
5	*EX*	*EX*						
6	*ICW*	*ICW*						

7	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*	*EX*				
8	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*					
9	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*	*ICW*				
10		*GCW +GPRES*	*GCW +GPRES*	*GCW +GPRES*	*GCW +GPRES*		*GCW +GPRES*	
11		*THESIS +IPRES*	*THESIS +IPRES*			*THESIS +IPRES*	*THESIS +IPRES*	*THESIS +IPRES*

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	**Modules Covered**	**Assessment**	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all

feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Based on the past five years, the following patterns have emerged for typical career paths and employability of graduands:

- Return to home EU institution to complete double degree
- Continued Higher Education - PhD at different UK institutions and at Cranfield University
- Direct employment / Graduate trainee schemes (Automotive / Aerospace / Offshore/Defence)
- Consultancy – Software Development / Software Application / Crashworthiness, etc.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Advanced Materials
Course code	MSADMFTC, MSADMPTC, PDADMFTC, PDADMPTC, PCADMFTC, PCADMPTC
Academic Year	2023-24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert
Additional exit routes	N/A
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Manufacturing and Materials
Centre	Composites and Advanced Materials Centre
Course Director	Dr David Ayre
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	Not applicable
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	Not applicable
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	Not applicable
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	One year full-time, three years part-time
Course Start Month(s)	Full-time: September. Part-time: September.

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Manufacturing Theme, where the research interests include:

- Polymer Composites and Advanced Materials
- Surface Engineering and Nanotechnology
- Precision Engineering
- Welding Engineering, Additive Manufacturing and Laser Processing
- Sustainable Materials and Sustainable Manufacturing Methodologies
- Materials Modelling, Multi-Physics Simulation and Process Simulation

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3),The Welding Institute (TWI), the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) and The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) until August 2026, as well as, The Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) until August 2025, on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

This MSc course is accredited by;

- The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3) on behalf of the Engineering Council as further learning for CEng for intakes 2019 to 2025,
- The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) on behalf of the Engineering Council as further learning for CEng for intakes 2020-2025
- The Welding Institute (TWI) on behalf of the Engineering Council as further learning for CEng for intakes 2020-2025
- The Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) on behalf of the Engineering Council as further learning for CEng for intakes 2021-2025
- The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) on behalf of the Engineering Council as further learning for CEng for intakes 2021-2025

Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

Students completing an accredited degree are deemed to have met part or all of the academic requirements for registration as a Chartered or Incorporated Engineer and are in a strong position to

move on to achieve professional engineering status after a period of initial professional development in industry.

2. What are the aims of the course?

AIM
The aim of the course is to provide graduate scientists and engineers with a fundamental understanding of materials properties, materials processing, and the wide range of applications, and the necessary skills to apply their knowledge in a wide range of careers in engineering and materials science related industries.

OBJECTIVES
The objectives of the course are to provide students with:

1. A scientific understanding of a range properties of materials, and an appreciation of how this understanding can be applied to relevant problems.
2. A scientific understanding of the processes and manufacturing routes used to convert materials into engineering products, and of the influence of processing conditions on product performance.
3. An introduction to a wide range of specific materials, including metals, polymers, ceramics, and composites, and to the basic principles of materials selection for engineering and other applications.
4. An introduction to a research environment, providing familiarity with testing and processing equipment, practical approaches to problem solving, critical evaluation of data, and use of information technology (software, databases etc).
5. The skills required to pursue a successful career in engineering and related industries.

On successful completion of the course students should be able to:

- Apply their understanding of materials properties and processing characteristics to problems in the areas of materials development, materials and process selection, and component design.
- Plan, execute and manage materials-related projects.
- Operate effectively in a team.
- Make effective oral and written presentations of their work.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- recent graduates wishing to extend their knowledge and skills in the above areas.
- qualified engineers wishing to apply their skills into new areas.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Evaluate current materials used in engineering applications.
ILO 2. Compare and contrast developing and current manufacturing methods applicable across various material classes.
ILO 3. Determine suitable alternative materials and processes for specified application/structure.
ILO 4. Implement practical and/or numerical approaches to problem solving.
ILO 5. Justify appropriate management strategies for managing projects
ILO 6. Assess materials use and alternatives for a sustainable materials economy

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would be expected to:

ILO 7. Plan, execute and manage a materials-related project.
ILO 8. Appraise technical and/or commercial literature
ILO 9. Deliver an effective presentation of work.
ILO 10. Contribute to and operate effectively in a team.

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would be expected to:
ILO 11. Undertake a substantial critical appraisal of technical and/or commercial literature.
ILO 12. Deliver a substantial scientific programme of study.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

Comprehensive course materials are provided, as well as a web-site using the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Students are guided through the use of interactive exercises, group and individual discussion. Students engage in class activities to practise the techniques taught.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

FULL TIME STUDENTS

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2, 3, 7 Module 1 (Introduction)	30 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Three Modules from 4, 5, 6, 8, 9	30
TOTAL:	60

PART TIME STUDENTS

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2, 3, 7 Module 1 (Introduction)	30 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Three Modules from 4,5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 (Module 10 requires selection of 4 and 9 as prerequisites)	30
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

FULL TIME STUDENTS

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2 to 9 Module 1 (Introduction) Group Project (11a)	80 0 40
TOTAL:	120

PART TIME STUDENTS

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2, 3 and 7 Module 1 (Introduction)	30 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Choose 5 modules from modules 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 (Module 10 requires selection of 4 and 9 as prerequisites) Group Project (11a) or Dissertation (11b).	10 each, 50 total 40
TOTAL:	120

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In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

FULL TIME STUDENTS

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2 to 9 Module 1 (Introduction) Group Project Thesis (12)	80 0 40 80
TOTAL:	200

PART TIME STUDENTS

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2, 3 and 7 Module 1 (Introduction) Thesis (12)	30 0 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Choose 5 modules from modules 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 (Module 10 requires selection of 4 and 9 as prerequisites) Group Project (11a) or Dissertation (11b).	10 each, 50 total 40
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months.

This course is also offered on a part-time basis. The overall duration of the part-time course would normally be 2 years; the maximum overall duration normally permitted will be 3 years.
Part-time Students are encouraged to take the Group Project component and only in exceptional circumstances, and with approval from the Group Project Co-ordinator, will be permitted to replace the Group Project with an individual dissertation.

Part-time students also have the option to attend Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures in place of a non-compulsory module. If you are interested in this option, please discuss this with the Course Director before selecting your elective options.

The course has been structured through discussions with advisors from a range of industries centred on materials. The course comprises an introductory week and eight one week modules which are assessed, and an assessed group project and individual project. The course covers a broad range of materials areas. Specialisation is provided though suitable group and individual projects.

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The course comprises taught modules (PG certificate, PG diploma, MSc) a group project (PG Diploma, MSc) and an individual research project (MSc). The intended learning outcomes for each module and project component are introduced to the students at the start of each module and project. Students are provided marking scheme information for all summative assessments and opportunities to revise/discuss content and strategies prior to completion of the assessments to ensure students are better informed to deliver.

Each taught module is assessed separately in addition to the assessment of group project work and individual research project work. Activities during the module delivery allow formative feedback to be provided either individually to each student or generally to the student cohort. Such activities include individual student exercises, group exercises, presentation of group work, class discussions, interactive class quizzes. (lab) demonstrations with limited student interaction, software package tutorials and final recap with question and answer session at end of most modules.

The Introduction to Materials Engineering module (module 2) forms the basis of the course and is assessed by individual course work. A practice examination opportunity might be provided in October/November to give the students experience of the Cranfield University examination procedure and identify the level of revision required.
Summative assessments are varied, aligning with module ILOs and being designed specifically for each individual module. Assessments include closed book examinations, written assignments, group and individual oral presentations, use of associated software packages (documented reports) and reflective writing. The taught module ILOs and feedback from assessments (formative and summative) all develop skills that are further assessed in the group project work and individual research project work.

Assessment of project work (group and individual) is by a combination of observed behaviour, reflective writing, oral presentations (poster and powerpoint) and project reports. Formative feedback is provided during the projects (by supervisors, sponsors, technical staff and peers).

The summative assessments are undertaken by the students throughout the academic year, with first written assessment marks and feedback being provided late November, but feedback on oral presentations (summative assessment) is provided late October. However, the majority of feedback efficiently accessed by students is the formative feedback provided during the week of delivery during class activities.

Summative assessment feedback is primarily provided through the Virtual Learning Environment – written course work is marked and feedback provided within the recommended 20 working day period. General feedback on examinations is provided (posted on VLE) based on a sample size of exam question responses.

Full-time and part-time students are assessed identically where circumstances allow. The only provision for difference is in the Group Project/Dissertation (module 11a/11b); part-time students can be allowed to undertake a dissertation in place of the group project work where it can be demonstrated that a group project activity is unsuitable due to part-time student working restrictions.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar				Assessment						
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%)	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part [10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	I-MAT-INWK	Introduction	Dr Sue Impey	39		0	Y	27/09/23	27/09/23	06/10/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	
2	I-MAT-A1009	Introduction to Materials Engineering	Dr David Ayre	30		10	Y	09/10/23	09/10/23	13/10/23	50	ICW	100				06/11/23	TBC – If required
3	I-MAT-A1011	Additive and Subtractive	Dr Claudiu Giusca	30		10	Y	16/10/23	16/10/23	20/10/23	50	ICW	100				13/11/23	TBC – If required

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate). If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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		Manufacturing Technologies																
4	I-MAT-A1015	Failure of Materials and Structures	Dr Muhammad Khan	32		10	Y	30/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	ICW	100				27/11/23	TBC – if required
5	I-MNU-A1018	Engineering Leadership and Management	Dr Orsolya Ihasz	32		10	Y	11/12/23	11/12/23	15/12/23	50	ICW	100				15/01/24	TBC – if required
6	I-MAT-A1014	Finite Element Analysis	Dr Muhammad Khan	35		10	Y	06/11/23	13/11/23	17/11/23	50	GCW	100				11/12/23	TBC – If required.
7	I-MAT-A1017	Materials Selection and Design	Dr Sue Impey/ Dr David Ayre	34		10	Y	27/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				08/01/24	TBC – If required.
8	I-MAT-A1016	Surface Engineering and Coatings System Design	Prof John Nicholls	30		10	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	50	ICW	100				19/02/24	TBC – If required.
9	I-MAT-A1013 OCC A	Composites Manufacturing for High Performance Structures	Mr Andrew Mills	30		10	Y	08/01/24	08/01/24 Occ A	12/01/24	50	ICW	100				05/02/24	TBC – If required.

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10	N-AW-ICAS Occ B	Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures (option when available)	Dr Yigeng Xu	35	5	10	Y	08/07/2024	08/07/2024	12/07/2024	50	ICW	100				09/09/24	TBC – If required.
11a	I-MAT-GRPP	Group Project	Dr David Ayre	20		40	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24 Occ A FT	29/04/24 FT	50 50 50	GPRES GCW ICW	20 60 20				26/04/24 29/04/24 29/04/24	
			Dr David Ayre						04/03/24 Occ B PT	23/08/24 PT	50 50 50	GPRES GCW ICW	20 60 20				16/08/24 23/08/24 23/08/24	
11b	I-MAT-DISS	Dissertation for Part Time Students	Dr David Ayre	20		40	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24	23/08/24	50 50	ICW (1) ICW (2)	80 20				23/08/24 23/08/24	
12	I-MNU-THESIS	Thesis	Dr Muhammad Khan	20		80	Y	05/02/24	Occ A = PT 05/02/24	PT 23/08/24	50 50	THESIS IPRES	90 10				23/08/24 29/08/24	
			Dr Muhammad Khan					26/04/24	Occ B = FT 26/04/24	FT 23/08/24	50 50	THESIS IPRES	90 10				23/08/24 29/08/24	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	Module title	Course that owns the module	Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module
I-MAT-INWK	Introduction	Advanced Materials	• Aerospace Materials, • Aerospace Manufacturing, • Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems, • Global Product Development and Management, • Management and Information Systems, • Metal Additive Manufacturing, • Manufacturing Technology and Management, • Welding Engineering, • Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management
I-MAT-A1009	Introduction to Materials Engineering	Advanced Materials	• Aerospace Materials, • Manufacturing Technology and Management
I-MAT-A1011	Additive and subtractive Manufacturing Technologies	Advanced Materials	• Manufacturing Technology and Management, Aerospace Manufacturing
I-MAT-A1015	Failure of Materials and Structures	Advanced Materials	• Aerospace Materials, • Aerospace Manufacturing • Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management
I-MNU-A1018	Engineering leadership and Management	Manufacturing Technology and Management	• Global Product Development and Management, • Advanced Materials
I-MAT-A1014	Finite Element Analysis	Advanced Materials	• Aerospace Materials,
I-MAT-A1017	Materials Selection and Design	Advanced Materials	• Aerospace Materials
I-MAT-A1016	Surface Engineering and Coatings System Design	Advanced Materials	• Manufacturing Technology and Management, • Aerospace Materials
I-MAT-A1013	Composites Manufacturing for High Performance Structures	Advanced Materials	• Manufacturing Technology and Management, • Aerospace Manufacturing, • Aerospace Materials,
N-AW-ICAS	Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures	Airworthiness	• Military Aerospace and Airworthiness, • Aerospace Materials, • Aircraft Engineering
I-MAT-GRPP	Group Project	Advanced Materials	• Aerospace Materials, • Manufacturing Technology and Management, • Aerospace Manufacturing, • Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems,

			• Global Product Development and Management, • Management and Information Systems, • Welding Engineering, • Metal Additive Manufacturing, • Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management
I-MAT-DISS	Dissertation for Part Time Students	Advanced Materials	• Aerospace Materials, • Aerospace Manufacturing, • Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems, • Global Product Development and Management, • Management and Information Systems, • Metal Additive Manufacturing, • Manufacturing Technology and Management, • Welding Engineering, • Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management
I-MNU-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Aerospace Manufacturing	• Advanced Materials, • Aerospace Materials, • Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems, • Global Product Development and Management, • Management and Information Systems, • Metal Additive Manufacturing, • Manufacturing Technology and Management, • Welding Engineering, • Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Students can expect to have either examinations or assessment by submitted work and elements of assessment by presentation or viva.

This approach has been adopted in order to ensure that students demonstrate their understanding through a wide range of learning techniques but are not disadvantaged through any one approach.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6			
2	ICW	ICW		ICW					
3		ICW							
4	ICW			ICW					
5	ICW		ICW	ICW					
6	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW					
7	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW			
8	ICW	ICW	ICW						
9				ICW	ICW				
10	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW			

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.		ILO7	ILO8	ILO9	ILO10
11a		GCW	GCW	GCW GPRES	GCW ICW
11b		ICW(1)	ICW (1)	ICW (1)	ICW (2)

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO11	ILO12				
12	THESIS	THESIS IPRES				

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as

a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

This course takes graduates on to a wide range of careers involving materials, with responsibilities in research, development, design, engineering, consultancy and management in industries including aerospace, automotive, medical, sports, food and drink processing, chemical processing and power generation.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Advanced Mechanical Engineering
Course code	MSAMEFTC, MSAMEPTC, PDAMEFTC, PDAMEPTC, PCAMEFTC, PCAMEPTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full time, Part time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield
School(s)	School of Water, Energy and Environment
Theme	Energy & Sustainability
Centre	Centre for Energy Engineering
Course Director	Dr Joy Sumner
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	No
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	No
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	No

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	A first or second class UK Honours degree (or equivalent) in mathematics, physics or an engineering discipline. Other recognised professional qualifications or several years' relevant industrial experience may be accepted as equivalent; subject to approval by the Course Director.
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc, PgDip and PgCert - one year, Part-time MSc, PgDip and PgCert - up to three years
Course Start Month(s)	October

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the Centre for Energy Engineering where the research interests include:

fluid mechanics, structural integrity, failure assessment and design principles.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

Double degree relationships with European academic institutions have been developed (France, Italy and Spain) and future collaborations with other institutions are planned.

Plans are in place to:
- Establish an industrial advisory committee
- Develop relationships with appropriate international industries

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) until August 2026 and the Energy Institute until August 2025 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

Provide advanced, post-graduate education in the theory and practice of Mechanical Engineering. The course includes a broad range of Mechanical Engineering topics particularly relevant to the Energy sectors including Mechanical Engineering Design and Assessment. Material presented in the course modules deals with the design, operation and optimisation of machinery, structural integrity and project management. The course will appeal to graduates and practicing engineers who wish to enhance their understanding of Mechanical Engineering with a view to management of large engineering projects. It will also appeal to students as a conversion course from other branches of engineering and as an upskilling course particularly for overseas graduates. This is a broad course complementing the existing specialist MSc courses that the School of Water, Energy and Environment provides.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Graduates and practicing engineers who wish to enhance their knowledge of various mechanical engineering fields with a view to managing key engineering projects.
- Graduates currently in employment, or overseas graduates, who wish to extend their technical qualifications or up-skill their qualifications.
- Graduates with science degrees or from other branches of engineering who wish to pursue a career change and require a conversion course.
- Candidates with other educational qualifications but who possess considerable relevant experience.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Mechanical Engineering

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Critically evaluate advanced mechanical engineering techniques necessary for solutions in the energy sectors.

ILO 2. Design appropriate strategies for employing advanced technologies and management issues to provide solutions for international industries and/or research organisations.

ILO 3. Appraise, evaluate and interpret information and theories applied to the engineering solution of problems in fluid dynamics and loading, computational fluid dynamics, fatigue and fracture, analytical and computational stress analysis, materials degradation and engineering component life cycles/sustainability.

ILO 4. Assess and interpret management methodologies and techniques that apply to the planning and execution of engineering projects, performed both individually and in teams, and for which self-direction and the ability to work effectively and professionally under time pressure are required.

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Mechanical Engineering

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from the taught modules in a real-life situation to address problems faced by industrial clients; creating new problem diagnoses, designs, or system insights; and communicating findings in a professional manner in written, oral and visual forms.

C. MSc in Advanced Mechanical Engineering

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 6. Define a research question, develop aim(s) and objectives, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, evaluate findings critically and draw justifiable conclusions, demonstrating self-direction and originality of thought.

ILO 7. To communicate their individual research via a thesis and in an oral presentation in a style suitable for academic and professional audiences.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

Engaging with the wider learning environment at Cranfield through attendance of seminars and lectures arranged from time to time. It is confirmed that the course will be delivered by conventional means with no element of distance learning and/or flexible delivery. The students will have access to the e-learning support through the VLE.

The taught programme is generally delivered from October to February and is divided into 5 core and 3 applied modules. Each module is delivered over two weeks at Cranfield.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits[3] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Week Structural Integrity Fluid Mechanics and Loading Computational Fluid Dynamics for Renewable Energy Engineering Project Management	0 10 10 10 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Plus 2 modules from: Component Design Design of Offshore Energy Structures Engineering Stress Analysis: Theory and Simulations OR Assessing Risk and Failure	 10 10 10 20
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits[4] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction week Fluid Mechanics and Loading Engineering Stress Analysis: Theory and Simulations	0 10 10

[3] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.
[4] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation.

Computational Fluid Dynamics for Renewable Energy Structural Integrity Engineering Project Management Assessing Risk and Failure Group project (Full time students)	10 10 10 20 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Students must choose one of: Design of Offshore Energy Structures OR Component Design Part Time Students must choose one of: Group Project OR Dissertation	 10 10 40 40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction week Fluid Mechanics and Loading N-AME-FML Engineering Stress Analysis: Theory and Simulations N-AME-ESA Computational Fluid Dynamics for Renewable Energy N-REE-CFDR Structural Integrity N-AME-SI Assessing Risk and Failure N-AME-ARF Engineering Project Management N-AME-EPM Group project (Full time students) I-ENE-GRPP Thesis I-SWEE-THES	0 10 10 10 10 20 10 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Students must choose one of: Component Design N-AME-CD Design of Offshore Energy Structures N-RNE-RES Part Time Students must choose one of: Group Project I-ENE-GRPP OR Dissertation I-SWEE-DISS	 10 10 40 40
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [5]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

This course is also offered on a part-time basis for which students most register in October, and to complete the course within 24 or 36 (accordingly to the study plan agreed) calendar months.

Taught part 1: Modules
Each module is delivered over two weeks, using a combination of face to face and online activities. Modules are given in the period between October and February. The exams will be scheduled for the first week in January. Full time students will undertake all modules in the same academic year. Part time students will agree a time plan with the Course Director before the start of the first year of their studies.

Taught part 2: Group Project / Dissertation (part time students only)
The Group Project takes place after the completion of the taught modules phase and consists of a total of 16 contact hours with a member of the teaching staff and 384 hours of private study and collaboration with the student members of the group. This corresponds roughly to 1.5 contact hours and 38 private study/group working hours per week. This module is compulsory for full time students, and optional for part time students. Part time students have the option of completing a Dissertation as an alternative to the Group Project. If part time students chose to take the Group Project module instead of completing a Dissertation they are required to attend (in person or remotely, i.e. through video conferencing software) the weekly group project meetings. A member of the teaching staff attends these meetings and attendance is recorded. It is compulsory for the part-time students to attend in person the first Group Project meeting

[5] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

(usually on the last week of February) and the last meeting, when a group presentation with a poster is held. The majority of the work involved in the group project occurs outside the weekly meetings and is planned and organized by the students. For part time students, this collaboration outside the weekly meetings can be performed through attendance in person/remotely, phone, e-mail, written interim reports, etc. The group will nominate a minute taker and chair weekly, who take notes of these activities and report them to the group supervisor. Furthermore, the students use a shared drive owned by the Department, this is a repository for all the material produced and collected during the project. The supervisor, as member of the teaching staff, has access to it and he/she can monitor in a direct way the progresses of both part-time and full-time students.

Students opting for the Part-Time Dissertation will be assigned a supervisor by the Course Director and will agree with the supervisor an appropriate topic of study. This may be related to a workplace/industrial activity that is relevant to the student's work environment. The Dissertation will include a comprehensive literature review of classical and contemporary related material and also a discussion and properly argued conclusions. Where appropriate the Dissertation will acknowledge the work and contribution of others. The Dissertation module will be assessed in a similar way to the Group Project by presentation and formal report.

Taught Part 3: Individual Research Project
For full time students, the Individual Research Project takes place during the period (May-September).By the end of March each year, each student will be allocated to a project supervisor who will guide them in selecting a research project. **Part time students** should define their research projects, to be undertaken commonly either partly or totally at their place of work, by the beginning of the second year of registration.

After the completion of the Group Project, full time students commence working on their research projects on a full-time basis. The research activity for part-time students starts commonly at the beginning of second year of registration (i.e. after successfully completing three taught modules). All students are required and must maintain regular contact (meetings, telephone conversations or e-mail correspondence) with their personal supervisor to discuss progress.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[6]

Taught modules:

- The assessment strategy for the taught modules is to have a wide range of assessment types. This includes:
    - Written assignments (individual course work):
        - Engineering Stress Analysis: Theory and Simulations:
        - Fluid Mechanics and Loading: A clear assignment discussing three technical areas.
        - Component Design: a report on student design projects.
        - Computational Fluid Dynamics for Renewable Energy: To attempt and reflect upon the application of CFD.
        - Assessing Risk and Failure: A simulated lab report with expanded discussion section as well as a group oral presentation.
        - Engineering Project Management: A 6-page proposal for a project to include project background, aims and objectives, and methods. This should also include consideration of the project risks, finances and ethical issues, along with a project plan (Gantt chart).
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    - Exam:

[6] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

        - Structural Integrity: Demonstrate the understanding and ability to apply the theories and concepts taught in the module
- Summative assessment will address the course ILOs:
    - Engineering Stress Analysis: Theory and Simulations: 3
    - Fluid Mechanics and Loading: 1 & 3
    - Structural Integrity: 3
    - Computational Fluid Dynamics for Renewable Energy: 1 & 3
    - Assessing Risk and Failure: 1, 2 & 3
    - Component Design: 1, 2 & 3
    - Engineering Project Management: 4
- The reports will help students in their future employment and professional practice in disseminating information, while the exams are intended to evaluate students' handling of applying a novel situation to an existing framework for solution.
- Formative feedback includes:
    - Guided Exercises/Numerical Sessions (Fluid Mechanics and Loading, Structural Integrity): to take students through representative problems and familiarise them with different tactics for tackling them.
    - Case studies/Examples workshops (Fluid Mechanics and Loading, Assessing Risk and Failure): to allow students to discuss real world examples of the theory they are learning.
    - Group discussions (Assessing Risk and Failure, Engineering Project Management): engage in and contribute to group discussions during the lectures, practical sessions and workshop.
    - Practical/Workshop Sessions (Fluid Mechanics and Loading, Component Design, Structural Integrity, Computational Fluid Dynamics for Renewable Energy, Assessing Risk and Failure): to allow experience of representative skill sets.
    - Student Presentations (Assessing Risk and Failure): students practice presentation skills, reflect upon their experience, and get feedback from staff.
- The VLE is used:
    - In standard years for purposes including:
        - Sharing of course materials not limited to lecture materials, notifications and assignment briefings.
        - In Engineering Stress Analysis: Theory and Simulation to provide formative feedback at the end of each day.
        - In Structural Integrity to provide formative feedback at the end of each day.
    - In years with disrupted face-to-face teaching (e.g. pandemics) and as needed in other years:
        - For the dissemination of module information including links to online sessions, project specific discussion boards and other learning materials.

Group Project:
The group project provides the students with the opportunity to gain professional skills expected of the workplace. In addition to technical skill practice, students develop a range of soft skills such as team working, problem solving, communication skills and reflective practice. The students work in small consultancy teams typically on a client-sponsored project for a period of 10 weeks. Many teams will be made up of students from different courses giving the students the opportunity of working in an interdisciplinary team. The students are responsible for interpreting the brief, developing a project plan, selecting and implementing a methodology, deriving results, analysing the results and drawing conclusions in alignment with the aims and objectives. All students participate in a peer review activity providing them with the opportunity to reflect on the practices of their colleagues as well as their own. Peer review feedback is provided individually by an independent member of academic staff. A single group report is produced and the project is presented orally at the concluding Exhibition Day, both elements are summatively assessed by independent markers and a group mark is assigned for element. Individual

assessment is derived from supervisor observation and meeting minute actions and an individual reflective report where the students reflect on the development of three soft skill competencies based on objectives that they set for themselves. The team working competency is mandatory as one of the three skills for each student.

Dissertation:
Part time students are not required to complete the Group Project undertaken by the full time registered students on a SWEE MSc course. An alternative assignment takes the form of a dissertation or design project which in most situations will be based around a topic relevant to the work of the part-time student. It is evident that some aspects of the Group Project experience that the work-based dissertation replaces – for example the client interaction and group dynamics components will not directly replicated by undertaking this assignment. It is expected that these experiences would normally be a part of the normal working life of the part-time student.

It is expected that the dissertation will normally consist of the following elements: Abstract, Background context, Introduction to the theme(s) addressed within the dissertation and setting out the issues that will be covered, Methodology, In depth analysis/discussion of the topics discussed, Concluding remarks, References, Appendices (if relevant). Two supervisors are allocated to the dissertation and supervision follows the model used for the independent research project. The student will submit a 6000-word report and will give an oral presentation of their work. Both elements of assessment will be marked by independent assessors.

Individual Research Project/Thesis:
The individual research project requires students to further develop problem definition, hypothesis setting, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, and evaluate findings and draw appropriate conclusions in the context of research questions relevant to the student's course. The student is required to communicate their findings successfully via a thesis, written in the style of a standard thesis, and via an oral presentation based around a poster. The projects are designed to integrate knowledge from the taught modules, and apply understanding and skills from the group project, to deliver a high-quality written thesis and oral presentation. The individual research project/thesis is typically delivered through collaboration with an industrial sponsor, or it may be an 'internal' project reflecting the research interests of the School.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[7]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[8]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[9] - 40% or 50%	Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
												Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[10] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[11]	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[12]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[13]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	I-ENE-INWK Occ A	Induction	Patrick Verdin	24		0	Y		03/10/23	07/10/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	
2	N-AME-SI	Structural Integrity	Luofeng Huang	38.5		10	N		24/10/23	04/11/23	50	EX	100				w/c 02/01/24	05/24
3	N-AME-ARF	Assessing Risk and Failure	Joy Sumner	57		20	N		23/10/23	17/11/23	50	ICW GPRES	50 50				FT 18/11/23 PT 02/12/23	05/24

[7] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[8] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[9] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[10] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[11] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear androgogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[12] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[13] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[7]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[8]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[9] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[10] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[11]	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[12]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[13]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
4	N-AME-ESA Occ A	Engineering Stress Analysis: Theory and Simulations	Luofeng Huang	32		10	Y		20/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				FT 02/12/23 PT 06/01/24	05/24
5	N-AME-FML Occ A	Fluid Mechanics and Loading	Liang Yang	30		10	Y		04/12/23	15/12/23	50	ICW	100				FT 06/01/24 PT 20/01/24	05/24
6	N-AME-CD	Component Design	Paul Lighterness	70		10	N		08/01/24	19/01/24	50	ICW	100				FT 03/02/24 PT 03/02/24	05/24
7	N-RNE-RES	Design of Offshore Energy Structures	Liang Yang	25		10	Y		08/01/24	19/01/24	50	ICW	100				FT 20/01/24 PT 03/02/24	05/24
8	N-REE-CFDR	Computational Fluid Dynamics for Renewable Energy	Patrick Verdin	30		10	N		05/02/24	16/02/24	50	ICW	100				FT 17/02/24 PT 02/03/24	05/24
9	N-AME-EPM	Engineering Project	Gill Drew	20		10	Y		19/02/24	01/03/24	50	ICW	100				FT 02/03/24 PT 16/03/24	05/24

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												Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[10] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[11]	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[12]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[13]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
		Management																
10	I-ENE-GRPP Occ A	Group Project	Patrick Verdin	16		40	Y		04/03/24	10/05/24	50 50 50 50	GCW GPRES ICW RP	64 16 10 10				03/05/24 30/04/24 10/05/24 11/05/24	
11	I-SWEE-DISS Occ A	Dissertation (P/T students only)	Jitka MacAdam	10		40	Y		26/02/24	20/09/24	50	IPROJ IPRES	80 20				20/09/24 16:00 wc 23/09/24	09/24
12	I-SWEE-THES Occ A	Thesis	Jitka MacAdam	20		80	Y		07/05/24	06/09/24	50 50	OR THESIS	10 90				27/08/24 - 04/09/24 02/09/24 16:00	

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-ENE-INWK	Induction week	Advanced Mechanical Engineering	• Advanced Chemical Engineering • Advanced Digital Energy Systems • Renewable Energy
I-ENE-GRPP	Group project	Advanced Mechanical Engineering	• Advanced Chemical Engineering • Advanced Digital Energy Systems • Renewable Energy
I-SWEE-DISS	Dissertation	Advanced Water Management	• Water and Sanitation for Development • Water and Wastewater Engineering • Water and Waste Infrastructure for Resilience • Advanced Mechanical Engineering • Advanced Chemical Engineering • Advanced Digital Energy Systems • Renewable Energy • Environmental Engineering • Environmental Management for Business • Geographical Information Management • Global Environmental Change • Applied Bioinformatics • Future Food Sustainability • Food Systems Management • Design Thinking
I-SWEE-THES	Thesis	Advanced Water Management	• Water and Sanitation for Development • Water and Wastewater Engineering • Water and Waste Infrastructure for Resilience • Advanced Mechanical Engineering • Advanced Chemical Engineering • Advanced Digital Energy Systems • Renewable Energy • Environmental Engineering • Environmental Management for Business

			• Geographical Information Management • Global Environmental Change • Applied Bioinformatics • Future Food Sustainability • Food Systems Management • Design Thinking
N-AME-EPM	Engineering Project Management	Advanced Mechanical Engineering	• Advanced Chemical Engineering • Renewable Energy (Management route)
N-AME-ESA	Engineering Stress Analysis: Theory and Simulations	Advanced Mechanical Engineering	• Renewable Energy (Engineering route) • Mechanical Engineering (Jiangsu)
N-AME-FML	Fluid Mechanics and Loading	Advanced Mechanical Engineering	• Renewable Energy (Engineering route) • Mechanical Engineering (Jiangsu)
N-RNE-RES	Design of Offshore Energy Structures	Renewable Energy	• Advanced Mechanical Engineering

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types. Students can expect to have two written examinations, eight pieces of assessment by submitted work and two elements of assessment by presentation or viva. This approach has been adopted in order to provide a balance between formal examination and a less rigid written/verbal communication.

Formal lecture courses are examined in accordance with the School of Water, Energy and Environment practice. Prior to the examinations taking place all examination papers are seen and approved first by a member of the department and then by the course external examiner.

The underlying assessment strategy across all modules will be to examine the understanding of mechanical engineering principles and applications. This will be achieved by testing the ability to solve realistic multi-disciplinary problems within a Mechanical Engineering context. Proper application and appreciation of mechanical engineering models and methodologies will be paramount to the successful completion of the course.

Coursework will be set to reinforce and expand taught elements of the course. This will be a combination of open-ended assignments and analytical/numerical based problem solving. Coursework will be assessed on the rigour and quality of the reports with merit given to diligence and evidence of understanding of the underlying methods.

- Each course member is required to make a formal presentation on his/her Individual Research Project.
- Upon submission, all theses are reviewed by two internal examiners (one examiner being the course member's supervisor), plus the external examiner.

- If the Individual Research Project mark awarded by the internal examiners varies significantly, then a third internal examiner is appointed.
- All course members are subject to a presentation or viva voce examination in the presence of members of Academic staff.

Assessment of Individual MSc Theses
The Individual Research Project (IRP) tests:

- The ability to define the project by reference to scientific, technical and/or commercial literature, the critical appraisal of such literature and the justification of the research;
- The ability to plan and manage the research programme, to define the work to be carried out and to report the results in a clear manner;
- The ability to analyse the work, relate it to the work of others where appropriate and to be self-critical;
- To communicate the work, its results and analysis in a technical and well-presented document.

Assessment of the Group Project (GP)
The Group project tests:

- The ability to undertake the design of an engineering component or system, and substantiate the design through analysis;
- The ability to plan and manage the design project programme, to define the work to be carried out and to report the results in a clear manner;
- The ability to analyse the design, relate it to the work of others where appropriate and to be self-critical;
- To communicate the design, its results and analysis in an oral presentation and in a technical and well-presented document.

Assessment of the Dissertation (Part-Time option) module tests:

- The ability to plan, structure and manage a detailed study of an engineering process, system, component or methodology and to communicate results in a clear manner;
- The ability to assemble a workplace/industrial activity into a coherent study formulating properly argued conclusions and where appropriate building upon and acknowledging the work and contribution of others;
- The ability to analyse and where appropriate to relate to the work of others and to be self-critical;
- To communicate the dissertation in an oral presentation and in a technical and well-presented document.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	ILO 1.	ILO 2.	ILO 3.	ILO 4.
3 N-AME-ARF	ICW GPRES	ICW GPRES	ICW GPRES	

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1.	ILO 2.	ILO 3.	ILO 4.
4 N-AME-ESA	ICW	ICW	ICW	
2 N-AME-SI	EX	EX	EX	
5 N-AME-FML	ICW	ICW	ICW	
6 N-AME-CD	ICW	ICW	ICW	
7 N-RNE-RES	ICW	ICW	ICW	
8 N-REE-CFDR	ICW	ICW	ICW	
9 N-AME-EPM			ICW	ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 5.
10	GCW GPRES ICW RP
11	IPROJ IPRES

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 6.	ILO 7.
12	THESIS OR	THESIS OR

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

NONE

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Graduates from the course will be equipped with the academic skills and requirements to successfully pursue a career in a Mechanical Engineering discipline whether this is technical, management or research.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Advanced Motorsport Engineering
Course code	MSAMGFTC, PDAMGFTC, PCAMGFTC
Academic Year	2023-2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-Time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Advanced Vehicle Engineering Centre
Course Director	Dr Kim Blackburn and Dr Patrick McLaughlin (Joint Acting)
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Entry requirements	First or Upper Second class UK Honours degrees or the international equivalent in engineering, aerospace, materials science and closely related disciplines such as Maths and Physics, who wish to gain knowledge of the engineering, , science, technologies and management relevant to motorsport. For students where their first language is not English they will need to provide evidence that they have achieved a satisfactory test result in an English qualification. The minimum requirement is IELTS – 7 or an equivalent (with 7 in both speaking and writing), approved test.
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Transport Systems Theme, Advanced Vehicle Engineering Centre and other centres within the School where the research interests include:

- Active and passive aerodynamics
- Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)
- Carbon reduction and environmental impact
- Alternative energy sources, energy recovery systems and energy efficiency
- High temperature surface engineering including coatings
- Low carbon vehicles
- Powertrain development and refinement including Internal Combustion Engine (ICE), hybrids and Electric Vehicles (EV)
- Condition monitoring and reliability
- Precision engineering
- Simulation including the supply of race car simulators to F1 (Cranfield Simulation)
- Structural integrity and FIA approved impact testing including F1 and Le Mans Prototype (LMP) (Cranfield Impact Centre)
- Tyre modelling and characterisation
- Vehicle dynamics including on circuit and off road
- Vehicle light weighting, novel materials and composites with special reference to niche vehicles such as competition cars and motorcycles.
- Electronics and data acquisition
- Mechatronics
- The motorsport business cluster, technology transfer and diversification

Teaching and assessment is also provided by staff at the Shrivenham campus. Students benefit from access to motorsport related facilities at both campus sites.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) until August 2025, as well as, The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- provide students with a sound understanding of the fundamental scientific, engineering and managerial principles as applied to motorsport, and their implementation within a high performance technology context
- provide students with a clear knowledge of the design, construction and operation of competition vehicles, and related aspects of materials science, aerodynamics, structural analysis, vehicle systems, and management techniques related to motorsport.
- equip students with the skills required for the planning, execution and reporting of motorsport projects and to prepare them for a variety of roles in motorsport.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- First or Upper Second class UK Honours degrees or the international equivalent in engineering, aerospace, materials science and closely related disciplines such as Maths and Physics, who wish to gain knowledge of the engineering, management, science and technologies relevant to motorsport. Maths and physics applicants will be expected to understand mechanical and aeronautical engineering as applied to cars and motorcycles. All applicants should demonstrate an involvement of working with cars and motorcycles, even if this is through hobby interests.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. analyse key engineering and business subjects as applied to motorsport
ILO 2. judge the technologies which underpin motorsport engineering
ILO 3. rate business and engineering related disciplines in the context of motorsport

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. formulate managerial skills for a group project
ILO 5. evaluate one or more motorsport engineering applications.
ILO 6. assess their personal development with reference to individual contribution in a team working context.

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 7. appraise an area or areas of motorsport engineering through individual research.
ILO 8. synthesise their individual research in the form of a thesis report and poster

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Provision of lectures from academics, leading industry experts and practitioners highlighting the practical implementation and constraints associated with the theoretical principles introduced on the programme.

- All course material is available via the web-based learning environment Canvas.
- The course is timetabled as a series of modules thereby allowing diligent students to effectively manage the assessment requirements of the course.
- The provision of non-assessed study-skills training covering areas such as; academic report writing, presentation skills, research skills and working with University facilities (IT, library, Student Support Services).
- The extensive use of tutorial sessions and computer aided engineering exercises employing software packages commonly utilised in industry, including Matlab, LabView, AVL Boost, Control Desk, ChassisSim and Dymola.
- The opportunity to complete an individual Research Project, which may be sponsored by industry and using industry scale laboratory facilities and software packages (academic licences or commercial licences where the supporting companies make these available.
- Through the Taught Modules, Group Design and individual Research Project, students are encouraged to develop their transferable skills (such as oral and written communication skills, independent learning, networking and project management).
- Problem-based learning - this kind of learning encourages self-conducted, individualised learning and thereby also the students' own responsibility for learning, it should also support the personal and professional growth of the student.
- Use of experiences from laboratory or industrial practice, as a starting point when training abilities for problem solving and critical analysis, should greatly increase integration between theory and practice.
- Theoretical class exercises as a means for the students to learn how to apply variations of common solutions to standard problems and students get feedback from colleagues and lecturers.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introduction to Motorsport	0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
To accumulate 60 credits from Modules 2-9	60
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introduction to Motorsport Modules 2-9 Group Design Project	0 80

	40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	N/A
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introduction to Motorsport Modules 2-9 Group Design Project Individual Research Project	0 80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	N/A
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
    - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
    - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months, submitting their thesis, undertaking the oral examination with poster and attending the industrial thesis exhibition in September (students with restricted thesis are not required to attend the exhibition).

Each module is taught over five days, usually with an intervening week for assimilation and time to work on the assignments or revise for examinations.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment strategy encompasses individual as well as group work. There is a blend of assignments and examinations across the assessed modules, although it is important to note that each module has one form of assessment. The modules contribute 80 credits (40%). Where the group design project is concerned students are assessed in terms of their group and individual contribution and reflection. The assessment comprises group coursework and presentation, a self reflective review and contribution evaluation based on evidence such as meeting minutes. This equates to 40 credits in total (20%). Finally the remaining 80 credits (40%) are assigned to the individual research project. Here the distribution is 80% for the thesis and 20% for the thesis individual presentation with research project poster. The combination of these forms of assessment with their various weightings determine the award of the Master's degree. In addition there are exit routes of Postgraduate Diploma (PgD) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgC) should the student not attain the MSc award. Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Problem-based learning - this kind of learning encourages self-conducted, individualised learning and thereby also the students' own responsibility for learning, it should also support the personal and professional growth of the student.
- Use of experiences from laboratory or industrial practice, as a starting point when training abilities for problem solving and critical analysis, should greatly increase integration between theory and practice.
- Theoretical class exercises as a means for the students to learn how to apply variations of common solutions to standard problems and students get feedback from colleagues and lecturers.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1		I-MEM-INWK	Motorsport Introduction	Dr Kim Blackburn	17	0	0	Y	04/09/2023	27/09/23	29/09/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	N/A
2		I-MEM-A1519	Motorsport Structural Analysis	Dr Marzio Grasso	35	0	10	N	05/02/24	05/02/24	09/02/24	50	GPRES	100				16/02/2024	At the next available opportunity
3		I-MEM-A1001	Motorsport Electronics and Data Acquisition	Dr Kim Blackburn	35	0	10	Y	16/10/23	16/10/23	27/10/23	50	EX	100				03/01/2024	At the next available opportunity 3rd-7th June 2024

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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4		I-MEM-A1007	Motorsport Vehicle Dynamics	Dr James Brighton	35	0	10	Y	13/11/23	13/11/23	24/11/23	50	EX	100				04/01/2024	At the next available opportunity 3rd-7th June 2024
5		I-MEM-A1006	Motorsport Aerodynamics	Dr Anderson Proenca	35	0	10	N	27/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	50	GCW	100				08/12/23	At the next available opportunity
6		I-MEM-A1012	Computational Fluid Dynamics for Motorsport	Jack Chilvers	35	0	10	N	08/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	50	ICW	100				19/01/24	At the next available opportunity
7		I-MEM-A1005	The Business of Motorsport	Mike Bayes	35	0	10	Y	30/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	GCW	100				10/11/23	At the next available opportunity
8		I-MEM-A1004	Composite Structures for Motorsport	Dr Veronica Marchante Rodriguez	35	0	10	N	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	50	EX	100				19/02/2024	At the next available opportunity 3rd-7th June 2024
9		I-MEM-A1008	Motorsport Powertrains	Matthew Harrison	35	32	10	Y	02/10/23	02/10/23	06/10/23	50	ICW	100				13/10/2023	At the next available opportunity
10		I-MEM-GRPP	Group Design Project	Dr Kim Blackburn	40	0	40	Y	26/02/24	26/02/24	17/05/24	50 50 50	GCW GPRES ICW	64 16 20				10/05/2024 13/05/2024 17/05/2024	N/A

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11		I-MEM-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Dr Kim Blackburn	40	n/a	80	Y	13/05/24	13/05/24	02/09/24	50 50	THESIS IPRES	80 20				29/08/2024 02/09/2024	N/A

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-MEM-INWK	Motorsport Introduction	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-A1001	Motorsport Electronics and Data Acquisition	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-A1007	Motorsport Vehicle Dynamics	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-A1005	The Business of Motorsport	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-A1008	Motorsport Powertrains	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-GRPP	Group Design Project	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types. Students can expect to have written examinations, assessment by submitted work and elements of assessment by oral presentation or viva. However, only one form of assessment will be used in relation to a taught module, either an assignment or a closed book examination.

This approach has been adopted in order to offer diversity in assessing students in relation to learning outcomes. The Course also employs peer- and self-assessment activities to reinforce the reflective abilities that are necessary for working effectively in teams. These encourage student involvement with their learning, and give them some sense of responsibility with regards to the unit of study.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1.	ILO 2.	ILO 3.
1	AO	AO	AO
2	GPRES	GPRES	
3	EX	EX	EX
4	EX	EX	EX
5	GCW	GCW	GCW
6	ICW	ICW	ICW
7		GCW	GCW
8	EX	EX	EX
9	ICW	ICW	ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 4.	ILO 5.	ILO 6.
10	GCW	GPRES GCW	ICW

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 7.	ILO 8.
11	THESIS	IPRES THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		N/A	N/A

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Engineering roles in motorsport and high performance engineering including design roles, technical sales engineering posts and track-side related positions. Former students have gone onto careers in F1, Indy Cars and other single seat formulae, WRC, WRX. Moto GP, BSB, endurance racing including LMP and GT categories, touring cars, electric vehicle racing series such as FIA Formula E, motorsport equipment manufacturers and suppliers, automotive OEMs, niche high performance engineering companies and consultancies

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
Course code	MSAMMFTC PDAMMFTC PCAMMFTC
Academic Year	2023-2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PGDip, PGCert
Mode of delivery	Full-Time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Advanced Vehicle Engineering Centre
Course Director	Dr Kim Blackburn and Dr Patrick McLaughlin (Joint Acting)
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements and IELTS 7 (with 7 in both speaking and writing)

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	One year
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Transport Systems, Advanced Vehicle Engineering Centre where the research interests include:

> motorsport engineering and business, vehicle electrification including powertrain, Internal Combustion Engine (ICE), and hybrid powertrain, advanced control, multi-domain modelling, autonomous technologies, low carbon vehicles, vehicle dynamics on circuit and off road, simulation, electronics and data acquisition. Beyond the centre we will draw upon Cranfield's research related expertise and underpinning facilities.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

> The Engineering Council in relation to the IET, IMechE and RAeS for accreditation

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) until August 2025 and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

- Provide students with a sound understanding of the fundamental scientific, engineering and managerial principles involved in motorsport, and their implementation within a high performance technology context
- Provide students with an overview of the knowledge of the design, construction and operation of competition vehicles, and related aspects of aerodynamics, vehicle dynamics, vehicle systems, control systems, electronics, data acquisition, simulation and the business context of and management techniques related to motorsport and high performance engineering.
- Equip students with the skills required for the planning, execution and reporting of Motorsport mechatronics related projects and to prepare them for a variety of roles in motorsport, either within the factory and/or working trackside with competition teams and their suppliers.
- Meet employer demand for post graduate engineers who have applied analytical skills in motorsport mechatronics and niche high performance vehicle system and component design to meet the challenge of motorsport competition with reference to the technical and sporting regulations. These include the demands associated with the safety of competitors, officials, spectators, along with vehicle and trackside safety. The M-level graduates developed skills will also support performance, competitive advantage and sustainability with reference to environment considerations.
- Provide a primary training and dissemination route for Cranfield University's increasing research portfolio in the area of low carbon vehicle technologies and design methods.
- Supply to the motorsport, niche high performance and mainstream automotive segments (and associated supply chains) high calibre post graduate engineers with the technical, managerial

qualities, transferable skills and independent learning ability to make them effective in organisations that utilise mechatronics in their businesses.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- First or Second class UK Honours degrees or the international equivalent in engineering, aerospace, mathematics, physics and closely related disciplines such as electronics who wish to gain knowledge of the engineering, management, science and technologies relevant to motorsport mechatronics.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Analyse methodologies and design considerations, in relation to engineering, including mechatronics applications, and business subjects in the context of motorsport.
ILO 2. Evaluate the performance of a range of technologies which underpin motorsport engineering, with reference to those related to mechatronics systems;
ILO 3. Assess the impact of different mechatronic systems as applied to motorsport, using simulation tools and benchmarking.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Select and then apply a range of managerial techniques and business solutions within a group project environment;
ILO 5. Evaluate the engineering trade-offs and design constraints of one or more motorsport mechatronics applications in relation to a motorsport engineering group design project;
ILO 6. Assess their personal development with reference to individual contribution in a team working context.

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 7. Appraise an area or areas of motorsport mechatronics through individual research;
ILO 8. Synthesise their individual research in the form of a thesis report and poster.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Provision of lectures from academics, leading industry experts and practitioners highlighting the practical implementation and constraints associated with the theoretical principles introduced on the programme.
- All course material is available via the web-based learning environment Canvas.
- The course is timetabled as a series of modules thereby allowing diligent students to effectively manage the assessment requirements of the course.
- The provision of non-assessed study-skills training covering areas such as; academic report writing, presentation skills, research skills and working with University facilities (IT, library, Student Support Services).

- The extensive use of tutorial sessions and computer aided engineering exercises employing software packages commonly utilised in industry, including Matlab, LabView, AVL Boost, Control Desk, ChassisSim and Dymola.

The opportunity to complete an individual Research Project, which may be sponsored by industry and using industry scale laboratory facilities and software packages (academic licences or commercial licences where the supporting companies make these available.

- Through the Taught Modules, Group Design and individual Research Project, students are encouraged to develop their transferable skills (such as oral and written communication skills, independent learning, networking and project management). Problem-based learning - this kind of learning encourages self-conducted, individualised learning and thereby also the students' own responsibility for learning; it should also support the personal and professional growth of the student.
- Use of experiences from laboratory or industrial practice, as a starting point when training abilities for problem solving and critical analysis, should greatly increase integration between theory and practice.
- Theoretical class exercises including motorsport related case studies as a means for the students to learn how to apply variations of common solutions to standard problems and students get feedback from colleagues and lecturers.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
N/A	
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
60 credits from modules 2-9	60
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 2-9 Group Project: 10	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 2-9 Group Project: 10 Individual Research Project: 11	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

Within the first term, all students will attend most of the MSc Advanced Motorsport Engineering modules. During the second term, students will attend most of the MSc Automotive Mechatronics modules. The Group Design Project will be distributed over term 2. For the duration of the 3rd term, students will have the opportunity to undertake their individual Research Project. There are no elective elements within the individual courses.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment strategy encompasses individual as well as group work. There is a blend of assignments and examinations across the assessed modules, although it is important to note that each module has one form of assessment. The modules contribute 80 credits (40%). Where the group design project is concerned students are assessed in terms of their group and individual contribution and reflection. The assessment comprises group coursework and presentation, a self reflective review and contribution evaluation based on evidence such as meeting minutes . This equates to 40 credits in total (20%). Finally the remaining 80 credits (40%) are assigned to the individual research project. Here the distribution is 80% for the thesis and 20% for the thesis individual presentation with research project poster. The combination of these forms of assessment with their various weightings determine the award of the Master's degree. In addition there are exit routes of Postgraduate Diploma (PgD) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgC) should the student not attain the MSc award. Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

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[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
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1		I-MEM-INWK	Motorsport Introduction	Dr Kim Blackburn	17	0	0	Y	04/09/23	27/09/23	29/09/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	N/A
2		I-MEM-A1001	Motorsport Electronics and Data Acquisition	Dr Kim Blackburn	35	0	10	Y	16/10/23	16/10/23	27/10/23	50	EX	100				03/01/2024	At the next available opportunity
3		I-MEM-A1007	Motorsport Vehicle Dynamics	Dr James Brighton	35	0	10	Y	13/11/23	13/11/23	24/11/23	50	EX	100				04/01/2024	At the next available opportunity

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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4		N-AP-AM03	Vehicle Control Applications	Dr Marco Cecotti	30		10	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24	09/02/24	50	ICW	100				16/02/2024	Sept 2024
5		I-MEM-A1005	The Business of Motorsport	Mike Bayes	35	0	10	Y	30/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	GCW	100				10/11/2023	At the next available opportunity
6		I-MEM-A1008	Motorsport Powertrains	Matthew Harrison	35	32	10	Y	02/10/23	02/10/23	06/10/23	50	ICW	100				13/10/2023	At the next available opportunity
7		N-AP-AM01	Mechatronics Modelling for Vehicle Systems	Dr Stefano Longo	30		10	Y	27/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				08/12/2023	Sept 2024
8		N-AP-AM02	Advanced Control and Optimisation	Dr Daniel Auger	30		10	Y	02/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	50	ICW	100				19/01/2024	Sept 2024
9		N-AP-AM04	Embedded Vehicle Control Systems	Dr Stefano Longo	30		10	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	50	ICW	100				02/02/2024	Sept 2024
10		I-MEM-GRPP	Group Design Project	Dr Kim Blackburn	40	0	40	Y	26/02/24	26/02/24	17/05/24	50 50 50	GCW GPRES ICW	64 16 20				10/05/2024 13/05/2024 17/05/2024	N/A

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11		I-MEM-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Dr Kim Blackburn	40		80	Y	13/05/24	13/05/24	02/09/24	50 50	THESIS IPRES	80 20				29/08/2024 02/09/2024	N/A

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-MEM-INWK	Motorsport Introduction	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-A1001	Motorsport Electronics and Data Acquisition	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-A1007	Motorsport Vehicle Dynamics	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
N-AP-AM03	Vehicle Control Applications	Automotive Mechatronics	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics Jaguar Land Rover TAS Scheme (not running this year)
I-MEM-A1005	The Business of Motorsport	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-A1008	Motorsport Powertrains	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
N-AP-AM01	Mechatronics Modelling for Vehicle Systems	Automotive Mechatronics	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics Jaguar Land Rover TAS Scheme (not running this year)
N-AP-AM02	Advanced Control and Optimisation	Automotive Mechatronics	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics Jaguar Land Rover TAS Scheme (not running this year)
N-AP-AM04	Embedded Vehicle Control Systems	Automotive Mechatronics	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics Jaguar Land Rover TAS Scheme (not running this year)
I-MEM-GRPP	Group Design Project	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics
I-MEM-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Advanced Motorsport Engineering	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types. Students can expect to have written examinations, assessment by submitted work and elements of assessment by oral presentation or viva. However, only one form of assessment will be used in relation to a taught module, either an assignment or a closed book examination.

This approach has been adopted because:

> This approach has been adopted in order to offer diversity in assessing students in relation to learning outcomes. The Course also employs peer- and self-assessment activities to reinforce the reflective abilities that are necessary for working effectively in teams. These encourage student involvement with their learning, and give them some sense of responsibility with regards to the unit of study.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3
1	AO		
2	EX	EX	EX
3	EX	EX	EX
4	ICW	ICW	ICW
5	GCW	GCW	
6	ICW	ICW	ICW
7		ICW	ICW
8		ICW	ICW
9	ICW		ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6
10	GCW	GCW GPRES ICW	ICW

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 7	ILO 8
11	THESIS	IPRES THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Engineering roles, especially mechatronics related ones, in motorsport and high performance engineering: students are likely to go onto careers in F1, Formula E, WRC, WRX, Moto GP, endurance racing, touring cars, motorsport equipment manufacturers and suppliers, automotive OEMs and consultancies.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications
Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

COURSE TITLE: MSc in Advanced Water Management

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Advanced Water Management
Course code	MSAWMFTC MSAWMPTC PDAWMFTC PDAWMPTC PCAWMFTC PCAWMPTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert,
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield Campus
School(s)	School of Water, Energy and Environment
Theme	Water
Centre	Cranfield Water Sciences Institute
Course Director	Dr Andrea Momblanch
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/a

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/a
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/a
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Minimum 2nd class UK honours degree or equivalent or relevant industrial experience. Language proficiency for non UK- students: TOEFL: 237 (computer version), 580 (paper version), or TOEIC: 830, or IELTS: 6.5 minimum, or Cambridge certificate: C or above
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year, Part-time MSc - up to three years, Full-time PgCert - one year, Part-time PgCert - two years, Full-time PgDip - one year, Part-time PgDip - two years
Course Start Month(s)	Full-time: October Part-time: throughout the year (October preferred, other times on a case by case basis)

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the Centre for Water, Environment and Development where the research interests include the science, engineering and management of water in municipal, industrial and natural environments, encompassing treatment technologies, engineering, irrigation, socioeconomics and policy. Research across the Department also focuses on soil and water sciences in the context of land management for food, fibre and bio-energy crops, environmental services and biodiversity, using expertise in biophysical and social sciences and agricultural engineering.

The MSc Advanced Water Management has been developed in collaboration with employers in response to the increased demand for water managers with the appropriate blend of skills and creativity to provide solutions to the complex problems of the future. This programme provides the skills and knowledge required to assess, plan, execute and implement strategies for the sustainable management of water in natural, semi-natural and man-made environments. It addresses the common themes pertaining to water and sanitation in all situations.

Cranfield University actively engages external speakers from across the water sector to deliver the Advanced Water Management course, including from:

- The Environment Agency
- The Open University
- Anglian Water

Cranfield University also actively seeks sponsorship and support for individual thesis projects from water sector employers to provide professional experience and development opportunities for students. Thesis sponsors and supporters include:

- The Environment Agency
- Canal and River Trust

- Atkins
- Affinity Water
- RSPB, Regional Wildlife Trusts

Cranfield University has agreements with a number of top quality European higher education institutions through its European Partnership Programme (EPP). Within these agreements students from partner institutions have the opportunity to take a Master of Science (MSc) at Cranfield University as an alternative to the final year of their home university programme. The EPP provides a feeder stream- of European students to Advanced Water Management and in doing so contributes to the diversity of the class.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)
This course is accredited formally by Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) until October 2027.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- Provide the appropriate science & technology background to manage water effectively and efficiently in natural, semi-natural and man-made environments.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Graduates with science, engineering, geography or related degrees keen to pursue careers in water management.
- Graduates currently in employment keen to extend their qualifications or to pursue a career change.
- Individuals with other qualifications but who possess considerable relevant experience.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Water Management

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Identify the principal controls on water quantity, water quality and aquatic ecology, and assess the relative importance of natural and anthropogenic factors.
ILO 2. Interpret and critically evaluate the quality of environmental information, research and data, and determine relevance for application in relation to solving academic and practical problems.
ILO 3. Select and apply appropriate analytical, statistical, modelling or decision-support tools to existing environmental data and interpret the findings in the context of current environmental regulation.
ILO 4. Develop and critically assess appropriate and sustainable solutions to environmental water management problems in natural and man-made environments with due regard to the technical, social and institutional constraints imposed by the surrounding environment.

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Water Management

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from the taught modules in a real-life situation to address problems faced by industrial clients; creating new problem diagnoses, designs, or system insights; and communicating findings in a professional manner in written, oral and visual forms.

C. MSc in Advanced Water Management

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 6. Define a research question, develop aim(s) and objectives, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, evaluate findings critically and draw justifiable conclusions, demonstrating self-direction and originality of thought.

ILO 7. To communicate their individual research via a thesis and in an oral presentation in a style suitable for academic and professional audiences.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Structured teaching and learning activities in the taught modules (e.g. lectures, workshops, computer practicals) that support students in their completion of the assessments and provide discipline-specific and transferable skills training
- Being provided with the opportunity to undertake externally sponsored or supported thesis project research
- Undertaking field and laboratory work within the context of group and thesis projects to integrate and apply knowledge and skills
- Students are allocated project supervisors for their thesis and group projects who guide the research and provide formative feedback on reports and presentations
- Course Director, Module Convenors, and other academic staff are readily available for informal advice and feedback

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits[3] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction	0

[3] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.

ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Any three of the following modules: Surface and Groundwater Hydrology: Processes, Measurement and Modelling Good Ecological Status Managing Flood and Drought Risk Water in Cities and Catchments	 20 20 20 20
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits[4] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Surface and Groundwater Hydrology: Processes, Measurement and Modelling Good Ecological Status Managing Flood and Drought Risk Water in Cities and Catchments Group Project (Full-time students)	0 20 20 20 20 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Part Time Students: Group Project OR Dissertation	 40 40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Surface and Groundwater Hydrology: Processes, Measurement and Modelling Good Ecological Status Managing Flood and Drought Risk Water in Cities and Catchments Group Project (Full-time students) Thesis Project	0 20 20 20 20 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Part Time Students:	

[4] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation.

Group Project OR Dissertation	40 40
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [5]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Please see the module descriptors and material on the Virtual Learning Environment (Canvas) for details on the individual elements of the course. Each module is taught over four weeks, with the fourth week largely free of structured teaching to allow time for more independent learning and reflection. Some modules use a 'flipped' structure where the independent learning week precedes the structured teaching weeks. The 'flipped' module requires students to prepare material (data analysis, presentations, etc.) for case-study based workshops in the subsequent week. Group projects are located after the taught

[5] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

modules, between February and April. Individual thesis research projects are run from May till the end of August with thesis submission and oral assessment in early September.

Full-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

All options are also offered on a part-time basis and such students are expected to complete the course within 2 to 3 years. Part-time students are not restricted to starting in October. Instead, they are offered individual guidance on the best sequence of study based on their prior knowledge and availability to attend.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[6]

Students on the course will be assessed by a variety of assessments during modules, group project and thesis period. The summative assessment plan for the modules is outlined in the table below. All four modules will be assessed by individual coursework, but they cover a range of styles that a graduate of the course may be expected to write at the early stages of their career. The assessments have been mapped against the course level ILOs to ensure they cover the core learning across the course. Summative assessment will be complemented by on-going formative assessment and feedback within modules. Students should note that anything written beyond the stated word/page limit will not be marked for all summative assessments during the taught phase of the course.

Assessment strategy for Advanced Water Management

Module	***Module Assessment***	***Course Level ILOs***
Surface and Groundwater Hydrology: Processes, Measurement and Modelling	Individual Course Work - Design, implement, evaluate and apply a numerical hydrological model for a local catchment case study to evaluate the impact of future climate and non-climate changes on the catchment and discussing the implications for catchment management. The catchment conceptualisation, model development, analysis and conclusions are presented in an individual technical report (15 pages max, including figures, tables and references).	ILO1, ILO3
Good Ecological Status	Individual Course Work - An independently written scientific report that assesses the spatial and temporal variation in the ecological and chemical quality of a surface waterbody based on field data collected during the module and publicly available data sources, interprets findings based on catchment influences and ecological interactions, and proposes additional variables to include in future studies (15 pages A4 max, including figures, tables and references).	ILO1, ILO2, ILO3
Managing Flood and Drought Risk	Individual Course Work - The student will research and write a paper on one of a selection of topics provided by the module convenor related to the planning for or response to flood or drought events (Max 10 pages, excluding abstract, references and tables).	ILO1, ILO4
Water in Cities and Catchments	Individual Course Work - An individual report that critically evaluates the current environmental, water resource, flood risk and development plans for a case study city/town to identify possible conflicts or unrealised synergies and	ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4

[6] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

	proposes integrated solutions (15 pages A4 max, including figures, tables and references)	
Group Project	Group and Individual Course Work - The students work in small consultancy teams typically on a client sponsored project for a period of 10 weeks. The students are responsible for interpreting the brief, developing a project plan, selecting and implementing a methodology, deriving results, analysing the results and drawing conclusions in alignment with the aims and objectives. All students participate in a peer review activity providing them with the opportunity to reflect on the practices of their colleagues as well as their own. Peer review feedback is provided individually by an independent member of academic staff. A single group report is produced and the project is presented orally during the Group Project Presentation. Both elements are summatively assessed by independent markers and a group mark is assigned for each element. Individual assessment is derived from supervisor observation and meeting minute actions and an individual reflective report where the students reflect on the development of three soft skill competencies based on objectives that they set for themselves. The team working competency is mandatory as one of the three skills for each student.	ILO5
Dissertation (Part-time students only)	Individual Course Work - Part time students are not required to complete the Group Project undertaken by the full time registered students on a SWEE MSc course. An alternative assignment takes the form of a dissertation or design project which in most situations will be based around a topic relevant to the work of the part-time student. It is evident that some aspects of the Group Project experience that the work-based dissertation replaces – for example the client interaction and group dynamics components will not directly replicated by undertaking this assignment. It is expected that these experiences would normally be a part of the normal working life of the part-time student. It is expected that the dissertation will normally consist of the following elements: Abstract, Background context, Introduction to the theme(s) addressed within the dissertation, setting out the issues that will be covered, Methodology, In depth analysis/discussion of the topics discussed, Concluding remarks, References, Appendices (if relevant). Two supervisors are allocated to the dissertation and supervision follows the model used for the independent research project. The student will submit a 6,000 word report and will give an oral presentation of their work. Both elements of assessment will be marked by independent assessors.	ILO6, ILO7
Thesis	Individual Course Work -The individual research project requires students to further develop problem definition, hypothesis setting, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, and evaluate findings and draw appropriate conclusions in the context of research questions relevant to the course followed by a student. The student is required to communicate their findings successfully via a thesis, written in the style of a scientific paper and an oral presentation based around a poster. The projects are designed to integrate knowledge, the taught modules, and apply understanding and skills from the group project, to deliver a high quality written thesis and oral presentation. The individual research project/thesis is typically delivered	ILO6, ILO7

	through collaboration with an industrial sponsor, or it may be an ‘internal’ project reflecting the research interests of the School.	

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[7]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[8]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[9] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[10] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[11]	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[12]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[13]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	I-WAT-INWK	Induction Week	Jitka MacAdam	24		0	Y	02/10/23	02/10/23	06/10/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	
2	I-AWM-SGH	Surface and Groundwater Hydrology: Processes, Measurement and Modelling	Ian Holman	53		20	Y	09/10/23	09/10/23	03/11/23	40	ICW	100				FT 04/11/23 PT 18/11/23	May 2024
3	I-AWM-GES	Good Ecological Status	Pablo Campo Moreno	60		20	Y	06/11/23	06/11/23	01/12/23	40	ICW	100				FT 02/12/23 PT 06/01/24	May 2024

[7] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[8] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[9] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[10] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[11] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear androgogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[12] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[13] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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4	I-AWM-MFDR	Managing Flood and Drought Risk	Jerry Knox	60		20	Y	04/12/23	04/12/23	19/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 20/01/24 PT 03/02/24	May 2024
5	I-AWM-WCC	Water in Cities and Catchments	Andrea Momblanch	52		20	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	16/02/24	40	ICW	100				FT 17/02/24 PT 02/03/24	May 2024
PROJECTS																		
6	I-SWEE-GRPP	Group Project	Jitka MacAdam	16		40	Y	26/02/24	26/02/24	03/05/24	50 50 50 50	GCW GPRES ICW RP	64 16 10 10				26/04/24 @ 16.00hrs 23/04/24 @ 16.00hrs 03/05/24 @ 16.00hrs 04/05/24 23.59hrs	May 2025 May 2024
7	I-SWEE-DISS	Dissertation (PT MSc and PgDip only)	Jitka MacAdam	10		40	Y	26/02/24	26/02/24	20/09/24	50 50	IPROJ IPRES	80 20				20/09/24 @ 16.00hrs W/C 23/09/24	Sept 2025
8	I-SWEE-THES	Thesis	Jitka MacAdam	20		80	Y	07/05/24	07/05/24	06/09/24	50	THESIS	90				02/09/24 @ 16.00hrs	Sept 2025

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[7]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[8]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
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											50	OR	10				27/08/24 to 04/09/24	

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-AWM-SGH	Surface and Groundwater Hydrology: Processes, Measurement and Modelling	Advanced Water Management	Water and Waste Infrastructure Systems Engineered for Resilience (Water-WISER) CDT
I-AWM-GES	Good Ecological Status	Advanced Water Management	Global Environmental Change Water and Waste Infrastructure Systems Engineered for Resilience (Water-WISER) CDT Water Infrastructure and Resilience (WIRe) CDT
I-AWM-MFDR	Managing Flood and Drought Risk	Advanced Water Management	Global Environmental Change Water and Waste Infrastructure Systems Engineered for Resilience (Water-WISER) CDT Water Infrastructure and Resilience (WIRe) CDT
I-AWM-WCC	Water in Cities and Catchments	Advanced Water Management	Water and Waste Infrastructure Systems Engineered for Resilience (Water-WISER) CDT
I-WAT-INWK	Induction week	Advanced Water Management	Water and Sanitation for Development Water and Wastewater Engineering
I-SWEE-GRPP	Group Project	Advanced Water Management	All SWEE courses
I-SWEE-DISS	Dissertation (part time students)	Advanced Water Management	All SWEE courses
I-SWEE-THES	Individual Research Project	Advanced Water Management	All SWEE courses

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The MSc course is assessed as three elements:

- the taught modules (40%) are assessed by in-module assessment (including coursework, which focuses on application of principles studied and class tests, which support underpinning knowledge);
- group projects (20%) are assessed by means of a written group report and presentations. Individual design projects (PTs) are assessed by means of a written dissertation.
- the research project (40%), is assessed by a thesis and an oral examination.

This approach has been adopted because:

Different types of assessments enable the evaluation of a range of M-level skills. A mixture of both individual and group assessments is important in helping students to develop both individual skill and team work related skills. Group and thesis projects follow the completion of the taught part of the course and at this stage more emphasis is on enquiry based learning and problem solving.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4					
1									
2	ICW		ICW						
3	ICW	ICW	ICW						
4	ICW			ICW					
5	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW					

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 5								
6	GCW GPRES ICW RP								
7	IPROJ IPRES								

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO6	ILO 7							
8	THESIS OR	THESIS OR							

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	**Modules Covered**	**Assessment**	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

On completion, graduates have a broader network of global contacts, increased opportunities for individual specialism in their chosen career, and the capability to make an immediate and real contribution to improved water supply and sanitation. Cranfield Advanced Water Management graduates are highly sought after by employers. Typical employers include:

- Environment Agency
- Wildlife Trusts
- Local Government
- Water utilities e.g. Thames Water, Yorkshire Water
- International engineering consultancies (e.g. MWH, Halcrow, Atkins)

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Aerospace Computational Engineering
Course code	MSACNFTC, MSACNPTC, PDACNFTC, PDACNPTC, PCACNFTC, PCACNPTC
Academic Year	2023/2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing (SATM)
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Computational Engineering Sciences
Course Director	Professor Karl Jenkins (Until 31/08/2024), Dr Tom Teschner (From 01/09/2024)
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year, Part-time MSc - three years
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing (SATM), Aerospace Theme, Centre of Computational Engineering Sciences where the research interests include:

- Fluid dynamics of single- and multi-phase and multi-species flows.
- Steady and unsteady aerodynamics for investigating laminar and turbulent flows.
- Transitional flows, classical and advanced turbulence modelling.
- Heat transfer and its application related to complex flow problems.
- Development of advanced numerical methods for a broad range of fluid flow problems.
- Scientific and high performance computing.
- Computational fluid dynamics with the applications in aerospace, automotive, environmental, energy, micro- and nanotechnology, nuclear, bio-medical, chemical and defence sectors.
- Computer vision.
- Vibro-acoustics for condition monitoring.
- Computational engineering for fluids and solids.
- Software Engineering for Technical Computing, Computer Aided Engineering

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

The course has a strong association with a number of academic institutions world-wide that regularly supply students onto MSc courses in the Centre of Computational Engineering Sciences at Cranfield University. Students may follow the course as part of a double degree arrangement with their home institution whereby the final year of their five year programme is replaced with the MSc here at Cranfield. Other students are self-funded.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

- Provide a comprehensive training programme in Aerospace Computational Engineering (ACE) which will enhance the skills of the graduate student through a detailed introduction to the state-of-the-art computational methods and their applications for digital age aerospace engineering applications.
- Combination of both computational flow physics and computational science to enable the student to understand the current suite of digital techniques for aerospace simulations.
- Access to the university High Performance Computing (HPC) facilities for teaching and research projects and opportunity to work on research projects proposed by industry.
- Provide a unique opportunity to work within a team on a cutting-edge group project based on a digital wind tunnel for aerospace applications through the Cranfield Aerospace Integrated Research Centre (AIRC).

- Provide a unique opportunity for cross-disciplinary education and knowledge transfer in the computational engineering of fluid and solid mechanics for aerospace industrial applications.
- Produce graduate engineers and leaders for the rapidly expanding digital simulation age focusing on fully integrated digital design for aerospace applications to understand and implement numerical methods on various computing platforms for aerospace applications.
- Provide a CPD opportunity through the part-time course option for qualified engineers wishing to extend their knowledge of Aerospace Computational Engineering and incorporate computational tools into their practice.
- Equip graduates with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to enable them to meet the demand of an evolving workplace that requires highly qualified engineers possessing core software engineering skills together with competency in mathematical analysis techniques.
- Develop suitably trained and qualified engineers, scientists and mathematicians enabling them to apply the analytical, computational and software skills to the solution of practical engineering IT problems in industrial, commercial and governmental organisations.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- UK students with an honour's degree in Engineering, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics.
- Mature students with at least 5 years relevant industrial experience.
- Students studying at recognised EU Universities with at least 4 years of relevant academic study.
- Recent graduates wishing to extend their knowledge and skills in the above areas.
- Qualified engineers wishing to apply their skills in new areas.
- Qualified engineers working with computational methods in a particular area wishing to extend their knowledge and enhance their practice by knowledge transfer from different application areas.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Assess and evaluate the selection of computer languages, software tools, and technologies, and apply them to solve practical problems of a computational nature in aerospace engineering solutions.

ILO 2. Distinguish the principles of numerical analysis, concepts of stability, approximation and convergence, and estimate the numerical solution of the system of algebraic equations.

ILO 3. Create original software solutions to aerospace computational engineering problems by using industry standard software libraries, packages and engineering tools.

ILO 4. Assess the state-of-the-art computational methods for incompressible and compressible flows used in aerospace engineering including the understanding of the advantageous features and limitations of these methods to identify the possible sources of uncertainties for aerospace applications.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Compose written reports and prepare and deliver oral presentations that effectively communicate proposals, technical developments, and computational results.

ILO 6. Set up a systematic approach to mesh generation methods and visualisation techniques including their application and interpretation for aerospace engineering problems.

ILO 7. Distinguish between open source and commercial Computational Fluid Dynamics and Finite Element Analysis software packages relevant to aerospace application(s).

ILO 8. Use and select appropriate software packages to practical aerospace computational engineering application(s) and evaluate the outcome.

ILO 9. Critically evaluate a project to include a) computational aerospace engineering methods; b) project outcomes and results; c) one or more aspects of strength and weakness of the selected methods; d) propose appropriate solutions for the investigated aerospace application; e) recommendations for the future work.

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 10. Distinguish and assess systematic computational aerospace engineering methods for different industrially relevant fluid flow problems with the focus on planning and implementing assigned projects under time pressure and undertake self-directed learning when necessary.

ILO 11. Assemble a body of relevant technical literature in the field of aerospace computational engineering and discuss and evaluate each work with respect to a technical problem relevant to an industrial application.

ILO 12. Propose, plan and implement an independent research project on a relevant technical topic of aerospace engineering and critically evaluate project results, discuss findings, and relate their contribution to other works in the field.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- A comprehensive set of carefully prepared lecture notes that form the basis for the teaching will be available to students on the VLE. This is perhaps the most valuable resource and reference point for the student starting a new module. Secondly, many lectures are given in PC Labs in conjunction with some form of programming. Students are encouraged, given time and practical assistance to develop their software skills. Part-time students applying to current MScs within the CES centre are primarily coming from industry and contribute to the diverse structure of the centre. Therefore, the learning experience of part-time students will be supported by providing them with course material and support through distance learning techniques. Part-time students will be supported through regular consultations by using e.g. MSTeams and Zoom as a part of their study. For performing simulations, part-time students will have opportunity to access our High-Performance Computing facilities remotely. Regular meetings will be organised for each group when the group design project will be running and part-time students will be able to attend on these meetings either in person or online. Additionally, a Part-Time Student Advisor (PTA) will be appointed from the academic team who can advise on module selection for years 1 and 2 and maintain university and course updates whilst away from Cranfield thus ensuring the part-time student is prepared before attending any modules in Cranfield.
- The library resources and search facilities here at Cranfield. A thorough introduction to these resources and demonstrations of information retrieval skills is provided at the beginning of the course. The library facilities are extensive and there is a good representative selection of books and periodicals relevant to the course. Where an article, book or periodical is not available it can usually be obtained elsewhere via inter-library loans. Books, software and other resources are purchased by the group when it is necessary for one of the projects.
- This course uses assignments, an examination, a group project and an individual thesis project as methods of assessment. This approach has been adopted to prepare the student with the requisite skills for a career in digital engineering, digital engineering management or research. This approach will enable the student to demonstrate an understanding of theory and application at master's level through written technical reports and papers and oral presentations. Since in this course practical application is key to development of understanding and skills acquisition, most taught modules are assessed by individual assignments. By the end of the taught components, students will participate in a group project where they will work in a small group on an aerospace related problem which they will present at the end of the project through a written report and group presentation. Part-time students are not required to participate in group projects

and can instead submit a dissertation which amounts to the same number of credits and which is aligned with the part-time student's work in most cases. The students will then transition into their individual research project where they will work on an academic or industrial-proposed project individually. At the end they will have to submit a written thesis, give a presentation in their individual presentation (viva) and present their work through a poster exhibition.

- A programme of seminars given by external and internal speaker is also provided for the MSc in Aerospace Computational Engineering students. These reflect the course, sponsoring companies and associated research carried out in the group enabling the students to get an appreciation of related work going on in industry and other universities. Part-time students will usually be able to attend on the aforementioned seminars through e.g. MSTeams and Zoom as a part of their study. Furthermore, additional consultation hours and support will be offered by the module leaders between the end of their completed modules and the start of their subsequent modules.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1-4	40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
20 credits selected from Modules 5-8	20
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1-8	80
Group Project for full-time students (9) or Individual Dissertation for part-time students (10)	40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1-8	80 40

Group Project for full-time students (9) or Individual Dissertation for part-time students (10)Individual Research Project (11)	80
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months.

Part-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 3 years.

Each module is taught over a period of one week. Practical work forms an important part of the teaching and so a significant amount of time is devoted to hands-on sessions with a software package or development environment. This also facilitates independent learning on the part of the student.

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment tasks are challenging and enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes. The pre-requisite modules C++ Programming and Computational Methods will introduce students to the fundamentals of numerical modelling of engineering problems and will be assessed through essays and reports. These will be of varying lengths, recognising that writing articles to a short length can be more challenging for some and can develop different skills relevant to professional practice. The length of each assessment task is clearly stated within the module descriptor. Students will write employability relevant policy briefing documents to equip them with the skills they require to succeed in the aeronautical sector and to address the specific award ILOs 1 – 2.

Students then have opportunities to develop their communication skills, as they are required to give a group presentation and individual presentation. The ability to work effectively in groups is a highly desirable skill which has translated into ILOs 9 – 12. Feedback is given immediately after the group presentation. Modules Numerical Modelling for Compressible Flows, Computational Aerodynamics and Analysis and Visualisation of Big Data System and High Performance Computing to CAD & Airframe Design, Analysis and Visualisation of Big Data System and High Performance Computing, Modelling Approaches for Aerospace Applications, Computational Engineering Structures and Validation and Verification for Aerospace Applications are supported by a number of formative tasks including

group discussion, case studies, oral presentations. Formative feedback is given verbally within the classroom following discussions, via a written summary for case studies from the module leader and oral feedback provided by the tutor and peers for presentations. Students will also engage with an interactive learning activity which incorporates formative feedback. For all modules , peer review informs practice and tutorials guide progress, students are generally encouraged to support each other by asking and answering questions via the VLE. The taught components precede the research project, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for the individual research project. Students are generally expected to be more self directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through supervised meetings and feedback on their progress and approach during intermediate presentations by the students.

The research project addresses ILOs 10 – 12 at a minimum as well as ILOs 1 – 9 depending on the topic and scope of the individual research project and will be assessed through the electronically submitted MSc thesis report.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1		N-CST-CPPI	C++ Programming (Integrated)	Dr Irene Moulitsas	32	0	10	Y	26/09/23	26/09/23	06/10/23	40	GCW Integrated Assessment	100				FT 20/11/23 PT 04/12/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
2		N-CST-CMI	Computational Methods (Integrated)	Dr Irene Moulitsas	32	0	10	Y	26/09/23	26/09/23	06/10/23								

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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3		N-CFD-NMCF	Numerical Modelling for Compressible Flows	Dr Panagiotis Tsoutsanis	20	0	10	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 23/02/24 PT 08/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
4		N-ACN-CA	Computational Aerodynamics	Dr Tom Teschner	30	0	10	N	16/10/23	16/10/23	20/10/23	40	ICW	100				FT 11/12/23 PT 08/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
5		N-ACN-CAD	CAD & Airframe Design	Dr Tom Teschner	20	0	10	N	08/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 09/02/24 PT 23/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until

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6		N-ACN-MAAE	Modelling Approaches for Aerospace Applications	Dr Laszlo Konozsy	20	0	10	N	13/11/23	13/11/23	17/11/23	40	ICW	100				FT 08/01/24 PT 22/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
7		N-CST-CES	Computational Engineering Structures	Professor Karl Jenkins	38	0	10	Y	15/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 26/02/24 PT 11/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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8		N-ACN-VVAA	Validation and Verification for Aerospace Applications	Dr Laszlo Konozsy	20	0	10	N	30/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	40	ICW	100				FT 02/01/24 PT 15/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
9		N-ACN-GP	Group Project	Dr Tom Teschner	40	0	40	N	19/02/24	19/02/24	10/05/24	50 50	GCW GPRES	85 15				10/05/24 10/05/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
10		N-ACN-DISS	Individual Dissertation (for Part-Time Students)	Dr Tom Teschner	40	0	40	N	19/02/24	19/02/24	10/05/24	50 50	ICW IPRES	85 15				10/05/24 10/05/24	
11		N-ACN-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Professor Karl Jenkins	40	0	80	N	20/05/24	20/05/24	02/09/24	50 50	THESIS IPRES	90 10				27/09/24 02/09/24	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-CST-CPPI (	C++ Programming (Integrated)	Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering	
N-CST-CMI	Computational Methods (Integrated)	Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering	
N-CFD-NMCF	Numerical Modelling for Compressible Flows	Computational Fluid Dynamics	
N-CST-CES	Computational Engineering Structures	Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering	

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The ILOs will be assessed in the following way:

- Taught modules will be assessed through written reports with the exception of Computational Engineering Structures which will be assessed through written examination. These activities will mainly cover ILOs 1 – 8 and equip the students with fundamental tools to solve numerical problems within aerospace applications.
- The group project will create an environment in which students have to solve problems as part of a small group. This will primarily focus on ILO 9 – 12, however, depending on the assigned topic, elements of ILOs 1 – 8 will be covered as well. Students will present their work through a group presentation, a reflective portfolio and a written report at the end of the group project.
- The individual research project will be assessed through the submitted written thesis and the thesis individual presentation.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4
1	GCW			
2	GCW	GCW		GCW
3			ICW	ICW
4			ICW	ICW
5		ICW		
6		ICW		
7				ICW
8		ICW	ICW	ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7	ILO8	ILO9
9	GCW GPRES	GCWGPRES	GCW GPRES	GCWGPRES	GCW GPRES
10	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES

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In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO10	ILO11	ILO12
11	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
Two modules with an Integrated Assessment	N-CST-CPPI – C++ Programming (Integrated) N-CST-CMI Computational Methods (Integrated)	ICW	100

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

This Masters course in 'Aerospace Computational Engineering', with its blend of skills-based and subject-specific material equips students with the generic hands-on skills and up-to-date knowledge adaptable to the wide variety of applications in the field of aerospace computational engineering. This will lead to opportunities within the rapidly expanding digital engineering sector and specifically to the aerospace industry where fully integrated digital techniques are used. This approach is widely used in companies such as Airbus, Boeing, Rolls Royce and Siemens.

Typically students seek employment in the computational aerospace engineering market. Enquiries regarding availability of potential employees are received from many quarters, both in the EU and elsewhere. There is considerable demand for personnel with expertise in aerospace engineering software development and for those who have strong technical programming skills in industry standard languages and tools. Graduates of the courses currently within the Centre of Computational Engineering Sciences are in demand by CAD vendors, commercial engineering software developers, aerospace, automotive, and other industries and research organisations. Successful students, have been particularly successful in finding long-term employment.

Some students may go on to register for PhD degrees, many, on the basis of their MSc research project. Thesis topics are most often supplied by individual companies on in-company problems with a view to employment after graduation - an approach that is being actively encouraged by a growing number of industries.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Aerospace Dynamics with options in: Aerodynamics Flight Dynamics
Course code	MSASDFTC, MSASDPTC, PCASDFTC, PCASDPTC
Academic Year	2023-24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgCert
Additional exit routes	PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Aeronautics
Course Director	Professor Simon Prince
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	n/a
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	n/a
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	n/a
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year, Part-time MSc - up to three years
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Aerospace Theme, Centre for Aeronautics where the research interests include:

- Fluid Mechanics
- Flight Dynamics
- Applied Aerodynamics

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

- We offer APL to students of the Empire Test Pilot School who wish to undertake this course and meet the standard entry requirements of the University.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- equip candidates from backgrounds in engineering or physical science with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to enable them to contribute to the aerospace industry or to aerospace related research;
- develop a candidates' specialist technical skills and to give them an awareness of aerospace sciences so that their specialist skills can be most effectively applied;
- develop the candidates transferable skills for a professional career in the aerospace or related industry.

A Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) entry route is provided. for candidates who wish to access only parts of the course provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Those with undergraduate qualifications in General Engineering, Mathematics or Physics seeking to move into the aerospace sector.

- Those with undergraduate qualifications in Aeronautical Engineering seeking to specialise in a specific branch of Aerospace Dynamics or to broaden their knowledge and understanding of this area.
- Those with the other academic qualifications together with the required number of years industrial experience such that they meet Cranfield University's equivalent entry requirements, who are looking to obtain a formal Masters level qualification in Aerospace Dynamics.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

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In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Demonstrate a systematic knowledge and critical evaluation of the key principles of the aerospace disciplines (aerodynamics, control, flight dynamics, etc.) and apply appropriate engineering analysis methodologies.

ILO 2. Demonstrate the ability to critically analyse the engineering aspects of aerospace applications, methodologies, systems and design. Assess limitations and apply theory, simulation or experimentation to mitigate deficiencies.

ILO 3. Demonstrate a critical judgement of their specialist subject area(s) at a level appropriate to new recruits to the aerospace industry such that they are able to contribute directly without significant further training with a knowledge and understanding of the commercial and social context in which the aerospace industry operates

ILO 4. Be able to apply their knowledge and understanding practically to the design and analysis of aerospace projects. Monitoring and adjusting both an individual programme of work and demonstrating the ability to work as an effective team member exercising initiative appropriately.

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Identify a research question. Collect and analyse research data investigating new and emerging aerospace applications

ILO 6. Develop project objectives.

ILO 7. Select and justify methodologies appropriate to the task. Selecting engineering analysis methodologies, experimental methodologies and design processes and adapting them where necessary

ILO 8. Plan and execute a work programme with reference to professional project management processes (e.g. time management; risk management; contingency planning; resource allocation; health and safety).

ILO 9. Evaluate and critically analyse literature; analyse data, synthesise a discussion, generate conclusions.

ILO 10. Place the findings of the work into the context of the work of others.

ILO 11. Communicate findings in the form of a thesis, formal presentation and viva.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

The Flight Experimental Methods module requires students to undertake a Group Flight Test exercise (20 credits) which is conducted in conjunction with the National Flying Laboratory Centre (NFLC), based within the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Cranfield University. This element of the programme involves flights in the aircraft flying laboratory, together with conventional supporting lectures, laboratory sessions and tutorials.

The taught element of the course (80 credits) is delivered through a combination of lectures, tutorials and hands-on laboratory sessions, computer labs and tutorials.

The course uses the Canvas learning environment with materials delivered in electronic form. In addition to standard learning support facilities (library facilities, IT provision, etc.

The Individual Research Project is supported by regular meetings with an academic supervisor.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

The taught element of the programme (80 credits) involves a considerable degree of choice such that candidates can select the module portfolio to reflect their personal career aspirations and skills. The final MSc option – Aerodynamics or Flight Dynamics, is determined by the choice of Research thesis topic.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

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The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introduction to Aerodynamics (module 1) Flight Experimental Methods (module 2)	0 20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Taught Component – select modules taken from modules 3 -19 to give an overall value of 60 credits for PgCert	40
TOTAL:	60

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The accumulation of 200 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introduction to Aerodynamics (module 1) Flight Experimental Methods (module 2) Individual Research Project (module 20)	0 20 100
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Taught Component – select modules taken from modules 3-19 to give an overall value of 200 credits for MSc	80
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

This course is also offered on a part-time basis. Candidates taking this route would instead register for a 3 years and agree with the Course Director beforehand a programme of work that meets the same minimum requirements as the full time variant, but over the longer period.

Individual modules are taught over a period of one, two or three weeks (usually, but not always arranged consecutively). The duration depends on whether the module contains 10, 20 or 30 hours of lecture contact time. These are normally arranged such that there are two hours of lectures per day, 5 days per week, with additional laboratory and/or tutorial sessions arranged during each week. Two modules may be offered during each week.

The formal taught part of the programme is split into two Teaching Periods each of nominally 11 weeks. A period during which formal written examinations can be scheduled follows each Teaching Period. For Masters candidates the remainder of the programme is devoted to the Research Thesis.

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

Assessments are designed to ensure that the Intended Learning Outcomes are achieved. Assessments for each module are summative, with non-assessed formative feedback provided during the module by a wide variety of mechanisms, including tutorial questions, lab exercises, class discussions, quizzes etc. A variety of summative assessments are used including closed-book examinations, individual course works, group course works, oral examinations, reports and for the IRP, a thesis report and a presentation. The choice of the assessment depends on the nature of the material, with fundamental principles more likely to be tested by examination and applications by assignment, some at a typical level in industry.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
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1	N-ASD-IAA	Introduction to Aircraft Aerodynamics	Prof Simon Prince	35		0	N	02/10/23	02/10/23	06/10/23	n/a	AO					n/a	
2	N-ASD-GFTR	Flight Experimental Methods	Dr Simon Place	50		20	N ST	09/10/23	09/10/23	27/10/23	40 40	GPRAC IPRES	80 20				15/12/23 15/12/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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3	N-ASD-CF	Compressible Flows	Prof Simon Prince	20		10	N	30/10/23	30/10/23	10/11/23	50	EX	100				Exam Week 1	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
4	N-ASD-VF	Viscous Flow	Prof Simon Prince	24		10	N	30/10/23	30/10/23	17/11/23	50	EX	100				Exam Week 2	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
5	N-ASD-CS	Control Systems	Prof James Whidborne	30		10	Y	06/11/23	06/11/23	17/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 12/01/24 PT 26/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the

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6	N-ASD-FRPS	Fundamentals of Rotorcraft Performance, Stability and Control	Dr Linghai Lu	30		**10**	Y	12/02/24	12/02/24	16/02/24	50	EX	100				Exam Week 4	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
7	N-ASD-FDP	Flight Dynamics Principles	Dr Mushfiqul Alam	28		10	N	27/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				F/t 19/01/24 P/t 02/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
8	N-ASD-FQAFC	Flying Qualities and Flight Control	Dr Mushfiqul Alam	28		**10**	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	50	ICW	100				F/t 12/04/24 P/t 26/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the

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9	N-ASD-MVCAA	Multivariable Control Systems for Aerospace Applications	Prof James Whidborne	30		10	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24	09/02/24	50	ICW	100				FT 15/03/24 PT 29/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
10	N-ASD-AMS	Air-Vehicle Modelling and Simulation	Dr Linghai Lu	28		10	Y	08/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	50	ICW	100				FT 23/02/24 PT 08/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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11	N-ASD-LARA	Launch and Re-Entry Aerodynamics	Prof Simon Prince	20		**10**	Y	18/03/24	18/03/24	22/03/24	50	EX	100				Exam Week 5	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
12	N-ASD-POCFD	CFD for Aerospace	Dr Zeeshan Rana	35		10	N	29/01/24	29/01/24	02/02/24	50	GCW	100				FT 22/03/24 PT 10/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
13	N-ASD-EXA	Experimental Aerodynamics	Dr Anderson Proenca	34		10	N	01/03/24	04/03/24	15/03/24	50	GCW	100				FT 26/04/24 PT 10/05/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the

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																		following year
14	N-ASE-GPS	Aerospace Navigation and Sensors	Dr Leonard Felicetti	24		10	Y	19/02/24	19/02/24	01/03/24	50	ICW	100				FT 28/03/24 PT 12/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
15	N-ASD-TAD	Transonic Aerodynamic Design	Dr Davide Di Pasquale	20		10	N	15/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	50	GCW	100				FT 01/03/24 PT 15/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
16	N-ASD-FASD	Fundamentals of Aircraft System Identification	Dr Linghai Lu	30		10	Y	11/03/24	11/03/24	15/03/24	50	ICW	100				FT 12/04/24 PT 26/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the

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																		following year
17	N-ASD-AOCFD	Introduction to CFD	Dr Zeeshan Rana	35		10	N	20/11/23	20/11/23	24/11/23	50	GCW	100				FT 19/01/24 PT 02/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
18	N-ASD-MDS	Modelling of Dynamic Systems	Prof James Whidborne	13		0	Y	20/10/23	23/10/23	27/10/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	N/A
19	N-ASD-TFSA (NEW CODE])	Technology for Sustainable Aviation	Dr Anderson Proenca	40		10	N	19/02/24	19/02/24	01/03/24	50	GCW	100				FT 29/03/2024 PT 12/04/2024	
20	N-ASD-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Dr Anderson Proenca	0		100	N	Occ A (FT) 25/03/24 OCC B (PT) 02/10/23	Occ A (FT) 25/03/24 Occ B (PT) 02/10/23	Occ A (FT) 16/08/24 Occ B (PT) 16/08/24	50 50 50	THESIS IPRES ICW	80 10 10				Occ A (FT) 16/08/24 02/09/24 03/05/24 Occ B (PT) 16/08/24 02/09/24 03/05/24	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-ASD-CS	Control Systems	Aerospace Dynamics	Aerospace Vehicle Design
N-ASD-FQAFC	Flying Qualities and Flight Control	Aerospace Dynamics	Flight Test and Flight Dynamics
N-ASD-MVCAA	Multivariable Control Systems for Aerospace Applications	Aerospace Dynamics	Flight Test and Flight Dynamics
N-ASD-AMS	Air Vehicle Modelling and Simulation	Aerospace Dynamics	Flight Test and Flight Dynamics
N-ASD-LARA	Launch and Re-Entry Aerodynamics	Aerospace Dynamics	Shared teaching with N-ASE-LRE Astronautics and Space Engineering
N-ASE-GPS	Aerospace Navigation and Sensors	Astronautics and Space Engineering	Astronautics and Space Engineering, Flight Test and Flight Dynamics
N-ASD-FASD	Fundamentals of Aircraft System Identification	Aerospace Dynamics	Flight Test and Flight Dynamics
N-ASD-MDS	Modelling of Dynamic Systems	Aerospace Dynamics	Aerospace Vehicle Design, Astronautics and Space Engineering
N-ASD-EXA	Experimental Aerodynamics	Aerospace Dynamics	Shared Teaching with CFD N-CFD-REDAO (continuing p/t students only)
N-ASD-FDP	Flight Dynamics Principles	Aerospace Dynamics	Shared teaching with N-FD-FDP, Flight Dynamics Principles for Flight Test
N-ASD-FRPS	Fundamentals of Rotorcraft Performance Stability and Control	Aerospace Dynamics	Flight Test and Flight Dynamics

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types. Candidates following the Masters programme can expect to have 0 – 4 written examinations, 4 - 8 pieces of assessment by submitted work, either individual or group coursework, and 2 elements of assessment by presentation or viva. (The range in each case depends on the modules selected within the two options available). This approach has been adopted in order to assess as broad a range as possible of a candidates' skills and abilities.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4
2.	GPRAC IPRES	GPRAC IPRES	GPRAC IPRES	GPRAC IPRES
3.	EX	EX		
4.	EX	EX		
5.	ICW	ICW		ICW
6.	EX	EX	EX	EX
7.	ICW	ICW		ICW
8.	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
9.	ICW	ICW		
10.	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
11.	EX	EX		
12.	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
13.	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
14.	ICW	ICW	ICW	
15.	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
16.	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
17.	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
19.	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW

B. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8	ILO 9	ILO 10	ILO 11
2.			GPRAC, IPRES		GPRAC, IPRES	GPRAC, IPRES	GPRAC
12.	GCW	GCW	GCW		GCW	GCW	
13	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW	
18.			AO		AO	AO	
20	ICW, THESIS, IPRES	ICW, THESIS, IPRES	ICW, THESIS, IPRES	ICW, THESIS, IPRES	ICW, THESIS, IPRES	ICW, THESIS, IPRES	ICW, THESIS, IPRES

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Aerospace Dynamics graduates obtain employment in a wide range of industrial organisations both within Europe and worldwide. Employment is predominantly within the Aerospace Industry but increasingly graduates are in demand from the Energy, Environment and Automotive sectors.

A significant proportion of graduates go on to undertake higher degrees both in the UK and overseas.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Aerospace Manufacturing
Course code	MSAMFFTC, MSAMFPTC, PDAMFFTC, PDAMFPTC, PCAMFFTC, PCAMFPTC MSAMSFTC, PCAMSFTC, PDAMSFTC
Academic Year	2023-2024
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert, MSc (SINO UK)
Additional exit routes	PgDip (SINO UK), PgCert (SINO UK)
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University and Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics (NUAA), China (SINO-UK partnership)
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Manufacturing
Centre	Sustainable Manufacturing Systems Centre
Course Director	Dr Konstantinos Georgarakis
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	No
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	No
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	No
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one-year, Part-time MSc - up to three years, Full-time PgDip - one year, Part-time PgDip - two years, Full-time PgCert - one year, Part-time PgCert – two years SINO UK – 18 months.
Course Start Month(s)	Full-time: September and March. Part-time: throughout the year SINO UK - March

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Manufacturing Theme, Sustainable Manufacturing Systems Centre where the research interests include:

- Operations Management
- Manufacturing Systems Engineering
- Product-Service Systems
- Supply Chain Management
- Simulation and Modelling

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) until August 2025, as well as, the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

Please note the SINO delivery in China is not accredited.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to prepare and develop future aerospace manufacturing engineers and managers/ leaders who will be able to manage major implementation programmes or instigate interventions that deliver improvements to the performance of their aerospace manufacturing businesses.

The objectives of the course have been set to:

- Equip students with the skills necessary for aerospace manufacturing/production systems and their supply chain.
- Develop student's awareness and understanding of manufacturing strategy and operations management to address aerospace manufacturing industry problems.
- Provide students with an appreciation of manufacturing technologies, concepts and tools relevant to the aerospace manufacturing sectors.
- Develop students' transferable skills such as analytical and interpersonal skills needed for the creative and effective application of knowledge to address aerospace manufacturing issues.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Talented UK students with a high grade BSc level.

- Ambitious high quality students with an international background.
- Mid-career professionals who want to boost their career.
- Those wishing to work nationally or internationally with aerospace manufacturing companies that need to address manufacturing systems problems.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Demonstrate a systematic understanding of *aerospace manufacturing functions* including manufacturing systems, supply chain management and manufacturing strategy development.

ILO 2. Analyse different methods and techniques needed for credible aerospace manufacturing system design and improvement projects.

ILO 3. Develop original and in-depth knowledge of aerospace manufacturing operations and critically evaluate the appropriate applications of methodologies to support them.

ILO 4. Critically evaluate theories for the analysis and design tools and their application to (a) solve aerospace manufacturing problems in terms of technology and/or organisations and (b) increase the effectiveness of aerospace manufacturing systems.

ILO 5. Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of aerospace materials including metals, ceramics and composites, aerospace structures, advanced joining techniques and precision machining.

ILO 6. Analyse and re-design aircraft assembly processes.

ILO 7. Analyse different assessment techniques to fracture mechanics.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 8. Demonstrate the ability to apply practical and rigorous approaches to formulate projects, develop engineering solutions and evaluate their effectiveness. Assess some key project management techniques, and at the same time, demonstrate awareness of the less science-dependent aspects of technology.

ILO 9. Demonstrate transferable skills including, personal responsibility, complex decision making and independence for further learning.

ILO 10. Demonstrate ability to provide technical and additionally commercial leadership through planning industrial/research projects (budgets, people, tasks) and contributing to teams delivering under time pressures individually and as a team member.

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 11. Synthesise a sound theoretical approach to critically evaluate data and information, undertaking a critical appraisal of technical and/or commercial literature.

ILO 12. Propose and bring about improvements to appropriate business standards.

4. How is the course taught?

The teaching methods include lectures, case studies, group exercises, field visits, seminar and computer-based demonstrations and exercises. All students attend a week of introductory lectures (given during the first week of the course). Within this induction week, students will be introduced to

personal development planning and asked to reflect on their transferable skills and to take ownership of their personal development during the course. Induction is followed by 8 weeks of assessed modules.

All MSc students will undertake a Group Project (full time students) or produce a Dissertation (part time students). The Group projects are group-based activities typically undertaken for 12 weeks between February and April (for September intake) or between August and October (for March intake). The projects are designed to integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from the taught modules in a real-life situation. The Group Project will typically involve a team of students between 5 and 8, working to investigate a manufacturing opportunity or solve a manufacturing problem. Part-time students are encouraged to take part in a part-time Group Project. Where this is not possible, this can be replaced with an individual Dissertation. The topic is to be agreed between the University and the student.

All MSc students will undertake a research projects (thesis project) under the supervision of a member of academic staff. For the individual research project, each student is allocated a supervisor. Guidance sessions are provided as to what is required from the thesis and oral presentation.

In addition to the teaching methods outlined above, students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- The use of Virtual Learning Environment
- On-demand tutorials
- Coaching throughout group project periods

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

FULL TIME STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2-6 Introduction	50 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 7-10 (Select 1) NOTE: for the March intake some electives may not be available	10

PART TIME STUDENTS

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2-6 Introduction	50 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 7, or 8, (Select 1)	10

TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

FULL TIME STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2-6 Group Project (12a) Introduction	50 40 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 7-11 (Select 3) NOTE: for the March intake some electives may not be available	30
TOTAL:	120

PART TIME STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2-6 Introduction	50 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 7-11 (Select 3) Group Project (12a) or Dissertation (12b). NOTE: for the March intake some electives may not be available	30 40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

FULL TIME STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2-6 Group Project (12a) Individual Research Project (13) Introduction	50 40 80 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 7-11 (Select 3) NOTE: for the March intake some electives may not be available	30
TOTAL:	200

FULL TIME SINO UK STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	

Modules 2-8, and 11 Group Project (12a) Individual Research Project (13) Introduction	80 40 80 0
TOTAL:	200

PART TIME STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 2-6 Individual Research Project (13) Introduction	50 80 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 7-11 (Select 3) Group Project (12a) or Dissertation (12b). NOTE: for the March intake some electives may not be available	30 40
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

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- In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:
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- In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:
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- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment.
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); 3
- For Taught Assessments, the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
- if you fail to attain the minimum mark for up to 30 learning credits, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
- if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for any additional learning credits over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
- it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- For Substantial pieces of assessment (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);

- For the thesis, a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).
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6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September or March and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months. MSc students must successfully complete 5 core modules and 3 elective ones, the Group Project and an Individual Research Project.

This course is also offered on a part-time basis. In such a situation, students typically complete the various components of the course over two or three years. Typical case is to complete four taught modules plus a Group Project/Dissertation in year 1 and the remainder of the modules plus the Thesis in year two and/or year 3.

SINO/UK students will complete the course over 18 months starting with first 3 modules in March to June of the first academic year, in China, and the remaining 5 modules, group project and thesis will be completed at Cranfield in the second academic year.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[3]

The course assessment strategy involves a variety of assessment methods, including exams and assignments for summative assessment and a range of in-module activities for formative assessment. The course entails 10 taught modules (5 compulsory and 5 electives from which the students need to choose 3), a group project and an Individual Research Project, which are all designed to equip the MSc students with a full set of relevant knowledge, confidence and competence in the domain of Aerospace Manufacturing.

The assessment strategy for the course is well aligned to the Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) for each module and include written closed book exams (Operations Management, Operations Analysis and Advanced Welding) and a blend of individual and group coursework assignments for the rest of the taught modules.

The assessment of the group project includes a group report, a group presentation and individual written reflections from each student.

The Individual Research Project (Master Thesis) is assessed through a written thesis report and a marked oral presentation.

The course is structured in such a way that the learners build their own learning through relevant learning activities which take place before, during, and after the modules as well as during the learner's engagement with group and individual projects work.

The learning activities are directly relevant to the Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) and challenge the students to develop and demonstrate the full range of skills and knowledge required to succeed in their professional careers as management and information systems specialists, as specified at the individual modules and are aligned with the course-level ILOs.

Each taught module incorporates formative assessment and feedback opportunities throughout the week-long content delivery, which prioritises interactive engagement with the topic, through case studies, live presentations, group work and hands-on simulations on authentic and novel thematic scenarios. This is in line with the design of the course aiming for a balanced and varied assessment provision that enables the students to actively engage with the specific content of the ILOs and explore the introduced concepts

[3] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

and methods in a safe learning environment where they can receive constructive feedback from the academic tutors and their peers.

The summative assessment rubrics and relationship to the ILOs are introduced and discussed during the start and end of each module delivery week and are followed up with assessment “clinics” (face to face and online) where students can question, clarify and demonstrate any of their queries with regards to the scope and mechanics of the summative assessment element of each module.

Timing expectations for marking and feedback are set early and communicated to the students for each module. The relevant communications are stated in the electronic Learning Management System for ease of reference and clarity.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to an **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

September (Full-time + Part-time) Intake

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[4]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[5]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[6] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[7] (%) of	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[8] (100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[9]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[10]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	I-MAT-INWK	Introduction	Dr Sue Impey	39		0	Y	27/09/23	27/09/23	06/10/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	
2	I-MNU-A1034	Operations Management	Dr Mohamed Afy-Shararah	32		10	Y	09/10/23	09/10/23	13/10/23	50	EX	100				27/10/23	Manufacturing resit exams will be during week commencing 20/05/24

[4] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[5] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
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[7] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[8] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[9] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
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3	I-MNU-A1027	Manufacturing Systems Engineering	Dr Maryam Farsi	32		10	Y	06/11/23	13/11/23 OCC A	17/11/23	50	GCW	100				11/12/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.
4	I-MNU-A1038	Supply Chain Management	Mr John Patsavellas	32		10	Y	08/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	50	GCW	100				05/02/24	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.
5	I-MNU-A1019	Manufacturing Strategy	Dr Patrick McLaughlin	35		10	Y	15/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	50	ICW	100				19/02/24	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.

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6	I-MNU-A1047	Aircraft Assembly	Prof Phil Webb	34		10	N	15/01/24	15/01/24 Occ A	19/01/24	50	ICW	100				12/02/24	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.
7	I-MAT-A1011	Additive and Subtractive Manufacturing Technologies	Dr Claudiu Giusca	30	0	10	Y	16/10/23	16/10/23	20/10/23	50	ICW	100				13/11/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.
8	I-MAT-A1013 B23	Composites Manufacturing for High Performance Structures	Mr Andrew Mills	30		10	Y	27/11/23	04/12/23	08/12/23	50	ICW	100				15 /01/24	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.

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9	I-MAT-A1015	Failure of Materials and Structures	Dr Muhammad Khan	32		10	Y	30/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	ICW	100				27/11/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.
10	I-WEE-A1110	Advanced Welding Processes	Dr Wojciech Suder	27		10	Y	20/11/23	20/11/23	24/11/23	50	EX	100				05/01/24	Manufacturing resit exams will be during week commencing 20/05/24
11	I-MNU-A1029	Operations Analysis	Dr Jelena Milisavljevic Syed	32	8	10	Y	30/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	EX	100				11/12/23	Manufacturing resit exams will be during week commencing 20/05/24
12a	I-MAT-GRPP	Group Project	Dr David Ayre	20		40	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24 Occ A FT 04/03/24 Occ B PT	29/04/24 FT 23/08/24 PT	50 50 50 50 50 50	GPRES GPROJ ICW GPRES	20 60 20 20 60 20				26/04/24 29/04/24 29/04/24 16/08/24 23/08/24 23/08/24	

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12b	I-MAT-DISS	Dissertation for Part Time Students	Dr Muhammad Khan	20		40	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24	23/08/24	50 50	ICW (1) ICW (2)	80 20				23/08/24 23/08/24	
13	I-MNU-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Dr Gustavo Castelluccio Dr Gustavo Castelluccio	20		80	Y	05/02/24 26/04/24	Occ A = PT 05/02/23 Occ B = FT 26/04/24	PT 23/08/24 FT 23/08/24	50 50 50 50	THESIS IPRES THESIS IPRES	90 10 90 10				23/08/24 29/08/24 23/08/24 29/08/24	

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March (Full-time) Intake – dates are yet to be confirmed and will be updated soon

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1	I-MAT-INWK	Induction	Dr Sue Impey	22		0	Y	02/03/23	02/03/23 Occ B	03/03/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	
2	I-MNU-A1034	Operations Management	Dr Mohamed Afy-Shararah	32		10	Y	06/03/2023	06/03/23 Occ B	10/03/23	50	EX	100				15/05/23	Resit exams will be with 2023/24 cohort in December 2023
3	I-MNU-A1027	Manufacturing Systems Engineering	Dr Maryam Farsi	32		10	Y	22/05/23	22/05/23 Occ B	26/05/23	50	GCW	100				24/07/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.
4	I-MNU-A1038	Supply Chain Management	Dr John Patsavellas	32		10	Y	08/05/23	08/05/23 Occ B	12/05/23	50	GCW	100				12/06/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of

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6	I-MNU-A1047	Aircraft Assembly	Prof Phil Webb	34		10	N	05/06/23	05/06/23 Occ B	09/06/23	50	ICW	100				03/07/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.
7	I-MAT-A1011	Additive and Subtractive Manufacturing Technologies	Dr Claudiu Giusca	30		10	Y	20/03/23	20/03/23 Occ B	24/03/23	50	ICW	100				17/04/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Course Director and Module Leader as/when required.
8	I-MAT-A1013	Composites Manufacturing for High Performance Structures	Mr Andrew Mills	30		10	Y	21/04/23	26/04/23 Occ C	03/05/23	50	ICW	100				30/05/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader

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11	I-MNU-A1029	Operations Analysis	Dr Jelena Milisavljevic Syed	32	8	10	Y	10/04/23	10/04/23 Occ B	14/04/23	50	EX	100				19/05/23	Resit exams will be with 2023/24 cohort in December 2023
12a	I-MAT-GRPPC23	Group Project	Dr Lampros Litos	20		40	Y	11/07/23	11/07/23 Occ C	27/10/23		GPRES GCW ICW IPRAC	16 64 10 10				20/10/23 27/10/23 27/10/23 27/10/23	
12b	I-MAT-DISS	Dissertation for Part Time Students	Dr David Ayre					Not available for this intake										
13	I-MNU-THESISC23	Individual Research Project	Dr Lampros Litos	20		80	Y	31/10/23	31/10/23 Occ C	29/02/24		THESIS IPRES	90 10				23/02/24 26/02/24	

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SINO/UK Intake (Full time students only) – March 2023 (3 modules in China will be 'AY 22/23 and modules on Cranfield campus will be 'AY 23/24' – dates are yet to be confirmed and will be updated soon

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2	I-MNU-A1034	Operations Management	Dr Mohamed Afy-Shararah	32		10	Y	27/03/23	27/03/23 AY 22 Occ C	06/04/23	50	EX	100				15/05/23	Resit exams will be with 2023/24September cohort in December 2023
3	I-MNU-A1027	Manufacturing Systems Engineering	Dr Maryam Farsi	32		10	Y	06/11/23	13/11/23 AY23 Occ A	17/11/23	50	GCW	100				11/12/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of

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4	I-MNU-A1038	Supply Chain Management	Dr John Patsavellas	32		10	Y	09/01/24	09/01/24 AY23 Occ A	13/01/24	50	GCW	100				05/02/24	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.
5	I-MNU-A1019	Manufacturing Strategy	Dr Patrick McLaughlin	35		10	Y	05/06/23	05/06/23 AY22 Occ C	09/06/23	50	ICW	100				07/07/23	Re-assessment date to be set by agreement of Module Leader as/when required.
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13	I-MNU-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Dr Muhammad Khan	20		80	Y	26/04/24	26/04/24 AY 23 Occ B	23/08/22	50	THESIS IPRES	90 10				23/08/24 29/08/24	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-MAT-INWK	Introduction	Advanced Materials	Engineering & Management of Manufacturing Systems, Management and Information Systems, Global Product Development and Management, Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management, Aerospace Materials, Welding Engineering, Metal Additive Manufacturing, Manufacturing Technology and Management
I-MNU-A1034	Operations Management	Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems	Aerospace Manufacturing, Global Product Development and Management, Management and Information Systems, Manufacturing Technology and Management, Metal Additive Manufacturing
I-MNU-A1027	Manufacturing Systems Engineering	Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems	
I-MNU-A1038	Supply Chain Management	Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems	Global Product Development and Management, Management and Information Systems
I-MNU-A1019	Manufacturing Strategy	Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems	
I-MAT-A1011	Additive and Subtractive Manufacturing Technologies	Advanced Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management
I-MAT-A1013	Composites Manufacturing for High Performance Structures	Advanced Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management, Aerospace Materials,
I-MAT-A1015	Failure of Materials and Structures	Advanced Materials	Aerospace Materials, Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management
I-WEE-A1110	Advanced Welding Processes	Welding Engineering	
I-MNU-A1029	Operations Analysis	Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems	Manufacturing Technology and Management
I-MAT-GRPP	Group Project	Advanced Materials	Aerospace Materials, Manufacturing Technology & Management, Engineering & Management of Manufacturing Systems, Management and

			Information Systems, Global Product Development and Management, Welding Engineering, Metal Additive Manufacturing, Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management
I-MAT-DISS	Dissertation for Part Time Students	Advanced Materials	Aerospace Materials, Manufacturing Technology & Management, Engineering & Management of Manufacturing Systems, Management and Information Systems, Global Product Development and Management, Welding Engineering, Metal Additive Manufacturing, Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management
I-MNU-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Aerospace Manufacturing	Advanced Materials, Aerospace Materials, Engineering & Management of Manufacturing Systems, Global Product Development and Management, Management and Information Systems, Manufacturing Technology & Management, Welding Engineering, Metal Additive Manufacturing, Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types. Students can expect to have at least two written examinations, and depending on the elective modules they undertake, between four and seven pieces of assessment by submitted work, one piece of group project work (including an assessment of personal contribution to group work), and one element assessed by a thesis and an oral presentation.

This approach has been adopted in order to perform formative and summative assessments of the students to demonstrate their ability in a range of contexts. Part time students will be assessed by dissertation in place of the group project.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7
1	Non Assessed						
2	EX	EX	EX	EX			
3	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW			
4	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW			
5		ICW	ICW	ICW			
6	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
7		ICW			ICW	ICW	ICW
8					ICW	ICW	ICW
9					ICW		ICW
10					EX		EX

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 8	ILO 9	ILO 10	ILO 11
11	EX	EX	EX	EX				
12a					GPRES GCW ICW	GPRES GCW ICW	GPRES GCW ICW	GPRES GCW ICW
12b					ICW(1)	ICW(1)	ICW(1)	ICW(2)

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 12	ILO 13
13	THESIS IPRES	THESIS IPRES

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition, students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The intention of the course is to provide students with knowledge and understanding and associated transferrable skills to make a contribution to industry on graduation. Aerospace Manufacturing graduates will typically seek employment in aerospace manufacturing industry, consultancies or research institutions. Common starting roles are manufacturing engineer, industrial engineer, technical analyst, project manager and PhD researcher. With time (quicker for those with background experience) graduates progress to senior positions with significant responsibility for people, budgets and projects.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Aerospace Materials
Course code	MSAMRFTC, MSAMRPTC, PDAMRFTC, PDAMRPTC, PCAMRFTC, PCAMRPTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert
Additional exit routes	N/A
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Manufacturing and Materials
Centre	Surface Engineering & Precision Centre
Course Director	Dr Sue Impey
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year, Part-time MSc - up to three years, Full-time PgDip - one year, Part-time PgDip - two years, Full-time PgCert - one year, Part-time PgCert - two years
Course Start Month(s)	Full-time: September. Part-time: September.

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Manufacturing Theme, Surface Engineering & Precision Centre, where the research interests across the theme include:

- **Surface Engineering and Precision Centre**
- **Composites and Advanced Materials Centre**
- **Welding and Additive Manufacturing Centre**
- **Sustainable Manufacturing Systems Centre**
- **Centre for Life-cycle Engineering and Management**
- **Centre for Digital Engineering and Manufacturing**

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) until August 2025, as well as, the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS), The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3) and The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

AIM
The aim of the course is to provide graduate scientists and engineers with skills to adapt and develop materials for next generation aircraft and future aerospace industry

OBJECTIVES
The objectives of the course are to provide students with opportunities to:

1. evaluate materials development for aerospace and engineering applications
2. analyse materials requirements, with a sustainable approach, for next generation aircraft, spacecraft and future aerospace developments
3. apply a systems approach to identify preferred materials for aerospace and engineering applications and evaluate different manufacturing approaches utilizing these materials
4. work within a research environment, with numerical and practical approaches to problem solving, critical evaluation of data, and use of information technology
5. practice skills required to pursue a successful career in materials engineering in aerospace and other industries.

On successful completion of the course students should be able to:

- Plan, execute and manage materials-related projects addressing requirements, preferred materials and manufacturing methods.
- Operate effectively in a team

- Make effective oral and written presentations of work.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- recent graduates wishing to extend their knowledge and skills in aerospace materials engineering
- qualified engineers wishing to apply their skills into new areas.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Evaluate opportunities in materials development for aerospace and engineering applications
ILO 2. Analyse materials requirements, with a sustainable approach, for next generation aircraft, spacecraft and future aerospace developments or alternative applications
ILO 3. Apply a systems approach to identify preferred materials for aerospace and engineering applications and evaluate different manufacturing approaches utilizing these materials
ILO 4. Implement practical and/or numerical approaches to problem solving

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would be expected to:

ILO 5. Plan, execute and manage a materials-related project.
ILO 6. Appraise technical and/or commercial literature
ILO 7. Deliver an effective oral and written presentation of work.
ILO 8. Contribute to and operate effectively in a team.

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would be expected to:

ILO 9. Undertake a substantial critical appraisal of technical and/or commercial literature.
ILO 10. Prepare a substantial scientific programme of study.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

Comprehensive course materials are provided, as well as a web-site using the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Students are guided using interactive exercises, group and individual discussion. Students engage in class activities to practise the techniques taught.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

FULL TIME STUDENTS

Description	Credits

COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 1 (Introduction) Modules 2, 3, 7	0 30
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Three modules from 4, 5, 6a or 6b, 8 and 9 Choose three modules from five	30
TOTAL:	60

PART-TIME STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 1 (Introduction) Modules 2, 3, 7	0 30
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Choose three modules from 4, 5, 6a or 6b, 8 and 10 (Module 10 requires selection of 4 and 9 as prerequisites)	30
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

FULL TIME STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 1 (Introduction) Modules 5 and 7-9 Group Project (11a)	0 70 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
10 credits from either Module 6a or 6b	10
TOTAL:	120

PART TIME STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 1 (Introduction) Modules 2, 3, 7	0 30
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
50 credits from modules 4, 5, 6a or 6b, and 8 -10 (Module 10 requires selection of 4 and 9 as prerequisites) Group Project (11a) or Dissertation (11b)	50 40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

FULL TIME STUDENTS

Description	**Credits**

COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 1 (Introduction) Modules 2-5 and 7-9 Group Project (11a) Individual Research Project (12)	0 70 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
10 credits from either Module 6a or 6b	10
TOTAL:	200

PART TIME STUDENTS

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 1 (Introduction) Modules 2, 3, and 7 Individual Research Project (12)	0 30 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
50 credits from modules 4, 5, 6a or 6b, 8-10 (Module 10 requires selection of 4 and 9 as prerequisites) Group Project (11a) or Dissertation (11b)	50 40
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment.
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
    - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months.

The course has been structured through discussions with advisors from a range of industries centred on materials. The course comprises an introductory week and eight one week modules which are assessed, and an assessed group project and individual project. The course covers a broad range of materials areas. Specialisation is provided though suitable group and individual projects.

This course is also offered on a part-time basis. In such a situation, students typically complete the various components of the course over two or three years. A typical case is to complete four taught modules plus a Group Project/Dissertation in year 1 and the remainder of the modules plus the Thesis in year two and/or year 3.

Part-time Students are encouraged to take the Group Project component and only in exceptional circumstances, and with approval from the Group Project Co-ordinator, will be permitted to replace the Group Project with an individual dissertation.

Part-time students also have the option to study Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures (module 10) as an elective module. If you are interested in this option, please discuss this with the Course Director before selecting your elective options.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The course comprises taught modules (PG certificate, PG diploma, MSc) a group project (PG Diploma, MSc) and an individual research project (MSc). The intended learning outcomes for each module and project component are introduced to the students at the start of each module and project. Students are provided marking scheme information for all summative assessments and opportunities to revise/discuss content and strategies prior to completion of the assessments to ensure students are better informed to deliver.

Each taught module is assessed separately in addition to the assessment of group project work and individual research project work. Activities during the module delivery allow formative feedback to be provided either individually to each student or generally to the student cohort. Such activities include individual student exercises, group exercises, presentation of group work, class discussions, interactive class quizzes, (lab) demonstrations with limited student interaction, software package tutorials and final recap with question and answer session at end of most modules.

The Introduction to Materials Engineering module (module 2) forms the introduction to the course and is assessed by individual course work.

Summative assessments are varied, aligning with module ILOs and being designed specifically for each individual module. Assessments include written assignments, group and individual oral presentations, use of associated software packages (documented reports) and reflective writing. The taught module ILOs and feedback from assessments (formative and summative) all develop skills that are further assessed in the group project work and individual research project work.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Summative assessment feedback is provided through the Virtual Learning Environment – written course work is marked and feedback provided within the recommended 20 working day period. General feedback on examinations is provided (posted on VLE) based on a sample size of exam question responses.

Assessment of project work (group and individual) is by a combination of observed behaviour, reflective writing, oral presentations (poster and powerpoint) and project reports. Formative feedback is provided during the projects (by supervisors, sponsors, technical staff and peers).

Full-time and part-time students are assessed identically where circumstances allow. The only provision for difference is in the Group Project/Dissertation (module 11a/11b); part-time students can be allowed to undertake a dissertation in place of the group project work where it can be demonstrated that a group project activity is unsuitable due to part-time student working restrictions.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	I-MAT-INWK	Introduction	Dr Sue Impey	39		0	Y	27/09/23	27/09/23	06/10/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	
2	I-MAT-A1009	Introduction to Materials Engineering	Dr David Ayre	30		10	Y	09/10/23	09/10/23	13/10/23	50	ICW	100				06/11/23	TBC – if required
3	I-MAT-A1005	Sustainable Aerospace Materials	Dr Sue Impey	30		10	N	16/10/23	16/10/23	20/10/23	50	ICW	100				13/11/23	TBC – if required
4	I-MAT-A1015	Failure of Materials and Structures	Dr Muhammed Khan	32		10	Y	30/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	ICW	100				27/11/23	TBC – if required

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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5	I-MAT-A1007	Functional Materials for Aerospace Sustainability	Dr Sue Impey	30		10	N	11/12/23	11/12/23	15/12/23	50	ICW	100				15/01/24	TBC – if required
6a	I-MAT-A1014	Finite Element Analysis	Dr Muhammad Khan	35		10	Y	06/11/23	13/11/23	17/11/23	50	GCW	100				11/12/23	TBC – if required
6b	I-MTM-CME	Modelling Engineering Materials	Dr Gustavo Castelluccio	32		10	Y	13/11/23	13/11/23	17/11/23	50	ICW	100				11/12/23	TBC – if required
7	I-MAT-A1017	Materials Selection and Design	Dr Sue Impey/ Dr David Ayre	34		10	Y	27/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				08/01/24	TBC – if required
8	I-MAT-A1016	Surface Engineering and Coating System Design	Prof John Nicholls	30		10	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	50	ICW	100				19/02/24	TBC – if required
9	I-MAT-A1013 Occ A	Composites Manufacturing for High Performance Structures	Mr Andrew Mills	30		10	Y	02/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	50	ICW	100				05/02/24	TBC – if required
10	N-AW-ICAS Occ B	Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite	Dr Yigeng Xu	35	5	10	Y	08/07/2024	08/07/2024	12/07/2024	50	ICW	100				09/09/24	TBC – if required

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		Aircraft Structures																
11a	I-MAT-GRPP	Group Project	Dr David Ayre	20		40	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24 Occ A FT	29/04/24	50 50 50	GPRES GCW ICW	20 60 20				26/04/24 29/04/24 29/04/24	
			Dr David Ayre						04/03/24 Occ B PT	23/08/24 PT	50 50 50	GPRES GCW ICW	20 60 20				16/08/24 23/08/24 23/08/24	
11b	I-MAT-DISS	Dissertation for Part Time Students	Dr Sue Impey Dr David Ayre	20		40	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24	23/08/24	50 50	ICW (1) ICW (2)	80 20				23/08/24 23/08/24	
12	I-MNU-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Dr Muhammad Khan	20		80	Y	05/02/24	Occ A = PT 05/02/24	PT 23/08/24	50 50	THESIS IPRES	90 10				23/08/24 29/08/24	
			Dr Muhammad Khan					26/04/24	Occ B = FT 26/04/24	FT 23/08/24	50 50	THESIS IPRES	90 10				23/08/24 29/08/24	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-MAT-INWK	Introduction	Advanced Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management, Aerospace Manufacturing, Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems, Global Product Development and Management, Management and Information Systems, Welding Engineering, Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management, Metal Additive Manufacturing
I-MAT-A1009	Introduction to Materials Engineering	Advanced Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management
I-MAT-A1015	Failure of Materials & Structures	Advanced Materials	Aerospace Manufacturing Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management
I-MAT-A1014	Finite Element Analysis	Advanced Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management
I-MTM-CME	Modelling Engineering Materials	Aerospace Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management
I-MAT-A1017	Materials Selection and design	Advanced Materials	
I-MAT-A1016	Surface Engineering and Coating System Design	Advanced Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management, Aerospace Materials
I-MAT-A1013	Composites Manufacturing for High Performance Structures	Advanced Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management, Aerospace Manufacturing,
N-AW-ICAS	Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures	Airworthiness	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness, Advanced Materials, Aircraft Engineering
I-MAT-GRPP	Group Project	Advanced Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management, Aerospace Manufacturing, Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems, Global Product Development and Management, Management and Information Systems, Welding Engineering, Metal Additive Manufacturing, Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management,
I-MAT-DISS	Dissertation for Part Time Students	Advanced Materials	Manufacturing Technology and Management, Aerospace Manufacturing, Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems,

			Global Product Development and Management, Management and Information Systems, Welding Engineering, Metal Additive Manufacturing, Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management,
I-MNU-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Aerospace Manufacturing	Advanced Materials, Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems, Global Product Development and Management, Management and Information Systems, Manufacturing Technology and Management, Welding Engineering, Metal Additive Manufacturing, Maintenance Engineering and Asset Management,

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:
Students can expect to have either examinations or assessment by submitted work and elements of assessment by presentation or viva. Each module is assessed and the approach adopted is to perform formative and summative assessments of the students to demonstrate their ability in a range of contexts.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4
2	ICW	ICW		ICW
3	ICW	ICW	ICW	
4		ICW		ICW
5	ICW	ICW		ICW
6a		GCW		GCW
6b		ICW		ICW
7	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
8	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
9	ICW	ICW		ICW
10			ICW	ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8
11a	GCW	GCW	GPRES	ICW
11b	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW(1) ICW(2)

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In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 9	ILO 10
12	THESIS	THESIS IPRES

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The intention of the course is to provide students with knowledge and understanding and associated transferrable skills to contribute to industry on graduation. Aerospace Materials graduates will typically seek employment in the aerospace manufacturing industry, consultancies or research institutions related to the aerospace industry. However other related industries such as power generation, space, sports and automotive industries are also relevant. Common starting roles are materials engineer, design and development, project engineer, project manager and PhD researcher. With time (quicker for those with more background experience) graduates progress to senior positions with responsibility for people, budgets and projects.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Aerospace Vehicle Design with options in: Aircraft Design Avionic Systems Design Structural Design (September Intake only)
Course code	MSAVDFTC, MSAV2FTC
Academic Year	2023-2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	Not Applicable
Mode of delivery	Full-Time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Aeronautics
Course Director	Mr Jack Stockford (September Intake) Dr David Judt (March Intake)
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	N/A
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year
Course Start Month(s)	March or September

Institutions delivering the course
This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Aerospace Theme, Centre for Aeronautics where the research interests include:

- Novel aircraft configurations
- Unmanned air vehicles
- Aeroelasticity
- More electric and green aircraft technologies
- Aircraft structures and systems modelling and simulation
- Flight simulation
- Multidisciplinary design, analysis and optimisation

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

The Aerospace Vehicle Design MSc aims to build on knowledge acquired from undergraduate study to develop a comprehensive understanding of aircraft design methods and techniques in the areas of aircraft structures, systems and avionics.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Recent graduates wishing to extend their knowledge and skills in the above areas.
- Qualified engineers wishing to apply their skills into new areas.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

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In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Demonstrate a systematic understanding in the knowledge, the principles and the applicable regulatory requirements of Aerospace Vehicle Design.
ILO 2. Apply the current aircraft design methods, tools and techniques used in the aerospace industry onto aircraft design projects in the engineering fields of either aerospace structures, systems or avionics.
ILO 3. Independently undertake research in a relevant field of either aerospace structures, systems or avionics by means of critically analysing and processing current research and generating valuable research outcomes.
ILO 4. Effectively plan, communicate, collaborate and manage tasks individually and within a project team.

4. How is the course taught?

The course is taught using a combination of methods:

- Taught modules (lectures and lab work) are provided over two teaching periods. These are assessed through exams, assignments and in-class exercises through the content of their Group Design Project report.
- The students participate in a comprehensive group design project, which is a strong example of problem-based learning at the postgraduate level providing a virtual industrial environment supported by experienced staff.
- All students must undertake individual research under the guidance of academic staff, which is assessed through a thesis.

In addition to the teaching methods outlined in section 3 above, students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Extensive computer network and IT facilities.
- Library facilities including journals, papers, and numerous databases.
- A dedicated course electronic Canvas.
- Numerous social events to enhance team building.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 7. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where one credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

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The accumulation of 200 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules and the successful completion of the Group Design Project and Thesis as detailed below:

Aircraft Design Option

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES - Assessed:	
14 16a 32 – Group Design Project 33 – Individual Research Project	10 10 100 80
COMPULSORY MODULES– Non Assessed:	
7, 9, 15, , 21, 23, 27, 30	0
ELECTIVE MODULES – Non Assessed:	
1, 4, 6, 8, 12, 17, 18a 20, 25, 26, 31,	0
TOTAL:	200

Avionic Systems Design Option

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES - Assessed:	
13 22 32 – Group Design Project 33 – Individual Research Project	10 10 100 80
COMPULSORY MODULES– Non Assessed:	
2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16b, 19, 21, 24, 28, 29, 30	0
ELECTIVE MODULES – Non Assessed:	
4, 6, 8, 12, 23, 25,	0
TOTAL:	200

Structural Design Option (September Intake only)

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES - Assessed:	
14, 18b, 32 - Group Design Project 33 – Individual Research Project	10 10 100 80
COMPULSORY MODULES – Non Assessed:	
15, 17, 20, 23, 27, 30, 31	**0**
ELECTIVE MODULES – Non Assessed:	
1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16b, 21, , 26,	0

TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee);
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);[3]
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in either September or March and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

The course has three main components, a taught component a group design project component and an individual research project component Timeframes for the delivery of these components is indicated in the table below.

September Intake	**Aircraft Design Option**	**Avionic Systems Design Option**	**Structural Design Option**
Course Start	September	September	September
Taught Component	October to March	October to March	October to March
Examinations	January	January	January
Group Design Project	September to May	September to May	September to May
Group Project Thesis Submission	April	April	April
Group Project Industry Presentation	April	April	April
Individual Research Project	May to August	May to August	May to August
Oral Examination	August/September	August/September	August/September
Thesis Submission	August	August	August
Course End	September	September	September

March Intake	**Aircraft Design Option**	**Avionic Systems Design Option**
Course Start	March	March
Taught Component	March to August	March to August
Examinations	June	June
Group Design Project	March to September	March to September
Group Project Thesis Submission	September	September
Group Project Industry Presentation	October	October
Individual Research Project	November to February	November to February
Oral Examination	February	February
Thesis Submission	February	February
Course End	February	February

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types that are challenging and enable the students to develop and demonstrate a range of skills. Students can expect to have written examinations, individual assessments, individual and group project theses to compose along with individual and group presentations. This approach has been adopted in order to provide the student with a balanced mix of theory, application and development of soft skills. The group design project is applicable for the Aircraft Design and Avionic System Design option only as the Structural Design option students undergo a more substantial, single individual project

Since in this course practical application is key to development of understanding and skills acquisition, in all modules students will engage with an interactive learning activity which incorporates formative feedback. The majority of subjects are assessed by the groups and individual project theses and the assorted presentations.

Students have opportunities to develop their communication skills, as they are required to give group and individual presentations. Formative feedback from members of staff is given immediately after the presentations.

The group project will assess the ability to apply the acquired knowledge from the taught modules to create and execute a design programme in a larger, multi-disciplinary team working environment, as well as the ability to evaluate results and present the outcome.

Further application of the knowledge and its understanding, the ability to assemble a technical literature review and plan and implement a research project, is also assessed through the individual research project. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through face to face or electronically enabled (via teleconferencing) contact with the supervision team.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

September Intake

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Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment								
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates		
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module8 (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	N-AVD-AE	Aeroelasticity	Mr Jack Stockford	10		0	N		05/03/24	09/03/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
2	N-AVD-ANCS	Aeronautical Communication Systems	Dr Huamin Jia	10		0	N		15/01/24	16/01/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
3	N-AVD-ASE	Aerospace Software Engineering and Ada	Dr Yan Xu	20		0	N		27/11/23	01/12/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education.
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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4	N-AVD-ASDL	Aerospace System Development and Life Cycle Model	Mr Sean Price	10		0	N		23/10/23	27/10/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
5	N-AVD-ATC	Avionics Air Traffic Control	Dr Yan Xu	10		0	N		09/10/23	23/10/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
6	N-AVD-AA	Aircraft Aerodynamics	Dr Amir Zare Shahneh	10		0	N		02/10/23	06/10/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
7	N-AVD-AP	Aircraft Performance	Dr Craig Lawson	10		0	N		22/11/23	01/12/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
8	N-AVD-APPI	Aircraft Power Plant Installation	Dr David Judt	10		0	N		19/02/24	23/02/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
9	N-AVD-ACSC	Aircraft Stability and Control	Dr Mushfiqul Alam	10		0	N		30/10/23	03/11/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
10	N-AVD-AISI	Avionics Data Networking, Hardware Integration and Testing	Dr Huamin Jia	10		0	N		17/01/24	19/01/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
11	N-AVD-CE	Cockpit Environment	Dr David Zammit-Mangion	10		0	N		09/10/23	13/10/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a

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12	N-AVD-CAD	Computer Aided Design	Dr Jafar Jamshidi	20		0	N		13/10/23	20/10/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
13	N-ASD-CS	Control Systems	Dr James Whidborne	30		10	Y		06/11/23	17/11/23	50	ICW	100				12/01/24	May 2024
14	N-AVD-FRP	Design and Analysis of Composite Structures	Dr Ioannis Giannopoulos	20		10	N		31/10/23	09/11/23	50	EX	100				Exam week 2	Exam week 7
15	N-AVD-DMO	Design for Manufacture and Operation	Dr David Judt	10		0	N		04/12/23	08/12/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
16a	N-AVD-DAS	Design of Airframe Systems	Dr Craig Lawson	23		10	N		09/10/23	27/10/23	50	EX	100				Exam week 2	Exam week 7
16b	N-AVD-DASY	Design of Airframe Systems	Dr Craig Lawson	23		0	N		09/10/23	27/10/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
17	N-AVD-DS	Detail Stressing	Dr Ioannis Giannopoulos	20		0	Y		30/10/23	10/11/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
18a	N-AVD-FFMDT	Fatigue, Fracture Mechanics and Damage Tolerance	Dr Wenli Liu	20		0	Y		20/11/23	01/12/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a

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18b	N-AVD-ASC	Fatigue, Fracture Mechanics and Damage Tolerance	Dr Wenli Liu	20		10	Y		20/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				05/01/24	
19	N-AVD-FTAD	Fault Tolerant Avionics Design	Dr Huamin Jia	10		0	N		12/02/24	16/02/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
20	N-AVD-FINEA	Finite Element Analysis	Dr Ioannis Giannopoulos	30		0	Y		08/01/24	16/02/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
21	N-AVD-FEM	Flight Experience	Dr Simon Place	6plus 2 flights		0	N		24/06/24	25/06/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
22	N-AVD-N1	Inertial and Satellite Navigation Systems	Dr Toufik Souanef	20		10	N		20/11/23	08/12/23	50	EX	100				Exam week 2	Exam week 7
23	N-AVD-IAD	Initial Aircraft Design	Prof Howard Smith	30		0	N		04/12/23	09/02/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
24	N-AVD-N2	Integrated Navigation Systems	Dr Toufik Souanef	20		0	N		22/01/24	02/02/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
25	N-AVD-IVHM	Integrated Vehicle Health Management	Mr Angelos Plastropoulos	10		0	N		31/01/24	02/02/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a

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								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module8 (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments 9(100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
26	N-AVD-LGD	Landing Gear Design	Mr Jack Stockford	10		0	N		29/01/24	02/02/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
27	N-AVD-LA	Loading Actions	Mr Jack Stockford	20		0	N		03/10/23	13/10/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
28	N-ASD-MDS	Modelling of Dynamic Systems	Dr James Whidborne	13		0	Y		23/10/23	27/10/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
29	N-AVD-RS	Radio Systems	Dr David Zammit-Mangion	10		0	N		11/12/23	13/12/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
30	N-AVD-RSAC	Reliability, Safety Assessment and Certification	Mr Jack Stockford	20		0	N		13/11/23	24/11/23	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
31	N-AVD-STS	Structural Stability	Dr Wenli Liu	20		0	N		08/01/24	19/01/24	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
32	N-AVD-GP	Group Design Project	Prof Howard Smith	200		100	N		12/10/23	21/03/24	50	THESIS	100				09/04/24	TBC
33	N-AVD-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Prof Howard Smith	10		80	N		02/10/23	20/08/24	50 50	THESIS OR	90 10				20/08/24 26/08/24-30/08/24	TBC

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March Intake

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1	N-AVD-AE Occ B	Aeroelasticity	Mr Jack Stockford	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
2	N-AVD-ANCS Occ B	Aeronautical Communication Systems	Dr Huamin Jia	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a

[12] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[13] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[14] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[15] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education.
[16] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[17] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[18] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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3	N-AVD-ASE Occ B	Aerospace Software Engineering and Ada	Dr Yan Xu	20		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
4	N-AVD-ASDL Occ B	Aerospace System Development and Life Cycle Model	Mr Sean Price	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
5	N-AVD-ATC Occ B	Avionics Air Traffic Control	Dr Yan Xu	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
6	N-AVD-AA Occ B	Aircraft Aerodynamics	Dr Amir Zare Shahneh	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
7	N-AVD-AP Occ B	Aircraft Performance	Dr Craig Lawson	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
8	N-AVD-APPI Occ B	Aircraft Power Plant Installation	Dr David Judt	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
9	N-AVD-ACSC Occ B	Aircraft Stability and Control	Dr Mushfiqul Alam	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
10	N-AVD-AISI Occ B	Avionics Data Networking, Hardware Integration and Testing	Dr Huamin Jia	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a

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11	N-AVD-CE Occ B	Cockpit Environment	Dr David Zammit-Mangion	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
12	N-AVD-CAD Occ B	Computer Aided Design	Dr Jafar Jamshidi	20		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
13	N-ASD-CS Occ B	Control Systems	Dr James Whidborne	30		10	Y				50	ICW	100					
14	N-AVD-FRP Occ B	Design and Analysis of Composite Structures	Dr Ioannis Giannopoulos	20		10	N				50	EX	100				Exam Week 7	Exam week (2025)
15	N-AVD-DMO Occ B	Design for Manufacture and Operation	Dr David Judt	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
16a	N-AVD-DAS Occ B	Design of Airframe Systems	Dr Craig Lawson	23		10	N				50	EX	100				Exam Week 7	Exam week (2025)
16b	N-AVD-DASY Occ B	Design of Airframe Systems	Dr Craig Lawson	23		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
17	N-AVD-DS Occ B	Detail Stressing	Dr Ioannis Giannopoulos	20		0	Y				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
18a	N-AVD-FFMDT Occ B	Fatigue, Fracture Mechanics and Damage Tolerance	Dr Wenli Liu	20		0	Y				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a

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19	N-AVD-FTAD Occ B	Fault Tolerant Avionics Design	Dr Huamin Jia	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
20a	N-AVD-FINEA Occ B	Finite Element Analysis	Dr Ioannis Giannopoulos	30		0	Y				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
21	N-AVD-FEM Occ B	Flight Experience	Dr Simon Place	6 plus 2 flights		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
22	N-AVD-N1 Occ B	Inertial and Satellite Navigation Systems	Dr Toufik Souane	20		10	N				50	EX	100				Exam Week 7	Exam week (2025)
23	N-AVD-IAD Occ B	Initial Aircraft Design	Prof Howard Smith	30		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
24	N-AVD-N2 Occ B	Integrated Navigation Systems	Dr Huamin Jia	20		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
25	N-AVD-IVHM Occ B	Integrated Vehicle Health Management	Mr Angelous Plastropoulos	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
26	N-AVD-LGD Occ B	Landing Gear Design	Mr Jack Stockford	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a

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27	N-AVD-LA Occ B	Loading Actions	Mr Jack Stockford	20		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
28	N-AVD-MDS Occ B	Modelling of Dynamic Systems	Dr James Whidborne	13		0	Y				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
29	N-AVD-RS Occ B	Radio Systems	Dr David Zammit-Mangion	10		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
30	N-AVD-RSAC Occ B	Reliability, Safety Assessment and Certification	Mr Jack Stockford	20		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
31	N-AVD-STS Occ B	Structural Stability	Dr Wenli Liu	20		0	N				n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
32	N-AVD-GP Occ B	Group Design Project	Prof Howard Smith	200		100	N				50	THESIS	100				TBC	
33	N-AVD-THESIS Occ B	Individual Research Project	Prof Howard Smith	10		80	N				50 50	THESIS OR	90 10				TBC	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-ASD-CS	Control Systems	Aerospace Dynamics	Aerospace Vehicle Design, Aerospace Dynamics, Astronautics and Space Engineering
N-AVD-DS/DSTR	Detail Stressing	Aerospace Vehicle Design	Aircraft Engineering
N-AVD-ASC (assessed)	Fatigue, Fracture Mechanics and Damage Tolerance	Aerospace Vehicle Design	Aircraft Engineering
N-AVD-FEA (assessed)	Finite Element Analysis	Aerospace Vehicle Design	Aircraft Engineering
N-AVD-MDS	Modelling of Dynamic Systems	Aerospace Dynamics	Astronautics and Space Engineering, Aerospace Dynamics, Aerospace Vehicle Design

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The course assessment strategy must be consistent with its teaching and learning strategy. The assessments therefore are designed around problem based learning and problem solving skills. Hence much more emphasis is placed on the thesis assessment rather than knowledge recall assessment such as examinations.

The following assessment types are utilised:

- The course uses a range of assessment types. The taught component of the course is assessed by a combination of both examinations and/or assignments, and also by the application of the knowledge gained to the group design project and the individual research project, which are both examined by a thesis.

- Students can expect to have two taught module assessment (written examinations and/or assignments). All students participate in the group design project which is assessed by a thesis. The group design project is an example of problem based learning. The individual research project requires students to be assessed on their written and oral presentation skills, through a submitted thesis and oral examination.

This approach has been adopted to ensure that students demonstrate their understanding through a range of learning techniques and are therefore not disadvantaged through any one approach.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

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Award ILOs / **Module No.**	*ILO 1.*	*ILO 2.*	*ILO 3.*	*ILO 4.*	.
13	ICW	ICW			
14	EX	EX			
16a	EX	EX			
18b	ICW	ICW			
22	EX	EX			
32	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS	.
33	THESIS, OR	THESIS, OR	THESIS, OR		

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CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
Group Design Project	All modules except IRP	Thesis	100
Individual Research Project	All modules except GDP	Thesis	90
		Oral Exam	10

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

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1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Cranfield University has been at the forefront of postgraduate education in aerospace engineering since 1946. Aircraft design at Cranfield was one of the original foundation courses of the College of Aeronautics, which has evolved over the years, and more recently broadened in content, into the Aerospace Vehicle Design course that we have today.

Cranfield has a global reputation for advanced postgraduate education and extensive applied research. 94% of Cranfield graduates secure employment within 6 months. The Aerospace Vehicle Design course is valued and respected by employers worldwide.

The aerospace industry has a continuing need to recruit structural designers, stress engineers, systems design engineers and avionics design engineers. Graduates from the MSc in Aerospace Vehicle Design can therefore look forward to a varied choice of challenging career opportunities in the above disciplines. Many of the graduates occupy very senior positions in their organisations, making valuable contributions to the international aerospace industry.

POSTGRADUATE AWARD BEARING COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Postgraduate Award Bearing Course Specifications
Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Aerosystems
Course code	MSAYSPTR, PDAYSPTR, PCAYSPTR
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PGCert, PGDip
Mode of delivery	Part-time, face-to-face with online by exception
Location(s)[1] of Study	Shrivenham
School(s)	Cranfield Defence and Security
Theme	Defence and Security
Centre	Centre for Defence Engineering
Course Director	John Economou
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	Yes
Is this course offered as an Apprenticeship?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Apprenticeship offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	In order to attend the course there are two consecutive application stages: (a) Military relevance and suitability of the candidate to the course; (b) Academic application to attend the course For stage (a): the preselection process (prior to submitting an academic application) for the Aerosystems Course which is met via a Selection Board that comprises RAF (Air & Space Warfare Centre, Defence Academy), Royal Navy and Cranfield University personnel (Course Director), reviewing a comprehensive application form that contains academic and work experience, relevant interests and courses, a personal narrative and a 1st and 2nd Reporting Officer recommendations. Based on successfully satisfying stage (a) then the candidates are encouraged to apply for a University place to study the Aerosystems course. Regarding stage (b) of the process the minimum entry requirements are: • A UK first or second class honours degree in a relevant subject area; or • An equivalent international qualification (find out whether your qualification meets our requirements by visiting our International Student page); or • Relevant work experience in combination with a degree below second-class honours If you do not meet our formal entry requirements, but still feel you can demonstrate the ability to complete the course successfully, you may still be accepted onto a course. Each application will be considered on its merits and a case will be made by the Course Director. All students accepted onto the course, are required to complete the pre-sessional 10-day Shrivenham course in August (7th-18th) prior to attending the award studies in September. The pre-sessional studies comprise refreshers studies in maths and technical topics that enable levelling the background knowledge that can be assumed by lecturers in the award course. All students are required to study the pre-sessional studies to ensure fresh knowledge of topics which students have not studied and probably not used recently.
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	5-years maximum
Course Start Month(s)	September *(pre-sessional studies starting in August)*

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by CDS/Defence and Security/Centre for Defence Engineering where the research interests include:

Military aviation, military electronic systems and airborne weapon systems.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

This course will be taught solely by Cranfield University under AP Contract conditions for MOD. Students in this course will all be studying an MOD Aerosystems qualification which includes but is larger than the award course provided by the University. The additional studies, not part of the award course, include military topics and site visits arranged by MOD and taught by MOD arranged personnel. In addition, students of this course will study a small number of not for credit short course modules taught by Cranfield University. Commercial arrangements for the Cranfield University provided not for credit short courses will be arranged separately. The design of the course described in this courses specification has been developed in cognisance of the additional study load borne by the students as a result of the MOD Aerosystems course requirements.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

Accreditation by Royal Aeronautical Society is planned, when the course becomes eligible.
Under AHEP requirements all engineering PSRBs apply the same standard, and permit application for accreditation after the first graduates have completed the course. The course is mapped to the AHEP requirements as part of this documentation.

2. What are the aims of the course?

This course is designed as an MSc award that provides for the academic needs of the sponsor, whilst linking with additional military education/training to advance graduates into a recognised profession in Aerosystems. To achieve this, the course offers a range of technical modules and topics that are integrated together to enhance the performance and analysis of an air system across all operational domains (land, sea and air).

The technical topics include the following: Sensors: (radar, Electro-Optics and Infra-Red), Communications (information networks), signal processing, Platforms: Uninhabited Aircraft Systems / Remotely Operated Aircraft Systems (UAS/RPAS), guided weapons, electronic warfare, foundations of modelling and simulation, the application of simulation to areas such as military training, operational analysis, rapid prototyping, doctrine development and mission planning.

The PGDip exit point is provided to recognise students who have completed all 12 modules and assessments components of the academic studies.

The PGCert exit point is provided to recognise students who have successfully completed the six modules of the course but who are unable to complete further course requirements.

The availability of the earlier exit points enables recognition of individuals who have been able to complete a recognised package of studies, enabling posting decisions based on holding the earlier exit point qualifications. This also provides value to the sponsors

The MSc exit point in addition to the PgDip modules, the students are also required to complete an 80-credit Thesis.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

The Aerosystems graduate will have opportunities to progress into roles within Test and Evaluation squadrons, Capability Acquisition and Requirements Management.

This course is designed to provide candidates selected by MOD, and partners who send students through the AP route, with whole of system technical knowledge concerning Aerosystems.
This course is closed to AP students only.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Aerosystems

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

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ILO 1. Critically evaluate remote sensor options and performance within a defence context including radar, electro-optics and infrared systems.
ILO 2. Critically identify and analyse the signal processing methods encountered in sensor and communication and electronic warfare systems with an aim to enhance detection by such systems.
ILO 3. Evaluate the suitability of electronic technologies and signal processing within the Aerosystems context.

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Aerosystems

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Relate theoretical concepts and principles for telecommunications, and information systems to networks in a modern military system.
ILO 5. Apply critical analysis of Aerosystems networks to support information processing in the defence context to enhance network performance characteristics.
ILO 6. Critically analyse the wider opportunities afforded by Modelling and Simulation in support of Defence needs.
ILO 7. Critically evaluate threats to and methods for protecting Electro-optics/infra-red and Radar in defence.
ILO 8. Analyse the application of Uninhabited Aircraft System (UAS) platforms and Guided Weapons (GW) systems in the Aerosystems environment.

C. Master of Science (Aerosystems)

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 9. Propose and research a relevant project topic in Aerosystems and identify the context with suitable in-depth critical evaluation.
ILO 10. Plan a research project with a well-defined and realisable timeframe, with suitable risk assessment and contingency planning with suitable demonstration of engagement in academic and professional experts.
ILO 11. Provide an analysis of your critical assessment of factual, conceptual, theoretical knowledge and relate, when applicable, to existing AeroSystems technologies and place the outputs within the wider context of Aerosystems.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development using a mix of formal instruction, discussion periods and hands-on exercises and demonstrations (pre-recorded and live); as well as presentations by external speakers with extensive practical experience.

All the modules of this course are selected from modules provided in existing Academic Provider courses.

The Aerosystems students, to the greatest extent possible, will study these modules in the existing classes offered providing the benefit of mixing with students enrolled in other courses. There may be some cases where timetabling issues may exist. In such cases, where there are necessary adjustments, arrangements will need to be managed through the AP commercial process. In any event, the teaching methods used will be the teaching methods used in the module in its owning course.

The students will be assigned a personal Year Tutor when they commence their studies in August. The tutor's responsibility is to support the students' learning during their time at the Defence Academy. At some point, they will be arranging for a general chat to make sure they are on track. In case their students are facing difficulty the Course Director and SAS lead will be informed to support further and guide on where and how to seek further support.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits[3] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Electro-magnetic Propagation & Devices (Includes Induction) Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 1	10 10
Four MODULES from the following:	
Communication Principles Foundations of Modelling and Simulation Radar Principles Signal Processing, Statistics and Analysis Research Methods Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 2 Guided Weapons Information Networks Radar Electronic Warfare Uninhabited Aircraft Systems/Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems	40
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120[4] credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits

[3] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.

[4] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation.

COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Electro-magnetic Propagation and Devices (Includes Induction) Communication Principles Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 1 Foundations of Modelling and Simulation Radar Principles Signal Processing, Statistics and Analysis Research Methods Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 2 Guided Weapons Information Networks Radar Electronic Warfare Uninhabited Aircraft Systems/Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Electro-magnetic Propagation and Devices (Includes Induction) Communication Principles Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 1 Foundations of Modelling and Simulation Radar Principles Signal Processing, Statistics and Analysis Research Methods Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 2 Guided Weapons Information Networks Radar Electronic Warfare Uninhabited Aircraft Systems/Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Thesis	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;

- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [5]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

For those students undertaking an apprenticeship, confirmation of the award, graduate certificate and transcript will be released once all elements of the apprenticeship training programme have been successfully completed, including the End Point Assessment

6. How is the course structured?

Part-time students commence pre-sessional studies in August and award studies from September. Students are expected to complete the course within 5 years.

All students being given a University place in the award course are required to commence their studies with pre-sessional induction studies (normally in August) to provide refresher knowledge in foundational areas of study. The pre-sessional studies are specifically designed for those coming to study at Shrivenham, particularly after a long break from academic studies. By taking this course, the student will be able to refresh their knowledge and skills which will prepare them for an MSc. The programme normally includes social or cultural visits. The course is of ten-day duration with a mixture of lectures, practical exercises, diagnostics tests, and the use of the virtual learning environment.

Regular study for the award commences at the normal commencement of AP courses in September. It is possible for students to attend all taught modules in their first year of study, forming the PgDip award. The thesis is conducted as a part-time thesis.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[6]

[5] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than or equal to 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

[6] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

The Aerosystems course is multidisciplinary, covering the areas of uninhabited aircraft systems, guided weapons, electro-optics, communications, radar, electronic warfare and information networks. The course covers the key concepts, fundamental principles, and considerations of design and critical thinking associated with the above-mentioned areas.

All modules require the submission of a written piece of work as a technical report or an essay. The module descriptors provide the detail in relation to the formative, and summative assessments. This allows the students to develop their critical thinking and presentation of arguments in a written mode, as well as developing their practice at presenting information in a practical and scientific way demonstrating suitable engineering skills.

The students have the opportunity to demonstrate their comprehension and progress as part of this formative assessment process. For formative-based discussions the academic team will provide immediate feedback and advice and for written work normally feedback would be provided in writing.

It is expected that the students will continue to use as appropriate a combination of face-to-face and teleconferencing tools and interact in addition to the scheduled timetabled sessions and exchange ideas and address the specific award ILO relating to demonstrating knowledge and critical understanding and the ability to share and explain this to the academic team and their peers.

In addition to the taught modules MSc students are required to undertake a research project the output of which takes the form of a Thesis (100%). During this phase the students will be expected to have build-up skills enabling a self-directive approach. It is expected to formulate a project which utilises the learning from the taught phase and demonstrates the skill of integrating this knowledge from an Aerosystems perspective. The viva process will provide the student the opportunity to defend their work and provide suitable clarifications to the examiners (supervisor and internal independent examiner)

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the award programme leading to MSc in AeroSystems. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Module Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[7]	Total hours delivered by Visiting[8]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment[9]				
												Independent Assessment		Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (e.g. Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[10] - 40% or 50%[11]	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[12] (%) of Independent	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[13]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
6	R-AER-RM	Research Methods	Tim Ferris	26		10	N	21/08/23	21/08/23 (day 1 induction)	24/08/23	50	ICW	100	11/12/23	24/25
2	R-MES-EPD	Electromagnetic Propagation and Devices (Includes Induction) A23	Dr Ivor Morrow	32	0	10	Y	04/09/23	04/09/23	15/09/23	50	ICW	100	13/10/23	24/25
2	R-MES-SPSA	Signal Processing, Statistics and Analysis A23	Dr Peter Barker	30	0	10	Y	02/10/23	02/10/23	06/10/23	50	ICW	100	03/11/23	24/25
3	R-MES-EOIS 1	Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 1 A23	Ata Khalid	32	0	10	Y	16/10/23	16/10/23	20/10/23	50	ICW	100	17/11/23	24/25
4	R-MES-CP	Communication Principles A23	Dr Peter Barker	30	0	10	Y	30/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	ICW	100	01/12/23	24/25

[7] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice

[8] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)

[9] For courses accredited by Professional Engineering Institutes licensed to accredit academic programmes by the Engineering Council it should be noted that condonement of modules is not allowed.

[10] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.

[11] For courses accredited by Professional Engineering Institutes licensed to accredit academic programmes by the Engineering Council it should be noted that a maximum of 20 credits may be compensated in a Masters degree.

[12] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education. Further guidance can be found under Section 7.1.2 of the Sente Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

[13] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; TCA – Time-Compressed Assignment

Module Number	Module code	Module Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[7]	Total hours delivered by Visiting	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment[9]				
								Module Start Date (e.g. Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[10] - 40% or 50%[11]	Independent Assessment		Submission dates	
												Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[12] (%) of Independent	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[13]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
5	R-MES-RP	Radar Principles A23	Dr Alessio Balleri	30	0	10	Y	13/11/23	13/11/23	17/11/23	50	ICW	100	15/12/23	24/25
7	R-MES-EOIS 2	Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 2 A23	Lounis Chermak	32	0	10	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24	09/02/24	50	ICW	100	08/03/24	24/25
8	R-MES-REW	Radar Electronic Warfare A23	Ioannis Vagias	30	0	10	Y	08/01/24	08/01/24	08/02/24	50	ICW	100	09/02/24	24/25
9	R-AMOR-FMS	Foundations of Modelling and Simulation C23	John Hoggard	32	0	10	Y	04/03/24	04/03/24	08/03/24	50	ICW	100	15/04/24	24/25
10	R-MES-IN	Information Networks A23	Dr Philip Nobles	30	0	10	Y	11/03/24	11/03/24	15/03/24	50	ICW	100	16/04/24	24/25
11	R-MAA-GW	Guided Weapons A23	Dr David Galvao Wall	32	0	10	Y	15/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	50	ICW	100	15/03/24	24/25
12	R-MAA-UAS	Uninhabited Aircraft Systems/Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems A23	Dr John Economou	35	0	10	Y	27/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	50	GCW	100	26/01/24	24/25
13	R-AER-THESIS	Thesis A23	Dr John Economou / Dr Tim Ferris	40	10	80	N		03/06/24	30/07/24	50	Thesis	100	01/07/25	N/A

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; TCA – Time-Compressed Assignment

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	Module title	Course that owns the module	Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module
R-MES-EPD	Electromagnetic Propagation and Devices (Includes Induction)	Military Electronic Systems Engineering (MESE)	Military Electronic Systems Engineering foundations PgCert (MESEF), Communications Electronic Warfare PgCert (CEW), Sensors Electronic Warfare PgCert (SEW)
R-MES-CP	Communication Principles	MESE	MESEF, CEW
R-MES-EOIS1	Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 1	MESE	MESEF, SEW, Guided Weapon Systems (GWS)
R-AMOR-FMS	Foundations of Modelling and Simulation	Defence Simulation and Modelling (DSM)	MESE, Defence and Security Programme (DSP)
R-MES-RP	Radar Principles	MESE	MESEF, SEW, GWS
R-MES-SPSA	Signal Processing, Statistics and Analysis	MESE	MESEF, CEW, SEW, GWS
R-MES-EOIS2	Electro-optics and Infrared Systems 2	MESE	SEW, GWS
R-MAA-GW	Guided Weapons	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness (MAA)	Weapon and Vehicle Systems Programme (WVSP), DSP
R-MES-IN	Information Networks	MESE	CEW
R-MES-REW	Radar Electronic Warfare	MESE	SEW
R-MAA-UAS	Uninhabited Aircraft Systems/Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems	MAA	DSP(AS)

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The Aerosystems course consists of primarily individual coursework summative assessments and in one instance a student group coursework. This approach provides therefore an opportunity, to work both as an individual or in a group. The coursework would require the submission of a technical report which may be an essay and/or the use of suitable numerical simulation software-based computer tools. The formative assessment provides the building blocks in the form of quizzes, worked-out examples, and tutorials with the academics providing feedback to the students.

The students, after finishing their 12 award-bearing modules, are encouraged to engage with the academic team and the project module lead and discuss their interests and ideas for projects. The ILOs relating to the research project are 8-10 and successful completion of this will result in being awarded 80-credits. The project is expected to be assessed by the supervisor and an independent assessor. It is expected that the students will be more self-directed and pro-active with consultation with their supervisor during this process.

This approach has been adopted because:

The approach for the award-bearing modules has been used in this course because of legacy inheritance of existing modules from other award courses.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Aerosystems

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3
01	ICW		ICW
02		ICW	ICW
03	ICW	ICW	
04		ICW	ICW
05	ICW		
06		ICW	
07	ICW		ICW
08	ICW	ICW	
09			
10			ICW
11			
12			GCW

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Aerosystems

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8
01	ICW				
02	ICW				
03					
04	ICW				
05					
06	ICW	ICW			
07				ICW	
08				ICW	
09			ICW		
10	ICW	ICW			
11					ICW

12					GCW

C. MSc (Aerosystems)

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award / ILOs / Module No.	ILO 9	ILO 10	ILO 11
6	ICW	ICW	
13	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal trained in course validations. The Panel may also include members of professional staff trained in course validations. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course module changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course, in-depth Senate Periodic Course Reviews to ensure that all taught award-bearing provision is formally reviewed at least once every ten years, Senate Partnership Reviews and a 6-year Senate review of each School's (total) educational provision.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual Early Experience Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES). The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review the partnership must be reviewed at least once every six years through a formal in-depth Senate Partnership Review. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

All students entering the course are sponsored by MOD, or an MOD partner, where the sponsor has chosen to sponsor the student as part of a career development program. All students are studying this course as part of a career development program.

Graduates, after leaving military service for which they were sponsored may find related openings in MOD civil service or in the defence industry

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision:	05/02/21 June 24

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Agricultural Engineering
Course code	MSc- MSAEJFTC PgDip (exit route only) – PDAEJFTC PgCert (exit route only) - PCAEJFTC
Academic Year	2023/2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Jiangsu University Cranfield Tech Futures Graduate Institute, China. (with an optional 6 month 'excursion' at Cranfield)
School(s)	Jiangsu University Cranfield Tech Futures Graduate Institute affiliated with the School of Water, Energy and Environment
Theme	Environment and AgriFood
Centre	Centre for Environmental and Agricultural Informatics
Course Director	Prof Jane Rickson
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	n/a
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	n/a

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	n/a
Teaching Institution	Jiangsu University Cranfield Tech Futures Graduate Institute
Admissions body	Cranfield University and Jiangsu University
Entry requirements	Standard University requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7
Benchmark Statement(s)	n/a
Registration Period(s) available	3 years full-time MSc
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by Jiangsu University (JSU) Cranfield Tech Futures Graduate Institute" which is a formal collaboration between Cranfield and Jiangsu Universities. It has a formal semi-autonomous status as a Chinese-centred Institute that benefits from Cranfield academic input. It has been heavily sponsored by the Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education (the regional education body) and has the formal approval from the Ministry of Education in China.

Research interests include Natural capital (land, air and water); soil, plants/crops and microbes; biosystems engineering; digital agriculture; water sciences and engineering; agritechnology; post harvest technologies; and food waste.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

- Jiangsu University as part of the Jiangsu University (JSU) Cranfield Tech Futures Graduate Institute

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not currently accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

This MSc in Agricultural Engineering aims to create a skilled cohort of well qualified students that are able to advance the agricultural engineering industry, leading to rural revitalisation and the sustainable development of future land-based industries. Appropriate appreciation and application of agricultural engineering models and methodologies will be paramount to the successful completion of the course. The course will deliver innovative, practical capability, underpinned by rigorous science and appreciation of the latest agri-technologies.

Many people argue that agriculture is facing its 4th Revolution (following land settlement, mechanisation and the green revolution), driven by increasing demands from an increasing global population (estimated to be 10 billion by 2050) for safe, secure and nutritious food, grown on finite land resources. This course equips students to be able to apply agricultural engineering principles and practices to address the looming 'perfect storm' of conflicting issues around food production, energy demands, water use, loss of biodiversity and climate change.

The course has been co-designed with subject experts to address these conflicts. Taking a 'field to fork' sequence of modules, the course starts with evaluating the basic resources (i.e. natural capital) on which agriculture is dependent, followed by how to manage these resources sustainably. The course covers the latest technologies that are used to better understand the (agricultural) world around us.

Students will be able to master the basic scientific theories that inform in-depth professional knowledge and critical evaluation of agricultural engineering principles and practices. Through individual research projects, students will be trained in research methods used in the discipline and will be able to apply sound writing and presentational skills, as well as critical analysis. The course will be internationally oriented in content and scope.

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) exit routes are provided for students who wish to access only parts of the course provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

1. Graduates with an agricultural, environmental and / or engineering background or other related degrees, who are keen to pursue a higher degree in the area of agricultural or land-based engineering.
2. Graduates currently in employment keen to extend their qualifications or to pursue a career change into agricultural / biosystems / land-based engineering.
3. Individuals with other qualifications, but who possess considerable relevant experience in agricultural / biosystems / land based engineering.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Agricultural Engineering

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Evaluate the key processes operating in agriculture and the general biological, physical and engineering principles that underpin relevant aspects of biosystems and agricultural engineering

ILO 2. Analyse and communicate the scientific principles and practical applications of remote sensing and sensor technologies, land engineering, agricultural mechanisation, soil management and postharvest technologies and their contributions throughout the agricultural supply chain

ILO 3. Critically evaluate sustainable agricultural engineering concepts and principles in order to design practical agricultural and land-based solutions, taking into account social, environmental, technical, regulatory and commercial constraints to a range of industrial and commercial contexts.

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Agricultural Engineering

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from the taught modules into a real-life situation to address problems faced by engineers. This will require a detailed review of the literature related to this problem, with the student providing insight and communicating the findings in a professional manner in written, oral, or visual forms as required.

C. MSc in Agricultural Engineering

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Define a research question, develop aim(s) and objectives, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, evaluate findings critically and draw justifiable conclusions, demonstrating self-direction and originality of thought.

ILO 6. Communicate their individual research via an academic paper (thesis), thus demonstrating a presentation style suitable for academic and professional audiences.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

Engaging with the wider learning environment at Cranfield and Jiangsu through attendance of seminars, lectures, workshops and other learning activities. The students will have access to the e learning support through the VLE.

The taught programme is generally delivered from September and is divided into 9 modules (5 delivered by Cranfield and 4 by Jiangsu staff). All modules will be taught at the JSU CU Joint Institute at Jiangsu University, China. Modules taught by JSU staff are delivered over a full semester. Modules delivered by CU staff are delivered over one or two weeks in a flying faculty model, with additional online tutorials provided post-delivery by CU staff and face to face support by JSU teaching assistants. The MSc course is taught in three sections: taught modules (40%), dissertation (Critical Literature Review (20%)), and thesis (Academic Paper (40%))

The dissertation/literature review and thesis/paper components are supported through student supervision meetings.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Week	AO
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Any 6 modules (60 credits) from:	
Applied Postharvest Technology (CU delivery)	10
Remote Sensing in Agriculture (CU delivery)	10
Soil Carbon, Nutrients and Contamination (CU delivery)	10
Soil Erosion Management (CU delivery)	10
Land Engineering (CU delivery)	10
Mathematical Statistics (JSU delivery)	10
Intelligent Technology of Agricultural Equipment (JSU delivery)	10
Sensor Technology (JSU delivery)	10
TOTAL:	**60**

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Week	AO
Applied Postharvest Technology (CU delivery)	10
Remote Sensing in Agriculture (CU delivery)	10
Soil Carbon, Nutrients and Contamination (CU delivery)	10
Soil Erosion Management (CU delivery)	10
Land Engineering (CU delivery)	10
Mathematical Statistics (JSU delivery)	10
Dissertation (Critical Literature Review)	40
ELECTIVE MODULES (Choose 2 of 3):	
Intelligent Technology of Agricultural Equipment (JSU delivery)	10
Sensor Technology (JSU delivery)	10
TOTAL:	**120**

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Week	AO
Applied Postharvest Technology (CU delivery)	10
Remote Sensing in Agriculture (CU delivery)	10
Soil Carbon, Nutrients and Contamination (CU delivery)	10
Soil Erosion Management (CU delivery)	10
Land Engineering (CU delivery)	10
Mathematical Statistics (JSU delivery)	10
Dissertation (Critical Literature Review)	40
Thesis (Academic Paper)	80
ELECTIVE MODULES (Choose 2 of 3):	
Intelligent Technology of Agricultural Equipment (JSU delivery)	10
Sensor Technology (JSU delivery)	10
TOTAL:	**200**

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Part-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 3 years.

The students will be registered part-time for the course, starting in September and are expected to complete this section of the course within 36 calendar months.

Taught part 1: Modules
Each module is delivered over approximately five days or over a full semester, using a combination of teaching activities and a blended learning approach, where face to face (F2F) learning methods (lectures, seminars, examples classes, flipped learning) will be complemented by on-line activities such as quizzes, tests and discussion boards on the VLE. Modules are given throughout the academic year. For one module (Mathematical Statistics), an exam will be held at the end of the module, during Exam Week. Students will undertake these modules in the same academic year.

Taught part 2: Literature Review / Dissertation
The literature review/dissertation consists of a total of 10 contact hours with a member(s) of the teaching staff and 390 hours of private study. Students will be assigned two supervisors by the Course Director and will agree with these supervisors an appropriate topic of study. This may be related to a future workplace/industrial area of interest that is relevant to the student's career plan. This aspect will include a comprehensive literature review of classical and contemporary related material and also a discussion and properly argued conclusions. Where appropriate the review/dissertation will acknowledge the work and contribution of others. This module will be assessed by a formal report.

Taught Part 3: Thesis/Paper

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

Students will produce a thesis / paper. This consists of a total of 20 contact hours with a member(s) of the teaching staff and 780 hours of private study. Thesis supervisors will be allocated to the students by the Course Director and the two will confirm a suitable topic for study. Within this time, they will produce an academic paper in a journal style relevant to their area of interest (decided in consultation with their supervisor). All students are required and must maintain regular contact (meetings, telephone conversations or e-mail correspondence) with their personal supervisor to discuss progress

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

Modules are organised chronologically so that the student can build on existing skills such that they can enter their chosen career with new skills attained. Formative and summative assessments assist with the delivery of both the course and module level Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs). Where given, formative assessment assists the students with their summative assignments. Formative feedback sessions are organised to inform students regarding what they need to do for a good summative assignment.

There are various methods of formative assessment; all consist of instant feedback from peers as well as the module lead. Formative feedback will be provided during the lecture sessions (strategic questions, quizzes, group activities), and during the student oral presentations.

Summative feedback will be provided on the Individual Coursework (ICW) including comments on the Individual Coursework document and an accompanying explanatory report, via the on-line virtual learning environment (VLE). The criteria for assessing assignments include:

- Presentation: conciseness, logical and clear English, structure, correct presentation of graphs/tables, correct citing of references, correct use of units
- Technical accuracy: correct interpretation of findings, correct description of processes,
- Development of argument: logical and relevant development of argument substantiated by references, and critical analysis

Within this course, only the Mathematical Statistics module includes an exam. In other modules, exams would not reflect the skills that the students have attained, and do not reflect their ability to utilise resources to integrate knowledge for problem solving. Assignments include casework studies such that they can apply attained knowledge in real industrial scenarios while building on their experience from previous modules.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Feedback on summative assessments is delivered to students within 20 working days.

Dissertation (Critical Literature Review):
The Literature Review/Dissertation provides the students with the opportunity to research, in depth, an area of engineering interest to them. It is expected that the review/dissertation will normally consist of the following elements: Abstract, Background context, Introduction to the theme(s) addressed within the dissertation and setting out the issues that will be covered, Methodology, In depth analysis/discussion of the topics discussed, Concluding remarks, References, Appendices (if relevant). Two supervisors are allocated to the dissertation and supervision follows the model used for the independent research project. The student will submit an 8,000 word report and will give an oral presentation of their work. Both elements of assessment will be marked by independent assessors.

Thesis (Academic Paper):
The thesis project requires students to further develop a problem definition, set a hypothesis, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, and evaluate findings and draw appropriate conclusions in the context of research questions relevant to the courses following this module. The student is then required to communicate their findings successfully via a thesis, written in the style of a scientific paper (12,000 words), and an oral presentation. The projects are designed to integrate knowledge, the taught modules, and apply understanding and skills from the dissertation, to deliver a high-quality written thesis and oral presentation.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment				
												Assessment		Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent assessments	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[9]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	J-JSU-INDWK	Induction Week Part 1 Part 2	Adriana Encinas-Oropesa	24		0	Y		04/09/23 26/02/24	08/09/23 01/03/24	N/A	AO	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	J-AGM-MS	Mathematical Statistics	Tan Yilan	24	0	10	N		18/09/23	09/10/23	40	EX	100	07/01/24	
3	J-AGM-ITAE	Intelligent Technology of Agricultural Equipment	Liu Jizhan	32	0	10	N		09/10/23	25/10/23	40	ICW	100	25/10/23	
4	~~J-AGM-MSAE~~	~~Mechatronic Systems for Agricultural Equipment~~												Not running	
5	J-AGM-ST	Sensor Technology	Zuo Zhiyu	36	0	10	N		09/10/23	03/11/23	40	ICW	100	09/11/23	
6	J-AGM-LE	Land Engineering	Lynda Deeks	35	0	10	N		11/03/24	15/03/24	40	ICW	100	13/04/24	
7	J-AGM-SEM	Soil Erosion Management	Robert Simmons	36	0	10	N		18/03/24	22/03/24	40	ICW	100	30/03/24	

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education.
[9] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment				
												Assessment		Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent assessments	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[9]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
8	J-AGM-SCNC	Soil Carbon, Nutrients and Contamination	Ruben Sakrabani	36	0	10	N		22/04/24	26/04/24	40	ICW	100	11/05/24	
9	J-AGM-RSA	Remote Sensing in Agriculture	Toby Waine	36	0	10	N		13/05/24	17/05/24	40	ICW	100	24/05/24	
10	J-AGM-APT	Applied Postharvest Technology	Lembe Magwaza	35	0	10	N		27/05/24	31/05/24	40	ICW	100	07/06/24	
11	J-JSU-DISS	Dissertation (Critical Literature review	Adriana Encinas-Oropesa	10	0	40	Y		02/09/24	29/11/24	50	IPROJ IPRES	80 20	29/11/24	
12	J-JSU-THESIS	Thesis (Academic Paper)	Adriana Encinas-Oropesa	20	0	80	Y		02/12/24	13/06/25	50	THESIS ORAL	90 10	13/06/25	

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
J-JSU-INDWK	Induction Week	Agricultural Engineering	Mechanical Engineering Environmental Engineering Engineering Management Energy Systems and Thermal Processes Environmental Engineering and Environmental Management Materials and Corrosion for Energy Systems
J-JSU-DISS	Dissertation	Agricultural Engineering	Environmental Engineering (Jiangsu) Mechanical Engineering Engineering Management
J-JSU-THESIS	Thesis	Agricultural Engineering	Environmental Engineering (Jiangsu) Mechanical Engineering Engineering Management

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The taught modules are assessed by in-module assessment (formative and summative). This includes assessment of individual coursework (ICW), practicals and group-based activities (formative). Formative assessments will be provided during the lecture sessions (e.g. strategic questions, quizzes, group activities), and during/ immediately after any student / group oral presentations.

Summative assessments will include feedback on written work submitted by the students. This might include for example, a 10 page (Arial 11 point) consultancy style report (plus relevant appendices) that addresses the tasks outlined in the detailed assignment brief.

For one module, 'Mathematical Statistics', an end of module closed book examination is also used to assess the ILOs,

The Dissertation - Critical Literature Review is assessed by means of a written report and presentations;

The Thesis - Academic paper is assessed by a thesis and an oral examination.

The overall assessment workload and type used for the course is balanced and appropriate; it covers the ILOs set out for each module of the course and develops the type of skills required for the students for their future career.

This approach has been adopted because:

The underlying assessment strategy across all modules will be to examine the understanding of agricultural engineering principles and applications. It includes a variety of assessment types to capture both the relative strengths and weaknesses of each student (i.e. some individuals perform better in coursework: others in an examination). It also represents best teaching practice.

Assessment by Exams (Mathematical Statistics only):
This will be achieved by testing the ability to solve realistic quantitative questions within an Agricultural Engineering context.

Assessment by Coursework:
Coursework will be set to reinforce and expand taught elements of the course. This will be a combination of open ended assignments and analytical/numerical based problem solving. Coursework will be assessed on the rigour and quality of the reports with merit given to diligence and evidence of understanding of the underlying methods.

Assessment by the Dissertation/Literature Review:
- The ability to plan, structure and manage a detailed study of relevant literature within a defined topic;
- The ability to analyse and where appropriate to relate to the work of others and to be self-critical;
- To communicate the dissertation in an oral presentation and in a technical and well-presented document.

Assessment by MSc Thesis/Paper tests:
- The ability to define the project by reference to scientific, technical and/or commercial literature, the critical appraisal of such literature and the justification of the research;
- The ability to plan and manage the research programme, to define the work to be carried out and to report the results in a clear manner;
- The ability to analyse the work, relate it to the work of others where appropriate and to be self-critical;
- To communicate the work, its results and analysis in a technical and well-presented document.

Oral components of Dissertation (Literature Review) and Thesis (Paper):
- Students are required to make a formal presentation on his/her projects which will be assessed by two academics.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3
2	EX	EX	
3	ICW	ICW	
4	ICW	ICW	
5	ICW	ICW	
6	ICW	ICW	ICW
7	ICW	ICW	ICW
8	ICW	ICW	ICW
9	ICW	ICW	

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3
10	ICW	ICW	ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO4
5	IPROJ IPRES

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO5	ILO6
11	THESIS ORAL	THESIS ORAL

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. <u>What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?</u>

On completion, graduates have a broader network of global contacts, increased opportunities for individual opportunities and a wide range of careers as professional scientists and engineers in the land based sector, with particular focus on biosystems and agricultural engineering. Potential employers may include:

Deere & Company
Unilever
BASF

Case Corporation
Danisco
Massey Ferguson
Monsanto
Sanyuan Group
Yara International
Syngenta
CNH Industrial
Bayer AG
DowDuPont
Cargills
New Holland
ASI
AGCO
Kuhn
Sinomach
YTO Group Corporation

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision:	June 2023

1) What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Air Transport Management (Executive)

Course Code	• MSATRPTC – MSc in Air Transport Management (Executive)
	• PDATRPTC – PgDip in Air Transport Management (Executive)
	• PCIREPTC – PgCert in Air Transport Management (Executive)
	• PCIRTPTC – PgCert in Air Transport Management (Professional)
	• PgAward in Air Transport Management (Executive):
	  ○ PAAT1PTC (June)
	  ○ PAAT2PTC (November)
	  ○ PAAT3PTC (March)

Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc in Air Transport Management (Executive) PgDip in Air Transport Management (Executive) PgCert in Air Transport Management (Executive) PgCert in Air Transport Management (Professional) PgAward in Air Transport Management (Executive)
Additional exit routes	MSc Air Transport Management (Executive) PgDip Air Transport Management (Executive) PgCert Air Transport Management (Executive) PgCert Air Transport Management (Professional) PgAward Air Transport Management (Executive): The Air Transport Industry: Challenges and Issues PgAward Air Transport Management (Executive): Air Transport Economics and Financial Management Air Transport Management (Executive): Air Transport Strategic and Marketing Management
Mode of delivery	Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University and/or online and/or third party premises (as required for closed cohorts)
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Centre for Air Transport Management
Course Director	Dr Robert Mayer

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here

Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	No
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	No
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	No
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	For Exec MSc, PgDip and PgCert: • 1st or upper 2nd class UK honours degree or equivalent in any relevant discipline, or • A recognised professional qualification plus a number of years relevant working experience may be accepted as equivalent, or • Successful completion of one PgAward, and • For applicants whose first language is not English there is a requirement to achieve the level of 6.5 on IELTS and equivalent grades on other English language qualifications recognised by the University. For PgAward: • For applicants whose first language is not English there is a requirement to achieve the level of 6.5 on IELTS and equivalent grades on other English language qualifications recognised by the University.
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	MSc – three years, Part-time PgDip – two years, Part-time PgCert – two years, Part-time PgAward – one year, Part-time
Course Start Month(s)	June, November, March (or other months for closed cohorts to meet client needs)

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Transport Systems Theme, Centre for Air Transport Management where the research interests include:

- Air Transport Management
- Airline and Airport Planning and Operations

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

2) What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- Provide a part-time masters-level programme of learning for individuals either working in the air transport, airport or related industries to develop and enhance their skills in air transport management offering a mode of study that enables them to combine study with work commitments;
- Provide a part-time masters-level programme of learning to meet the management training needs of air transport companies, airport operators, suppliers, aviation and planning consultants and government regulators offering a mode of study that allows their employees to combine study with work commitment.

Postgraduate Awards (PgAward), Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert), Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and MSc entrance routes are provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Practitioners in the air transport industry, particularly at middle management level, who are seeking to expand their knowledge and skills in air transport management in order to further develop their careers and professional recognition.
- Practitioners in the related sectors who are seeking to gain an in-depth understanding of the air transport industry.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Award in Air Transport Management (Executive)

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to meet the module specific ILOs (please see module descriptors).

B. Postgraduate Certificate in Air Transport Management (Professional)

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Critically examine and assess the key economic, commercial, financial and operational challenges that impact the air transport industry and develop and formulate solutions to address these challenges.

ILO 2. Evaluate the economic and financial characteristics and performance of airlines and airports, as well as their financial requirements.

ILO 5. Apply multi-disciplinary approaches to address challenges in the air transport industry and to justify and communicate findings in a professional manner.

ILO 6. Evaluate the complex interrelationships of technical, regulatory and operational aspects of the air transport industry with the commercial pressures and realities facing its management.

C. Postgraduate Certificate in Air Transport Management (Executive)

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Critically examine and assess the key economic, commercial, financial and operational challenges that impact the air transport industry and develop and formulate solutions to address these challenges.

ILO 2. Evaluate the economic and financial characteristics and performance of airlines and airports, as well as their financial requirements.

ILO 3. Appraise the application of strategic management and marketing concepts applied by airlines and airports and make recommendations on future strategy and marketing plans of these organisations.

D. Postgraduate Diploma in Air Transport Management (Executive)

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined for the **Postgraduate Certificate (Professional)**, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 3. Appraise the application of strategic management and marketing concepts applied by airlines and airports and make recommendations on future strategy and marketing plans of these organisations.
ILO 4. Reflect on and formulate their own personal and professional development and appraise their role as (future) managers in the air transport industry.
ILO 7. Appraise the performance of air transport organisation with regards to strategic, operational and commercial aspects in a holistic way, including a review of relevant literature, methodological planning, data collection, data analysis, presentation of results, and evaluation and discussion of the results.

OR

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined for the **Postgraduate Certificate (Executive)**, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Reflect on and formulate their own personal and professional development and appraise their role as (future) managers in the air transport industry.
ILO 5. Apply multi-disciplinary approaches to address challenges in the air transport industry and to justify and communicate findings in a professional manner.
ILO 6. Evaluate the complex interrelationships of technical, regulatory and operational aspects of the air transport industry with the commercial pressures and realities facing its management.
ILO 7. Appraise the performance of air transport organisation with regards to strategic, operational and commercial aspects in a holistic way, including a review of relevant literature, methodological planning, data collection, data analysis, presentation of results, and evaluation and discussion of the results.

Both the Postgraduate Certificate (Executive) and Postgraduate Certificate (Professional) provide the basis to continue on the Postgraduate Diploma (Executive). While the Postgraduate Certificate (Executive) will equip students with a holistic, strategic and operational perspective of the industry, the Postgraduate Certificate (Professional) focusses on subject and/or company specific elements of the industry. The latter also covers more of an operational angle.

When moving onto the Postgraduate Diploma, graduates from the Postgraduate Certificate (Professional) will take the module “Airline Strategic and Marketing Management” to give them the holistic and strategic perspective of the industry and to address ILO 3. Graduates from the Postgraduate Certificate (Executive) will have already covered ILO 3, but at Postgraduate Diploma level, these students will address ILOs 5 and 6 which cover more operational and interdisciplinary modules (which graduates from the Postgraduate Certificate (Professional) will have already covered at PgCert level).

At the end of the Postgraduate Diploma (Executive), graduates coming from the Postgraduate Certificate (Executive) and Postgraduate Certificate (Professional) will have achieved the same ILOs.

E. MSc in Air Transport Management (Executive)

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined for the Postgraduate Diploma, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 8. Formulate research questions, develop aims and objectives for completing the research task. Conduct a literature review and present it in an appropriate style. Critically assess different

methodologies and select an appropriate one to test hypotheses, collecting primary and/or secondary data and using appropriate analytical techniques, whilst understanding potential biases that may influence researchers and methods to limit such occurrences;

ILO 9. Prepare a scientific thesis and present results based upon the techniques listed above.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Lectures and workshops (face-to-face and online) delivered by Cranfield staff and guest speakers from industry, demonstrating the application of theory to various examples and case studies;
- Asynchronous learning material on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) augmenting the synchronous (face-to-face and live online) learning
- Career and leadership coaching and mentoring throughout the course
- Training on how to use the library's online resources and bibliographical software undertaken by a Cranfield University librarian;
- Workshops on thesis development and progression.

For "open cohorts" (i.e. the courses that are open to the public), the course is delivered face-to-face at the University's Cranfield campus. Given the nature of the student body (often international, in full-time employment), students can alternatively choose to follow lectures "live online", i.e. synchronously, if they cannot attend a module in person for professional or personal reasons. Given the benefits and opportunities of networking during breaks, face-to-face attendance is the recommended option.

For "closed cohorts" (i.e. courses that are only available to students working for corporate clients), modules that contribute to the PgCert can be delivered at third party premises. This is classified as "Cranfield provision" in the University's Senate Handbook.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Award

The accumulation of 20 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
One 20-credit module (Modules 0, 1, 2 or 3)	20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	20

B. Postgraduate Certificate in Air Transport Management (Professional)

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 0, 1-2	40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
20 credits from Modules 5-17	20
TOTAL:	60

C. Postgraduate Certificate in Air Transport Management (Executive)

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 0, 1-3	60
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	60

D. Postgraduate Diploma in Air Transport Management (Executive)

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 0, 1-4, 18	100
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
20 credits from Modules 5-17	20
TOTAL:	120

E. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

MSc in Air Transport Management (Executive)

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 0, 1-4, 18 Thesis (19)	100 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
20 credits from Modules 5-17	20

TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Part-time students register for the course in June, November or March. Exec MSc students are expected to complete the course within 3 years. PgDip students are expected to complete the course in 2 years. PgCert Students are expected to complete the course in 1 to 2 years. PgAward students are expected to complete the award in 3 to 6 months.

For the PgCert, students would only do three or four taught modules, while for the PgDip, students undertake all taught modules and the individual case study.

For the Exec MSc, students need to undertake four compulsory modules, as well as optional worth 20 credits as part of the taught element of the course. Furthermore, students are required to complete a 20-credit individual case study project. This element is an important part of the course to allow students to enhance and apply their learning from different other modules and address a current issues in air transport.

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

MSc students are required to complete a supervised thesis on a subject of their choice within the field of air transport management.

The course is structured around the needs of students in full-time employment. As such there is a recommended, but not prescribed order in which modules can be taken. However, the module "Professional and Personal Development for Leaders in Aviation" runs parallel to all the taught modules.

For students to take modules "online", access to materials and library support etc. will be available online.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment tasks are challenging and enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes. The different modules will be assessed through different forms of assessments. Written coursework will be of varying lengths, recognising that writing coursework to a short length can be more challenging for some and can develop different skills relevant to professional practice. The length of each assessment task is usually stated within the module descriptor. Students on the Postgraduate Diploma or MSc then have opportunities to develop their oral communication skills, as they are required to give a presentation in one of the modules. As part of the module "Professional and Personal Development for Leaders in Aviation", PgDip and MSc students will also be assessed on a reflective piece of work that will address their learning on the course in a reflective way. Feedback for all assessments is given in a timely fashion, dependent on the type of assessment, but always within 20 working days. All modules are supported by a number of formative tasks including group discussion, case studies, oral presentations. Formative feedback is usually given verbally within the classroom or individual meetings as well as online. The taught components precede the thesis project, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for the thesis. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through meetings with their research project supervisor.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

MSc in Air Transport Management (Executive)

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
0	N-AEX-IND A23	Induction to the Exec MSc in Air Transport Management	Dr Robert Mayer	3		0	N	20/1123	20/11/23	19/1124	N/A	AO						
2	N-AEX-ATEFM A23	Air Transport Economics and Financial Management	Dr Robert Mayer	40		20	N	27/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	40 (50 for PgA ward)	ICW	100				12/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%..
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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																		the course runs the following year
0	N-AEX-IND A23	Induction to the Exec MSc in Air Transport Management	Dr Robert Mayer	3		0	N	04/03/24	04/03/24	03/03/25	N/A	AO						
3	N-AEX-ATSM A23	Air Transport Strategic and Marketing Management	Prof Keith Mason	40		20	N	11/03/24	11/03/24	15/03/24	40 (50 for PgA ward)	ICW	100				13/05/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
4	N-AEX-PPDLA A22	Professional and Personal Development for Leaders in Aviation	Graham Clark	40		20	N	19/01/24	1901/24/23	21/01/24	40	ICW RP	50 50				18/03/24 27/10/25	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
5	N-APM-RMF10 A23	Air Transport Market Analysis and Forecasting	Gary Doy	25		10	Y	11/03/24	11/03/24	22/03/24	40	ICW	100				07/05/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
6	N-SAI-CMBC A23	Crisis Management and Business Continuity	Dr David Barry	24		10	Y	20/11/23	20/11/23	24/11/23	40	ICW	100				22/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
7	N-ATF-AFP10 A23	Airline Fleet Planning	Andy Foster	25		10	Y	26/02/24	26/02/24	01/03/24	40	ICW	100				16/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
8	N-ATF-RPA10 A23	Geopolitics and International Aviation Law	Dr Darren Ellis	30		10	Y	20/11/23	20/11/23	27/11/23	40	EX (online)	100				15/12/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
9	N-AW-ATEMO A23	Air Transport Engineering – Maintenance Operations	Cengiz Turkoglu	30		10	Y	12/02/24	12/02/24	16/02/24	40	ICW	100				02/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
10	N-APM-APO10 A23	Airport Operations	Richard Moxon	30		10	Y	06/11/23	06/11/23	10/11/23	40	ICW	100				10/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
11	N-APM-AEP10 A23	Air Transport Environmental Planning	Dr Thomas Budd	24.5		10	Y	08/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	40	ICW	100				26/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
12	N-APM-ASP10 A23	Airport Strategic Planning	Dr Pere Suau-Sanchez	28.5		10	Y	15/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	40	ICW	100				04/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
13	N-SAI-ISMS	Aviation Safety Management	Dr David Barry/ Dr Simon Mitchell	30		10	Y	05/02/24 (C23) 18/03/23 (B23)	05/02/24 (C23) 18/03/23 (B23)	09/02/24 (C23) 22/03/23 (B23)	40	ICW	100				25/03/24 (C23) 07/05/24 (B23)	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
14	N-APM-ADE10 A23	Airport Design	Henrik Rothe	25		10	Y	19/02/24	19/02/24	23/02/24	40	ICW	100				16/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
15	N-AEX-ATRR A23	Regional Aviation	Dr Romano Pagliari	20		10	Y	04/12/23	04/12/23	07/12/23	40	ICW	100				05/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
16	N-AEX-DAM A23	Digital Airline Management	Dr Robert Mayer	20		10	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24	05/08/24	40	ICW	100				05/08/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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17	N-AEX-CAT TBC	Contemporary Air Transport Management for Organisations	Prof Keith Mason	40		20	N	As required by client	As required by client	As required by client	40	ICW	100				As required by client	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
18	N-AEX-ICS A24	Individual Case Study in Air Transport Management	Andy Foster	10		20	N	07/04/25	07/04/25	30/06/25	40 40	ICW IPRES	70 30				30/06/25 11/07/25	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
19	N-AEX-THES10 A25	Thesis	Dr Romano Pagliari	20		80	N	22/09/25	22/09/25	29/06/26	50	THESIS	100				29/06/26	

Module Type for The Aviation Management Programme

Module number	Module Code	MSc & PgDip Air Transport Management (Executive)	PgCert Air Transport Management (Professional)	PgCert Air Transport Management (Executive)		Shared module?
1	N-AEX-ATI	C	C	C		N
2	N-AEX-ATEFM	C	C	C		N
3	N-AEX-ATSM	C	-	C		N
4	N-AEX-PPDLA	C	-	-		N
5	N-APM-RMF10	E	E	-		Y
6	N-SAI-CMBC	E	E	-		Y
7	N-ATF-AFP10	E	E	-		Y
8	N-ATF-RPA10	E	E	-		Y
9	N-AW-ATEMO	E	E	-		Y
10	N-APM-APO10	E	E	-		Y
11	N-APM-AEP10	E	E	-		Y
12	N-APM-ASP10	E	E	-		Y
13	N-SAI-ISMS	E	E	-		Y
14	N-APM-ADE10	E	E	-		Y
15	N-AEX-ATRR	E	E	-		Y
16	N-AEX-DAM	E	E	-		Y
17	N-AEX-CAT	E (closed cohort only)	E	-		N
18	N-AEX-ICS	C	-	-		N
19	N-AEX-THES10	C (MSc)	-	-		N

C - Compulsory; E – Elective

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-APM-RMF10	Air Transport Market Analysis and Forecasting	Airport Planning and Management	F-T Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Executive) Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-SAI-CMBC	Crisis Management and Business Continuity	Safety and Accident Investigation	Air Transport Management (Executive) Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-ATF-AFP10	Airline Fleet Planning	F-T Air Transport Management	Air Transport Management (Executive) Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-ATF-RPA10	Geopolitics and International Aviation Law	F-T Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management Air Transport Management (Executive) Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-SAI-ISMS	Aviation Safety Management	Safety and Accident Investigation	Airworthiness Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Air Transport Management (Executive) F-T Air Transport Management Safety and Human Factors in Aviation Defence and Security (Engineering) Airport Planning and Management Air Transport Management (Professional)

N-AW-ATEMO	Air Transport Engineering – Maintenance Operations	Airworthiness	Air Transport Management (Executive) F-T Air Transport Management Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-APM-APO10	Airport Operations	F-T Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management (Executive) Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-APM-ASP10	Airport Strategic Planning	F-T Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management (Executive) F-T Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-APM-AEP10	Air Transport Environmental Planning	F-T Airport Planning and Management	F-T Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Executive) Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-APM-ADE10	Airport Design	F-T Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management (Executive) Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-AEX-ATRR	Regional Aviation	Air Transport Management (Executive)	F-T Air Transport Management F-T Airport Planning and Management Air Transport Management (Professional)
N-AEX-DAM	Digital Airline Management	Air Transport Management (Executive)	F-T Air Transport Management Airport Planning and Management Air Transport Management (Professional)

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The course uses a range of assessment types. Overall, the programme has **three** distinct but interrelated elements: the taught modules, an individual case study analysis, and a thesis.

The case study project is assessed by an individual oral presentation and a written report.

The thesis module is assessed by consideration of the written thesis submitted.

Taught modules will include assessment by coursework and examination.

Module assignments are set to be challenging and to encourage the student to study the module topic areas in more depth. The objectives of the assignments are for the students to:

- Acquire the skill to efficiently search literature
- Acquire an in-depth knowledge of contemporary air transport management issues
- Apply skills and knowledge to solve specific problems
- Develop the capability to critically analyse data
- Compile succinct and informative reports to a high standard
- Formulate responses to specific questions against a time limit

This approach has been adopted in order to facilitate the completion of the course by part-time students, often from abroad, without the need to return for examinations. For those continuing to MSc level, a thesis has to be presented at the end of the registration period and must demonstrate competency in literature review, methodology, data analysis, conclusion forming and presentation.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

NB: PgAwards are mapped directly to the individual assessment

A. Postgraduate Certificate (Professional)

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO5	ILO6
1) N-AEX-ATI	ICW			
2) N-AEX-ATEFM	ICW	ICW		
5) N-APM-RMF10			ICW	ICW
6) N-SAI-CMBC			ICW	ICW
7) N-ATF-AFP10			ICW	ICW
8) N-ATF-RPA10			EX	EX
9) N-AW-ATEMO			ICW	ICW
10) N-APM-APO10			ICW	ICW
11) N-APM-AEP10			ICW	ICW

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO5	ILO6
12) N-APM-ASP10			ICW	ICW
13) N-SAI-ISMS			ICW	ICW
14) N-APM-ADE10			ICW	ICW
15) N-AEX-ATRR			ICW	ICW
16) N-AEX-DAM			ICW	ICW
17) N-AEX-CAT			ICW	ICW

B. Postgraduate Certificate (Executive)

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3
1) N-AEX-ATI	ICW		
2) N-AEX-ATEFM	ICW	ICW	
3) N-AEX-ATSM	ICW		ICW

C. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above – PgCert (Professional), the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO3	ILO4	ILO7
3) N-AEX-ATSM	ICW		
4) N-AEX-PPDLA		ICW RP	
18) N-AEX-ICS			ICW IPRES

OR

In addition to those outlined above – PgCert (Executive), the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7
4) N-AEX-PPDLA	ICW RP			
5) N-APM-RMF10		ICW	ICW	
6) N-SAI-CMBC		ICW	ICW	
7) N-ATF-AFP10		ICW	ICW	
8) N-ATF-RPA10		EX	EX	
9) N-AW-ATEMO		ICW	ICW	

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7
10) N-APM-APO10		ICW	ICW	
11) N-APM-AEP10		ICW	ICW	
12) N-APM-ASP10		ICW	ICW	
13) N-SAI-ISMS		ICW	ICW	
14) N-APM-ADE10		ICW	ICW	
15) N-AEX-ATRR		ICW	ICW	
16) N-AEX-DAM		ICW	ICW	
18) N-AEX-ICS		ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES

D. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO8	ILO9
19) N-ATF-THES10	THESIS	THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as

a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Students taking the Air Transport Management course will be equipped with the skills required to either enhance their present career or to allow them to pursue a new career path with airlines, airport authorities, civil aviation departments, air transport consultancies or aerospace companies.

Cranfield students are also well prepared to undertake research leading to the award of a PhD.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Air Transport Management
Course code	MSATRFTC, PDATRFTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip
Mode of delivery	Full-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Centre for Air Transport Management
Course Director	Dr Darren Ellis
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	No
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	No
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	No
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	1st or upper 2nd class UK honours degree or equivalent in any relevant discipline. A lower qualification plus a number of year's relevant working experience may be accepted as equivalent. For applicants whose first language is not English there is a requirement to achieve the level of 7.0 on IELTS and equivalent grades on other English language qualifications recognised by the University.
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Transport Systems Theme, Centre for Air Transport Management where the research interests include:

- Air Transport Economics
- Airline and Airport Planning and Operations
- Safety and Air Accident Investigation.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- provide a masters-level programme of learning for existing air transport managers to enhance their knowledge and skills;
- provide a masters-level programme of learning for graduates seeking to pursue a career in air transport management;
- provide the foundation necessary for graduates to go on to undertake doctoral research in air transport management.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- New graduates seeking to pursue a career in the air transport industry
- Practitioners in the sector, particularly at junior and middle management levels, who are seeking to expand their knowledge and skills in air transport management in order to further develop their careers.
- Practitioners who are not employed in the sector, who are seeking a career in the air transport industry.
- Both practitioners and new graduates seeking to pursue doctoral research in the area of air transport.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Diploma in Air Transport Management

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Demonstrate and apply an in-depth understanding of economics and financial management relevant to air transport, air transport commercial practice and air transport operations (as they relate to both aircraft and infrastructure);
ILO 2. Assess the regulatory framework and political context that underpin the air transport industry;
ILO 3. Use mathematical modelling relevant to air transport management problems;
ILO 4. Investigate and detail the complex interrelationships of technical and operational aspects of the air transport industry with the commercial pressures and realities facing its management;
ILO 5. Analyse critically practical problems in the air transport and related industries to provide timely solutions, having regard to technical, regulatory, commercial, political, social and environmental constraints;
ILO 6. Work effectively within teams and apply an understanding and appreciation of the contributions made by other specialists
ILO 7. Make effective oral and written presentations of their work;

B. **MSc Air Transport Management**

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to: :

ILO 8. Undertake research on a subject relevant to technical, operational or commercial aspects of the air transport or related industries, including a review of relevant literature, and evaluate and discuss key results;
ILO 9. Find and synthesize core literature and data pertaining to the technical, operational and commercial aspects of the air transport industry;
ILO 10. Select and use appropriate analytical and decision-making approaches to research and investigative air transport management problems;
ILO 11. Successfully complete a substantial programme of research independently, designing and applying robust methods of data collection and analysis, and communicating the findings coherently.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- lectures and workshops delivered by industry practitioners, demonstrating the application of theory to various examples and case studies;
- training on how to use the library's on-campus and on-line resources undertaken by a Cranfield University librarian;
- training on how to use the OAG airline schedule database.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Group Project (15)	70 20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (Choose Three)	30
TOTAL:	120

B. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Group Project (15) Individual Research Project (16)	70 20 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (Choose Three)	30
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of

your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]

- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months.

Teaching is delivered in mostly one week modules, with several taking up to two weeks. In the first teaching period, students will have completed five modules. During teaching period two students complete the remaining modules. Students complete a group project which starts mid-April and concludes just in early May. Students are required to submit a thesis proposal by the end of January. The thesis is handed-in at the beginning of August.

Students are typically granted four weeks to complete course work. Exams are scheduled in December (before Christmas). Students are required to contribute to a report for their group projects and to participate in a group presentation. Once students have handed in their thesis, students must deliver a presentation summarising their thesis and be cross-examined on this presentation as part of their thesis viva.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment tasks are challenging and enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes. The different modules and will be assessed through a range of different forms of assessments. Written coursework will be of varying lengths, recognising that writing coursework to a short length can be more challenging for some and can develop different skills relevant to professional practice. The length of each assessment task is usually stated within the module descriptor. Students then have opportunities to develop their communication and group working skills, as they are required to give group presentations. Feedback for all assessments is given in a timely fashion, dependent on the type of assessment, but always within 20 working days. All modules are supported by a number of formative tasks including group discussion, case studies, oral presentations. Formative feedback is usually given verbally within the

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

classroom or individual meetings as well as online. The taught components precede the research project, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for the individual research project. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through meetings with their thesis supervisor.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	N-ATF-IATAO Occ A23	Introduction to the Air Transport Industry	Dr Edgar Jimenez Perez	22		0	Y	09/10/23	09/10/23	13/10/23	0	AO	0				03/11/23	N/A
2	N-ATF-TEF10 Occ A23	Air Transport Economics and Finance	Dr Robert Mayer	50		20	N	16/10/23	16/10/23	27/10/23	40 40	ICW 1 (Finance)	50 50				27/11/23 04/12/23	13/05 At the next available opportunity

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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												ICW 2 (Economics)						which may not be until the course runs the following year
3	N-ATF-RPA10 Occ A23	Geopolitics and International Aviation	Dr Darren Ellis	30		10	Y	20/11/23	20/11/23	27/11/23	40	EX	100				15/12/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
4	N-APM-RMF10 Occ A23	Air Transport Market Analysis and Forecasting	Gary Doy	25		10	Y	11/03/24	11/03/24	22/03/24	40	ICW	100				22/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
5	N-ATF-ATO10	Air Transport Operations	Andy Foster	25		10	N	06/11/23	06/11/23	10/11/23	40	ICW	100				11/12/23	13/05/23 At the next

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6	N-APM-AEP10 Occ A23	Air Transport Environmental Planning	Dr Tom Budd	24.5		10	Y	08/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	40	ICW	100				12/02/24		At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
7	N-ATF-ATS10 Occ A23	Airline Strategic Management	Dr Robert Mayer	25		10	Y	29/01/24	29/01/24	02/02/24	40	ICW	100				04/03/24		At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the

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8	N-SAI-ISMS Occ C23	Aviation Safety Management	Dr David Barry / Dr Simon Mitchell	30		10	Y	04/02/24	05/02/24	09/02/24	40	ICW	100				11/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
9	N-AW-ATEMO Occ A23	Air Transport Engineering – Maintenance Operations	Cengiz Turkoglu	30		10	Y	12/02/24	12/02/24	16/02/24	40	ICW	100				18/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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10	N-ATF-AFP10 Occ A23	Airline Fleet Planning	Andy Foster	25		10	Y	26/02/24	26/02/24	01/03/24	40	ICW	100				02/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year	
11	N-ATF-ATM10 Occ A23	Air Transport Marketing	Professor Keith Mason	25		10	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	40	ICW	100				26/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year	
12	N-APM-ASP10 Occ A23	Airport Strategic Planning	Dr Pere Suau-Sanchez	28.5		10	Y	15/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	40	ICW	100				19/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may	

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13	N-AEX-DAM Occ A23	Digital Airline Management	Dr Robert Mayer	20		10	Y	10/01/24	10/01/24	02/04/24	40	ICW	100				02/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
14	N-AEX-ATRR Occ A23	Regional Aviation	Dr Romano Pagliari	20		10	Y	04/12/23	04/12/23	07/12/23	40	ICW	100				22/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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15	N-ATF-GP20 Occ A23	Group Project	Andy Foster	25		20	N	22/04/24	22/04/24	09/05/24	40 40	GCW GPRES	50 50				09/05/24 09/05/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
16	N-ATF-THES10 Occ A23	Individual Research Project	Dr Romano Pagliari	40		80	Y	29/11/23	29/11/23	12/08/24	50 50	THESIS ICW	90 10				12/08/24 11/03/24	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-ATF-IATAO	Introduction to Air Transport Industry	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management
N-ATF-RPA10	Geopolitics and International Aviation	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-APM-RMF10	Air Transport Market Analysis and Forecasting	Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-ATF-ATM10	Air Transport Marketing	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-AW-ATEMO	Air Transport Engineering – Maintenance Operations	Airworthiness	Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Executive) Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Safety and Human Factors in Aviation
N-APM-AEP10	Air Transport Environmental Planning	Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management (Executive) Air Transport Management
N-SAI-ISMS	Aviation Safety Management	Safety & Accident Investigation	Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Executive) Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Safety and Human Factors in Aviation Safety and Accident Investigation Defence and Security (Engineering)
N-ATF-AFP10	Airline Fleet Planning	Air Transport Management	Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-APM-ASP10	Airport Strategic Planning	Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-AEX-DAM	Digital Airline Management	Air Transport Management (Executive)	Air Transport Management

			Airport Planning and Management
N-AEX-ATRR	Regional Aviation	Air Transport Management (Executive)	Air Transport Management Airport Planning and Management
N-ATF-ATS10	Airline Strategic Management	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management
N-ATF-THES10	Individual Research Project	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The course uses a range of assessment types. Students can expect to have one written examination, ten pieces of assessment by submitted work and two elements of assessment by presentation or viva.

Students are subject to two forms of assessment with regard to the group project. Firstly, they must submit group coursework and secondly, their group project oral presentation is also assessed. In the latter form of assessment, each presentation is judged on how well their presentation is organised, the quality of their individual presentations and visual aids and how well they are able to answer questions from the audience. Both forms of assessment have an equal weighting with regard to the module mark.

The thesis is assessed based on written work. The written thesis is judged on the basis of the quality of the research in terms of content and approach, how well the key findings and other important elements of the research been communicated and how accurately the key objectives have been addressed.

This approach has been adopted in order to ensure that students achieve the intended learning outcomes

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

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Award ILOs Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7					
1		AO			AO							
2	ICW				ICW							
3		EX			EX							
4			ICW									
5			ICW									
6	ICW			ICW	ICW							
7					ICW							
8	ICW											
9		ICW		ICW								
10				ICW								
11	ICW				ICW							

12					ICW							
13					ICW							
14					ICW							
15	GCW				GCW	GPR ES	GCW GPR ES					

B. MSc

Award ILOs Module No.	ILO8	ILO9	ILO10	ILO11
16	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS ICW	THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Graduates from this course will be well prepared for employment in the field of air transport management. The MSc Air Transport Management is designed to equip students with the skills required to pursue a successful career in various sectors of the air transport industry, including, but not restricted to, airlines, airport companies and authorities, civil aviation departments, air transport consultancies and aerospace companies. Cranfield students are also well prepared to undertake research leading to the award of a PhD.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Aircraft Engineering
Course code	MSAENPTC, PDAENPTC, PCAENPTC
Academic Year	2023/2024 Current students only
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert
Additional exit routes	Not Applicable
Mode of delivery	Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Aeronautics
Course Director	Dr Craig Lawson
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	No
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	No

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

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Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	No
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Part-time MSc - up to three years, Part-time PgDip - two years, Part-time PgCert - two years
Course Start Month(s)	February

Institutions delivering the course
This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Aerospace Theme, Centre for Aeronautics where the research interests include:

- A wide range of aerospace design topics, from conceptual to detail design of civil, military and Uninhabited Aerial Vehicles. It is also leading research into advanced technologies, such as laminar flow, avionics, more electric aircraft and advanced metallic and composite airframe structures.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- To educate and train engineers to acquire and then exercise a broad range of design and manufacturing skills, knowledge and business awareness of the aircraft design cycle.
- To apply the knowledge that has been acquired to a group project, and to develop team working and management skills through the project work.
- To develop research skills and independent learning through the individual research project.

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) exit routes are provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Aerospace Engineers working in the aerospace industry who wish to broaden their knowledge of aircraft engineering for career development in technical, leadership and integration roles.
- Aerospace Engineers working towards chartered engineer status.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the aircraft development lifecycle and the major disciplines of aircraft engineering

ILO 2. Apply current design methods, tools and techniques used in the aerospace industry aircraft engineering and adapt them as necessary to solve real world aircraft design and manufacturing problems and critically evaluate the results.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 3. Effectively plan, communicate and collaborate to undertake a complex multi-disciplinary design task as part of a project team and judge their results in the context of the whole project .

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Independently undertake research in a relevant field of either aerospace structures, systems or avionics by means of critically analysing current research, generate new research output and appraise the results.

4. How is the course taught?

The course is taught using a combination of methods:

- Taught modules (lectures and lab work) are provided in week-long modules. These are assessed through a mixture of exams, and post-module assignments.
- The students participate in a comprehensive group design project, which is a strong example of problem-based learning at the postgraduate level providing a virtual industrial environment supported by experienced staff.
- All students must undertake individual research under the guidance of academic staff, which is assessed through a thesis.

In addition to the teaching methods outlined above, students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Extensive computer network and IT facilities.
- Library facilities including journals, papers, and numerous databases.

- Informal and pastoral support from the Course Director.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 7. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1-3	30
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Any three modules chosen from: 4-17	30
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1-3 Group Design Project: 18	30 60
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Any three modules chosen from: 4-17	30
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

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Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules:1-5 Group Design Project: 18 Individual Research Project: 19	50 60 70
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Any two modules chosen from: 6-17	20
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee);[3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

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6. How is the course structured?

Part-time students register for the course in February and are expected to complete the course within 3 years for MSc, 24 months for PgDip and 18 months for PgCert.

The majority of the modules are taught over one week residential at Cranfield University. Some modules are taught over two weeks.

Modules can be taken flexibly in each of the three years, but tend to be more heavily loaded in the first two years where the mandatory modules are usually taken. The Group Design Project and Individual Research Project run in months 13 to 24 and 25 to 36, respectively.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The course uses a range of assessment types. Students can expect to have one written examination, up to six post module assignments, two elements of assessment by presentation or viva and two written theses (group design project and individual research project). This approach has been adopted in order to challenge and enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes.

The taught modules are assessed by continuous assessments including project reports and assignments, or formal written examination (closed book or open book). The type of assessment for each module is clearly stated within the module descriptor. Students equip themselves with the skills they require to succeed in further career development and to address the specific award ILO1 (demonstrate a systematic understanding of the aircraft development lifecycle and the major disciplines of aircraft engineering) and ILO2 (apply current design methods, tools and techniques used in the aerospace industry aircraft engineering and adapt them as necessary to solve real world aircraft design and manufacturing problems and critically evaluate the results). The compulsory modules of 1, 2 and 4 (MSc only) are supported by several formative tasks including group discussion, case studies, and oral presentations. Formative feedback is given verbally within the classroom following discussions, via a written summary for case studies from the module leader and oral feedback provided by the tutor and peers for presentations. Students will also engage with an interactive learning activity which incorporates formative feedback.

Students (except PGCert) will be expected to participate in the Group Design Project meetings and present their work to other students on the course, as well as the project chairmen and external examiners. Each student must make an assessed presentation as part of the GDP (worth 10% of the GDP marks). Students then have opportunities to develop their communication skills, as they are required to give a group presentation and individual presentation. The ability to work effectively in groups is a highly desirable skill which is reflected in ILO 3 (effectively plan, communicate and collaborate and to execute undertake a complex multi-disciplinary design task as part of a project team and judge their results in the context of the whole project). Feedback is given immediately after the group presentation.

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[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses
https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

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The taught components precede the research project, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for the individual research project. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through meetings with their project supervisors. The research project addresses ILO4 (Independently undertake research in a relevant field of either aerospace structures, systems or avionics by means of critically analysing current research, generate new research output and appraise the results).

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

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								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Independent Assessment		Submission dates	
												Type of Assessment	Weighting within module8 (%) of Independent assessments	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[9]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	N-AEN-IAVD	Introduction and Initial Aerospace Vehicle Design	Prof Howard Smith	40		10	N	05/02/24	05/02/24	16/02/24	50	ICW	100	01/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education.
[9] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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2	N-AEN-TIPD	Tools for Integrated Product Development	Dr Jafar Jamshidi	25		10	N	18/09/23	18/09/23	22/09/23	50	ICW	100	06/11/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
3	N-AEN-MCDSL	Major Component Design and Manufacture	Dr David Judt	20		10	N ST	04/12/23	04/12/23	08/12/23	50	ICW	100	29/01/24	he next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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4	N-AEN-MIPD	Methodologies for Integrated Product Development	Dr Atif Riaz	29		10	N	05/02/24	05/02/24	09/02/24	50	EX	100	EXAM WK 4	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
5	N-AEN-M	Manufacturing	Dr Jafar Jamshidi	25		10	Y	30/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	ICW	100	15/12/2023	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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6	N-AEN-ALAA	Aircraft Loading Actions and Aeroelasticity	Prof Howard Smith / Prof Shijun Guo	NOT RUNNING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR											At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
7	N-AEN-APA	Aircraft Performance for Aircraft Engineering	Dr Simon Place	40		10	N	09/10/23	09/10/23	20/10/23	50	ICW	100	04/12/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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8	N-AEN-AMS	Design and Development of Airframe Systems	Dr Craig Lawson	32		10	Y	03/06/24	03/06/24	07/06/24	50	ICW	100	22/07/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
9	N-AEN-ASC	Introduction to Aircraft Structural Crashworthiness	Dr Hessam Ghasemnejad	20		10	Y	19/02/24	19/02/24	23/02/24	50	ICW	100	10/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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10	N-AVD-DSTR	Detail Stressing	Dr Ioannis Giannopoulos	20		10	Y	30/10/23	30/10/23	10/11/23	50	ICW	100	03/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
11	N-AW-AFDT	Aircraft Fatigue and Damage Tolerance	Dr Wenli Liu	30		10	Y	10/06/24	10/06/24	14/06/24	50	ICW	100	29/07/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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12	N-AW-ICAS	Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures	Dr Yigeng Xu	35		10	Y	08/07/24	08/07/24	12/07/24	50	ICW	100	26/08/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
13	N-AEN-FEA	Finite Element Analysis	Dr Ioannis Giannopoulos	35		10	N ST	08/01/24	08/01/24	19/01/24	50	ICW	100	04/03/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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14	N-AEN-FDP	Flight Dynamics Principles for Aircraft Engineering	Dr Mushfiqul Alam	28		10	N ST	27/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100	17/01/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
15	N-AW-IA	Introduction to Avionics	Dr D Zammit-Mangion	30		10	Y	15/04/24	15/04/24	19/04/24	50	ICW	100	03/06/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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16	N-AEN-IAS	Introduction to Autonomous Systems	Dr James Whidborne	NOT RUNNING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR											At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
17	I-TLS-A1525	Through-life System Effectiveness	Dr Ravi Pandit	32		10	Y	29/01/24	29/01/24	02/02/24	50	ICW	100	11/03/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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18	N-AEN-GP	Group Design Project	Prof Howard Smith	100		60	N	05/02/24	05/02/24	03/02/25	50 50 50	IPRES ICW THESIS	10 10 80	08/01/2025 28/06/2024 21/02/2025	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
19	N-AEN-THES	Individual Research Project	Dr Craig Lawson	50		70	N	05/02/24	05/02/24	08/01/25	50 50	IPRES THESIS	10 90	08/01/2025 05/02/2025	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-AEN-M	Manufacturing	Aircraft Engineering	Airworthiness Manufacturing Technology and Management
N-AEN-AMS	Design and Development of Airframe Systems	Aircraft Engineering	Airworthiness
N-AEN-ASC	Introduction to Aircraft Structural Crashworthiness	Aircraft Engineering	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Airworthiness Safety and Accident Investigation Shared teaching with N-ALS-CRASH, Advanced Lightweight and Composite Structures
N-AVD-DSTR	Detail Stressing	Aerospace Vehicle Design	Airworthiness
N-AW-IA	Introduction to Avionics	Airworthiness	
N-AW-ICAS	Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures	Airworthiness	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Advanced Materials Aerospace Materials
N-AEN-FEA	Finite Element Analysis	Aircraft Engineering	Astronautics and Space Engineering Shared teaching with N-AVD-FEA, Finite Element Analysis
I-TLS-A1525	Through-life System Effectiveness	Through-life System Sustainment	
N-AEN-IAVD	Introduction and Initial Aerospace Vehicle Design	Aircraft Engineering	Shared teaching with Aerospace Vehicle Design (N-AVD-IAD)
N-AEN-MCDSL	Major Component Design and Manufacture	Aircraft Engineering	Shared teaching with Aerospace Vehicle Design (N-AVD-DMO)
N-AW-AFDT	Aircraft Fatigue and Damage Tolerance	Airworthiness	Airworthiness

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N-AEN-APA	Aircraft Performance for Aircraft Engineering	Aircraft Engineering	Shared Teaching with Aerospace Dynamics (N-ASD-GFTR)
N-AEN-FDP	Flight Dynamics Principles for Aircraft Engineering	Aircraft Engineering	Shared Teaching with Aerospace Dynamics (N-ASD-FDP)

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8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types. All students can expect to have one written examination, up to six post module assignments. Additionally, PG Diploma students have one elements of assessment by presentation or viva, and one written thesis (group design project). MSc students have an additional assessed presentation and individual research project thesis. This approach has been adopted in order to challenge and enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)
CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4
	PGCert		PGDip	MSc
1	ICW	ICW		
2	ICW	ICW		
3	ICW	ICW		
4	EX	EX		
5	ICW	ICW		
6	ICW	ICW		
7	ICW	ICW		
8	ICW	ICW		
9	ICW	ICW		
10	ICW	ICW		
11	ICW	ICW		
12	ICW	ICW		
13	ICW	ICW		
14	ICW	ICW		
15	ICW	ICW		
16	ICW	ICW		
17	ICW	ICW		
18			ICW/IPRES/ THESIS	
19				IPRES/THESIS

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

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New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a

high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Most delegates on the course are already working in the Aerospace industry when they join the course. The course can aid career progression into technical, integration and leadership roles, and support career change to aerospace from other engineering/ physical science disciplines.

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COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Airport Planning and Management
Course code	MSAPMFTC PDAPMFTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip
Mode of delivery	Full-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Centre for Air Transport Management
Course Director	Dr Edgar Jimenez Perez
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	No
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	No
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	No
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	1st or upper 2nd class UK honours degree (or non-UK equivalent) in any discipline. A recognised professional qualification plus a number of years' relevant working experience may be accepted as equivalent. For applicants whose first language is not English there is a requirement to achieve the level of 7.0 on IELTS and equivalent grades on other English language qualifications recognised by the University.
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Transport Systems Theme, Centre for Air Transport Management where the research interests include:

- Air Transport Economics
- Airline and Airport Planning and Operations
- Safety and Air Accident Investigation

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- provide a masters-level programme of learning for existing airport managers to enhance their skills in airport planning and management;
- provide a masters-level programme of learning for graduates seeking to pursue a career in airport planning and management;
- provide a masters-level programme of learning to meet the management training needs of existing airport operators and planning consultants;
- provide the foundation necessary for graduates to undertake doctoral research in airport planning and management.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- New graduates seeking to pursue a career in airport planning and management;
- Practitioners in the sector, particularly at junior and middle management levels, who are seeking to expand their knowledge and skills in airport planning and management in order to further develop their careers;
- Practitioners who are not employed in the airport or related sector, who are seeking a career in airport planning and management;
- Both practitioners and new graduates seeking to pursue doctoral research in airport planning and management.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. PGDip

ILO 1. Demonstrate a systematic understanding of relevant international and national regulations and explain their effects on airport business, planning, design, operations and safety management decisions;
ILO 2. Demonstrate a critical awareness of the key issues that affect users of airport facilities (e.g. airlines and retailers) and explain how their commercial pressures, strategic decisions and priorities impact on airport business, planning, design, operations and safety management decisions;
ILO 3. Identify, analyse and design solutions in order to address a given research problem within the context of airport planning and management, having regard to regulatory constraints and commercial and environmental imperatives;
ILO 4. Collaborate and contribute effectively to a group project, and communicating the findings of this exercise coherently to academics and other practitioners;
ILO 5. Collect information from a variety of electronic (internet) and hard copy sources to support a research project;
ILO 6. Appraise and critique the work of other practitioners and specialists;
ILO 7. Communicate effectively, both orally and in written form, research work produced to both practitioner and academic audiences;
ILO 8. Develop skills in efficient time management, working to set deadlines and targets, creative thinking and critical reflection on your own performance;

B. **MSc**

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outline above, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO9. Undertake and successfully complete a substantial programme of research independently, applying robust methods of data collection and analysis, and communicating the findings coherently.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- lectures and workshops delivered by the academic faculty and industry practitioners, demonstrating the application of theory to various examples and case studies
- training on how to use the library's on-campus and on-line resources undertaken by a Cranfield University librarian;
- training on how to use the OAG airline schedule database and other key data resources and online tools;
- a four-day workshop designed to enable students to develop a working competency in the use of CAST airport passenger terminal design software;
- site visits to UK airports.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1 to 8 Group project (14)	80 20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 9 to 13	20
TOTAL:	120

B. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1 to 8 Group project (14) Individual Research Project (15)	80 20 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Modules 9 to 13	20
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does <u>not</u> have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months.

Teaching is generally delivered in one-week modules (with the exception of Airport Finance and Business Management which is taught over two weeks). Students then complete a three-week group project after all taught modules have been completed. The Group Project usually takes places around the Easter break in the Spring. The individual research project (IRP) is handed-in during the month of August.

Students are typically granted four weeks to complete individual coursework. For the Group Project, students are required to contribute to a group report and to participate in a group presentation.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment tasks in the course are deliberately varied and designed to be complementary to the other assessments on the course and the varied learning styles of students on the course. The assessments are challenging in that they address various technical aspects covered in the course, but also in that they seek to prepare students for 'real-word' challenges, particularly around working to deadlines and as part of a group. The main form of assessment are written individual reports, but there are also formal written exams, and group presentations. These purposefully target the assessment of different expertise and skills. The expected content and length of each assessment are clearly stated in the respective module descriptors. As well as summative feedback, formative feedback (usually in verbal form) is provided where applicable, and in a timely fashion to aid with any subsequent summative assessments. The variety of assessments allows students to develop a variety of important written and communication skills. The substantive group project and individual research project components are scheduled towards the end of the academic year, after all the other taught elements of the course have been completed. This gives the students the best grounding and understanding in a broad range of topics before tackling these assessments. Students are also expected to conduct more self-directed learning during the group project and IRP (albeit with regular scheduled supervision), which also fits from a pedagogical perspective.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

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1	N-ATF-IATAO Occ A23	Introduction to the Air Transport Industry	Dr Edgar Jimenez Perez	22		0	Y	09/10/23	09/10/23	13/10/23	0	AO	0				03/11/23	N/A
2	N-APM-APO10 Occ A23	Airport Operations	Richard Moxon	30		10	Y	06/11/23	06/11/23	10/11/23	40	ICW	100				FT 11/12/23 PT 10/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
3	N-APM-FBM10 Occ A23	Airport Finance and Business Management	Dr Romano Pagliari	48		20	N	16/10/23	16/10/23	27/10/23	40 40	EX ICW	40 60				FT Exam Week 1: 11/12/23 27/11/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
4	N-ATF-RPA10 Occ A23	Geopolitics and International Aviation	Dr Darren Ellis	30		10	Y	20/11/23	20/11/23	27/11/23	40	EX	100				Exam Week 1: 15/12/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

[5] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[6] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.

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5	N-APM-RMF10 Occ A23	Air Transport Market Analysis and Forecasting	Gary Doy	25		10	Y	11/03/24	11/03/24	22/03/24	40	ICW	100				FT 22/04/24 PT 07/05/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
6	N-APM-ASP10 Occ A23	Airport Strategic Planning	Dr Pere Suau-Sanchez	28.5		10	Y	15/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 19/02/24 PT 04/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
7	N-APM-AEP10 Occ A23	Air Transport Environmental Planning	Dr Thomas Budd	24.5		10	Y	08/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 12/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course

[7] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education

[8] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.

[9] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.

[10] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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																	PT 26/02/24	runs the following year
8	N-APM-ADE10 Occ A23	Airport Design	Henrik Rothe	25		10	Y	19/02/24	19/02/24	01/03/24	40	ICW	100				FT 02/04/24 PT 16/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
9	N-SAI-ISMS Occ C23	Aviation Safety Management	Dr David Barry / Dr Simon Mitchell	30		10	Y	04/02/24	05/02/24	09/02/24	40	ICW	100				FT 11/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
10	N-AEX-DAM Occ A23	Digital Airline Management	Dr Robert Mayer	20		10	Y	10/01/24	10/01/24	02/04/24	40	ICW	100				FT 02/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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11	N-AEX-ATRR Occ A23	Regional Aviation	Dr Romano Pagliari	20		10	Y	04/12/23	04/12/23	07/12/23	40	ICW	100				FT 22/01/24 PT 05/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
12	N-ATF-ATM10 Occ A23	Air Transport Marketing	Professor Keith Mason	25		10	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 26/02/24 PT 11/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
13	N-ATF-ATS10 Occ A23	Airline Strategic Management	Dr Robert Mayer	25		10	Y	29/01/24	29/01/24	02/02/24	40	ICW	100				FT 04/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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14	N-APM-GP20 Occ A23	Group Project	Dr Edgar Jimenez Perez	10.5		20	N	22/04/24	22/04/24	10/05/24	40 40	GCW GPRES	50 50				10/05/24 10/05/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
15	N-ATF-THES10 Occ A23	Individual Research Project	Dr Romano Pagliari	40		80	Y	29/11/23	29/11/23	12/08/24	50 50	THESIS ICW	90 10				12/08/24 11/03/24	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-ATF-IATAO	Introduction to the Air Transport Industry	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management
N-APM-APO10	Airport Operations	Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-APM-ASP10	Airport Strategic Planning	Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-ATF-RPA10	Geopolitics and International Aviation	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-APM-RMF10	Air Transport Market Analysis and Forecasting	Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-APM-AEP10	Air Transport Environmental Planning	Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-APM-ADE10	Airport Design	Airport Planning and Management	Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-SAI-ISMS	Aviation Safety Management	Safety & Accident Investigation	Air Transport Management Air Transport Management (Executive) Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Safety and Human Factors in Aviation Safety and Accident Investigation Defence and Security (Engineering)
N-AEX-DAM	Digital Airline Management	Air Transport Management (Executive)	Air Transport Management Airport Planning and Management
N-AEX-ATRR	Regional Aviation	Air Transport Management (Executive)	Air Transport Management Airport Planning and Management
N-ATF-ATM10	Air Transport Marketing	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management Air Transport Management (Executive)
N-ATF-ATS10	Airline Strategic Management	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management

N-ATF-THES10	Individual Research Project	Air Transport Management	Airport Planning and Management Air Transport Management (Executive)

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

There are ten taught modules, two of which are elective. Nine of the taught modules have one point of assessment (seven modules assessed by Individual Coursework and one by Examination). The remaining module is assessed by a mix of Individual Coursework and Examination.

Students are subject to two forms of assessment with regard to the Group Project. Firstly, they must submit group coursework and secondly, their group project oral presentation is also assessed. In the latter form of assessment, each presentation is judged on the extent to which the work met the assignment brief, the quality of the presentation, and the ability of students to answer questions about their work. Both forms of assessment have an equal weighting with regard to the module mark.

The Individual Research Project is assessed first by an Individual Coursework considering the IRP proposal and then by consideration of a written thesis.

This approach has been adopted in order to ensure that students achieve the intended learning outcomes set out in Section 3.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8	ILO 9
2	ICW	ICW				ICW		ICW	
3	EX ICW	EX ICW	EX ICW			EX ICW		EX ICW	
4	EX							EX	
5		ICW			ICW			ICW	
6	ICW	ICW				ICW		ICW	
7	ICW		ICW			ICW		ICW	
8	ICW	ICW	ICW			ICW		ICW	
9	ICW	ICW						ICW	
10		ICW						ICW	

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8	ILO 9
11	ICW	ICW						ICW	
12	ICW							ICW	
13	ICW	ICW	ICW					ICW	
14	GCW GPRES			GCW GPRES		GCW GPRES	GPRES	CGW GPRES	
15	ICW	ICW	ICW		THESIS	THESIS ICW	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS

B. PGDip

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8
2	ICW	ICW				ICW		ICW
3	EX ICW	EX ICW	EX ICW			EX ICW		EX ICW
4	EX							EX
5		ICW			ICW			ICW
6	ICW	ICW				ICW		ICW
7	ICW		ICW			ICW		ICW
8	ICW	ICW	ICW			ICW		ICW
9	ICW	ICW						ICW
10		ICW						ICW
11	ICW	ICW						ICW
12	ICW							ICW
13	ICW	ICW	ICW					ICW
14	GCW GPRES			GCW GPRES		GCW GPRES	GPRES	CGW GPRES

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition, students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5-year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Graduates from this course will be well prepared for employment in the field of airport planning and management. Opportunities for employment will exist in the planning departments of airport authorities or as a planner in one of airport management and planning consultancies that are involved in various airport development projects worldwide. Opportunities are also possible within regulatory organisations both in the UK and worldwide as well as with various other suppliers that have B2B relationships with the airport sector such as IT companies, airlines and aircraft manufacturers. Cranfield students are also well prepared to undertake research leading to the award of a PhD.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Airworthiness
Course code	MSAWOPTC, PDAWOPTC, PCAWOPTC
Academic Year	2023-2024
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert
Additional exit routes	N/A
Mode of delivery	Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Centre for Safety and Accident Investigation
Course Director	Prof Graham Braithwaite (Acting CD)
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Part-time MSc - up to three years, Part-time PgDip - up to three years, Part-time PgCert - two years,
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Transport Systems Theme, Centre for Safety and Accident Investigation where the research interests include:

- Aviation Safety
- Reliability
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Risk Management

Industrial visits and technical experts from external institutions play a large part in the course.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to provide a wide spectrum of technical knowledge in the context of the related regulatory and safety issues. This is a background that managers in today's aerospace industry must possess. A detailed knowledge of airworthiness issues early in the development stage of a product's design, modification, repair or process helps the downstream business operation and enables a better balance to be struck between cost and safety. Specifically, the course aims to:

- Provide a globally unique course that relates the regulatory background to the technology concerned in the design, production and maintenance of aircraft – the airworthiness issues.
- Establish a centre of excellence that delivers a high technology Masters programme in airworthiness.
- Promote relevant research and development activity in airworthiness within Cranfield University, industry and government agencies.

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) entry and exit routes are provided. It is suggested that these two qualifications may be more appropriate for engineers in the aviation industry who have no need for a separate individual research project.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Graduate engineers from airlines
- Licensed engineers in aviation industry (PgCert / PgDip possibly extending to MSc)
- Airworthiness engineers working in manufacturing, maintenance and/or operations

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. **Postgraduate Certificate**

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Demonstrate an understanding of major issues surrounding the design and performance of complex aircraft, engine, their components and associated equipment used in aviation at a level appropriate to airworthiness requirements;

ILO 2. Describe and detail the organisation and nature of airworthiness requirements covering aircraft design,manufacture and maintenance;

ILO 3. Develop an awareness of the analytical, diagnostic and practical skills required for safe operation of aircraft, engines and their components;

ILO 4. Work both independently and as a member of a team towards the solution of complex safety related engineering problems;

ILO 5. Use transferable skills developed through team work, communication and problem-solving to enhance their careers in engineering and technical management;

ILO 6. Understand the roles and significance of compliance, substantiation, validation, certification and approval in the demonstration of airworthiness;

ILO 7. Be cognisant of the application of the studied technologies in other fields besides aerospace.

B. **Postgraduate Diploma**

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 8. Access and apply the relevant specific requirements in an appropriate way within the technology areas covered by the course and relate the technology to the requirements in such a way that sound engineering judgements can be made.

C. **MSc**

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 9. Undertake independent research on a topic relevant to airworthness and safety in aircraft or engine design, manufacture or maintenance utilising the techniques of literature review, data gathering, analysis, results evaluation, and presentation both written and oral.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Access to library resources;
- Use of class exercises (e.g. group work in Safety Assessment of Aircraft Systems) to help develop knowledge and techniques;
- Conducting an individual research project in a commercial or research organisation.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course.. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1, 3, 9 and 13	40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
20 credits selected from Modules: 2, 4-8, 11-12, 14-16	20
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 14 AWD Airworthiness Dossier: 17	70 20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
30 credits selected from Modules: 5-8, 10-12, 15-16	30
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 14 AWD Airworthiness Dossier: 17 Individual Research Project: 18	 70 20 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Any other modules selected from Modules: 5-8, 10-12, 15-16 to the value of 30 credits	30
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;

- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

This course is offered on a part-time basis. Students typically register and start the course in September and are expected to complete the course within three years. The taught phase of a 10 credit module lasts one week, two weeks for a 20 credit module. Most modules are held once a year.

All MSc and PgDip students must complete the following mandatory modules as part of the course. Students must accumulate an additional 30 credits through the selection of optional modules in line with their interests.

Module number	Mandatory Modules
1	Airworthiness Fundamentals
2	Aircraft Fatigue & Damage Tolerance
3	Safety Assessment of Aircraft Systems
4	Gas Turbine Fundamentals
9	Air Transport Engineering - Maintenance Operations
13	Aviation Safety Management
14	Airframe Systems
17	Airworthiness Dossier
18	Individual Research Project - MSc only

Module Number	Elective Modules
5	Practical Reliability
6	Aircraft Accident Investigation & Response

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

7	Fundamentals of Aircraft Engine Control
8	Manufacturing
10	Flight Experimental Methods (Airworthiness)
11	Design, Durability & Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures
12	Introduction to Avionics
15	Introduction to Aircraft Structural Crashworthiness
16	Human Factors in Aviation Maintenance

PgCert students must complete Modules 1, 3, 9 and 13 and further 20 credits from those modules permitted in the table from Section 5A to make up 20 credits. There is no requirement to complete mandatory modules before taking optional modules.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment tasks ensure that students demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes and they are designed at postgraduate level. When necessary, pre-requisite modules ensure that the students have the required level knowledge before they can attend certain modules. Essays and reports are the most common assessment method used across the modules and they vary in lengths and nature but they aim to ensure that that the students demonstrate they achieved the module level ILOs. The Course Dossier aims to assess the student's ability to reflect on their learning experience on each module and then conduct further research in relation to challenges the industry is facing. Finally the individual research project expects the students to be much more self-directed in their learning even though guidance is provided through supervision. The individual research project addresses ILO 9 and takes the form of a written report and presentation.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or [illegible]	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments 9/100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1		N-AW-AW	Airworthiness Fundamentals	Cengiz Turkoglu	30	10	10	N	18/09/23	18/09/23	22/09/23	50	ICW	100				20/11/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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2		N-AW-AFDT	Aircraft Fatigue and Damage Tolerance	Dr Wenli Liu	30	10	10	Y	10/06/24	10/06/24	14/06/24	40	ICW	100				12/08/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
3		N-AW-SAAS	Safety Assessment of Aircraft Systems	Jeremy Turner	35	15	10	Y	06/11/23 Occ A	06/11/23	10/11/23	40	ICW	100				08/01/24 Occ A	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
									17/06/24 Occ B	17/06/24	21/06/24	40	ICW	100				19/08/24 Occ B	
4		N-AW-GTF	Gas Turbine Fundamentals	Prof Vassilios Pachidis	30	0	10	N	18/03/24	18/03/24	22/03/24	50	ICW	100				20/05/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year

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5		N-AW-RA	Practical Reliability	Dr Simon Place	30	0	10	Y	14/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	50	ICW	100				18/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
6		N-HFS-AAI	Aircraft Accident Investigation and Response	Dr Abdul Abushalla	30	0	10	Y	08/04/24	15/04/24	19/04/24	50	ICW	100				17/06/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
7		N-AW-FAEC	Fundamentals of Aircraft Engine Control	Dr Ioannis Goulos	30	0	10	Y	04/03/24	04/03/24	08/03/24	50	ICW	100				07/05/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the

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																			following year
8		N-AEN-M	Manufacturing	Dr Jafar Jamshidi	25	0	10	Y	29/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	ICW	100				02/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
9		N-AW-ATEMO	Air Transport Engineering – Maintenance Operations	Cengiz Turkoglu	30	0	10	Y	12/02/24	12/02/24	16/02/24	50	ICW	100				15/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
10		N-AW-FEM	Flight Experimental Methods (Airworthiness)	Dr Simon Place	40	0	20	N	09/10/23	09/10/23	20/10/23	50	ICW	100				15/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the

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																			following year
11		N-AW-ICAS	Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures	Dr Yigeng Xu	35	5	10	Y	08/07/24	08/07/24	12/07/24	50	ICW	100				09/09/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
12		N-AW-IA	Introduction to Avionics	Dr David Zammit-Mangion	30	0	10	Y	15/04/24	15/04/24	19/04/24	50	ICW	100				17/06/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
13		N-SAI-ISMS	Aviation Safety Management	Dr Simon Mitchell/ Dr David Barry	30	10	10	Y	10/09/23 Occ A 17/03/24 Occ B	11/09/23 18/03/24	15/09/23 22/03/24	50 50	ICW ICW	100 100				13/11/23 Occ A 20/05/24 Occ B	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the

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									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or [illegible]	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments 9/10004)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
																			following year
14		N-AEN-AMS	Design and Development of Airframe Systems	Dr Craig Lawson	32	0	10	Y	03/06/24	03/06/24	07/06/24	50	ICW	100				05/08/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
15		N-AEN-ASC	Introduction to Aircraft Structural Crashworthiness	Dr Hessam Ghasemnejad	20	10	10	Y	18/02/24	19/02/24	23/02/24	50	ICW	100				22/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the following year
16		N-HFS-HFAM	Human Factors in Aviation Maintenance	Cengiz Turkoglu	30	0	10	Y	08/04/24	08/04/24	12/04/24	50	ICW	100				10/06/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the module runs the

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17		N-AW-CD	Airworthiness Dossier	Cengiz Turkoglu	10	0	20	N	05/09/22 Occ A22	05/09/22 Occ A22	05/09/23 Occ A22	50	RP	100				05/09/23	
									29/03/23 Occ B22	29/03/23 Occ B22	29/03/24 Occ B22	50	RP	100				29/03/24	
									06/09/23 Occ A23	06/09/23 Occ A23	06/09/24 Occ A23	50	RP	100				06/09/24	
									07/02/24 Occ B23	07/02/24 Occ B23	07/02/25 Occ B23	50	RP	100				07/02/25	
18		N-AW-RP	Individual Research Project	Cengiz Turkoglu	20	0	80	N	08/08/22 Occ A22	08/08/22 Occ A22	08/08/23 Occ A22	50 50	THESIS IPRES	80 20				08/08/23 05/09/23 Occ A22	
									01/03/23 Occ B22	01/03/23 Occ B22	01/03/24 Occ B22	50 50	THESIS IPRES	80 20				01/03/24 29/03/24 Occ B22	
									09/08/23 Occ A23	09/08/23	09/08/24	50	THESIS	80					

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									10/01/24 Occ B23	10/01/24 Occ B23	10/01/25 Occ B23		THESIS IPRES	80 20				10/01/25 07/02/25 Occ B23	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-AW-AFDT	Aircraft Fatigue and Damage Tolerance	Airworthiness	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Aircraft Engineering
N-AW-SAAS	Safety Assessment of Aircraft Systems	Airworthiness	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Safety and Accident Investigation
N-AW-RA	Practical Reliability	Airworthiness	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Defence and Security (Engineering)
N-HFS-AAI	Aircraft Accident Investigation and Response	Safety and Human Factors in Aviation	Airworthiness Forensic Engineering and Science Military Aerospace and Airworthiness
N-AW-FAEC	Fundamentals of Aircraft Engine Control	Airworthiness	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Shared teaching with N-THP-JEC
N-AEN-M	Manufacturing	Aircraft Engineering	Airworthiness
N-AW-ATEMO	Air Transport Engineering – Maintenance Operations	Airworthiness	FT Air Transport Management Executive Air Transport Management Military Aerospace and Airworthiness
N-AW-ICAS	Design, Durability and Integrity of Composite Aircraft Structures	Airworthiness	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Advanced Materials Aerospace Materials

			Aircraft Engineering
N-AW-IA	Introduction to Avionics	Airworthiness	Aircraft Engineering
N-SAI-ISMS	Aviation Safety Management (Occ A and B)	Safety and Accident Investigation	Military Aerospace and Airworthiness FT Air Transport Management Safety and Human Factors in Aviation Airworthiness Safety and Accident Investigation Defence and Security (Engineering)
N-AEN-AMS	Design and Development of Airframe Systems	Aircraft Engineering	Airworthiness
N-AEN-ASC	Introduction to Aircraft Structural Crashworthiness	Aircraft Engineering	Airworthiness Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Safety and Accident Investigation Shared teaching with N-ALS-CRASH Advanced lightweight and Composite Structures
N-HFS-HFAM	Human Factors in Aviation Maintenance	Safety and Human Factors in Aviation	Airworthiness Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Safety and Accident Investigation Safety and Accident Investigation (Air Transport)
N-AW-FEM	Flight Experimental Methods	Airworthiness	Shared teaching with Aerospace Dynamics (N-ASD-GFTR) and Aircraft Engineering N-AEN-APA (wk 1 only)

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The MSc in Airworthiness has **two** distinct but interrelated elements: the taught modules (which includes the Course Dossier) and the Individual Research Project. All modules are assessed by written assignments. The Individual Research Project is assessed by Thesis and an individual presentation ..

The post-module assignments are set to be challenging and to promote the study of the module topic areas in more depth, in particular the relationship of the regulations to the technology issues. The objectives of the assignments are for the students to:

- Acquire the skill to efficiently search literature
- Acquire an in-depth knowledge of Airworthiness regulations
- Apply skills and knowledge to assess the regulatory aspects of a particular technology
- Develop the power to critically analyse data
- Compile succinct and informative reports to a high standard

Formulate responses to specific questions
The assignments are designed to enable students to demonstrate achievement of learning outcomes as detailed on pages 18 and 19.

Over the duration of the course each MSc/PgDip student will complete an Airworthiness Dossier, containing a range of documentation related to each module taken. The dossier is an "Integrative Assessment", which brings together the airworthiness theme of the course, over all taught modules.

This will include relevant airworthiness regulatory and guidance material, published papers, case studies etc. Its preparation will lead students to research each module topic in more depth, building both on the information taught in formal lectures and the material gleaned from the pre-module reading and post-module assignments. The objectives of the dossier are for the students to:

- Obtain and retain an in-depth knowledge of airworthiness regulations and guidance material
- Acquire skills in data gathering and literature searching
- Demonstrate an overall knowledge of the technology of the modules taken
- Demonstrate information organisational and presentational skills

The dossier is to provide a summary of the whole course with a focus on airworthiness and technology issues, showing the linkage between the two. It is up to each student to decide which lectures are fundamental to their interests and airworthiness/safety and select them for inclusion. This will vary from module to module but should cover a representative number of lectures in addition to key references found in background reading and assignment work.

Assessment of the Course Dossier will be undertaken when all taught modules have been completed. However, students should take the opportunity to review it with a course supervisor at an early stage, and also mid-way through the course.

This approach has been adopted because this is the best means to assess the wide-ranging set of subjects.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7
1	ICW	ICW				ICW	ICW
2	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	
3	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
4	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
5	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		
6	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	
7	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	
8	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
9	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW
11	ICW			ICW	ICW	ICW	
12	ICW			ICW	ICW	ICW	
13	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW		ICW
14	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
15	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	
16	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8
10	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		
17	RP	RP	RP	RP	RP	RP	RP	RP

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8	ILO 9
18	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS	IPRES THESIS

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. <u>What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?</u>

All students are part-time and therefore most are in full-time employment. However the MSc prepares them for a higher level of responsibility in the airworthiness field. This is often a legal requirement so that they can fulfil customer's obligation as an Approved organisation.

An example is the sponsoring of six students by the MOD to undertake the MSc Airworthiness. They were then appointed to the Airworthiness "Centre of excellence" which advised MOD on matters relating to aircraft safety and regulation. Other course members are part of the Military Aviation Authority, which was set up in 2010.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications
Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Applied Artificial Intelligence
Course code	MSAAIFTC, MSAAIPTC, PCAAIFTC, PCAAIPTC, PDAAIFTC, PDAAIPTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	SATM
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Autonomous and Cyberphysical Systems
Course Director	Dr Yang Xing
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Entry requirements	Standard University Entry Requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ level 7
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc: 1year; Part-time MSc: up to 3 years.
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Aerospace Theme, Centre for Autonomous and Cyberphysical Systems where the research interests include:

Data analytics and visualisation
Artificial Intelligence/Machine learning for Computer vision
Multi-agent and collaborative systems
Autonomous systems
Automation in Aerospace Engineering
Time-series analysis/Hidden-Markov Models
Explainable AI
Human-Machine Interface

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

Industrial Advisory board composed at 20/02/2019 by the following members: BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, QinetiQ, Airbus D&S, Plextek, Northrop Grumman, Spirent Communications, Bombardier, Barnard Microsystems Ltd, Overview Ltd, BioCarbon Engineering. The board proposes suitable topic for the Individual Research Projects.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

The course aims at training engineers in AI architectures and algorithms in order to leverage the power of AI in any engineering area. Particular attention is going to be given to real world problems, so that scalability and complexity of techniques is taken into account in the design of any architecture.

The course is targeted at both fresh graduates of STEM disciplines or to engineers currently working in the industrial sector wishing to train in AI in order to improve their career perspectives and bring benefits to their employers.

In more details, the specific aims of the course are:

- To provide the students a relevant theoretical knowledge of Artificial Intelligence methods.
- To provide the students a formation that will allow them to apply the AI knowledge to real world problems.
- To form students that are going to be able to analyse new real world AI problems, to critically evaluate different solutions and to create and design new AI applications.
- To meet the increasing demand of "AI practitioners" having a solid knowledge in AI.
- To support Cranfield University's mission to offer a comprehensive teaching offer in the aerospace sector.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Engineers wishing to train/reskill in the area of AI.
- Graduates in Engineering disciplines, Computer Science or STEM area.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Differentiate intelligent architectures or machine learning algorithms, locate their role in complex systems and identify the appropriate applications.

ILO 2. Appraise the use of a range of professional coding practices to build reliable, reusable, scalable AI productions and services to time, quality and budget.

ILO 3. Design AI algorithms, techniques and methodologies by using appropriate statistical methods for sampling, distribution assessment, bias and error.

ILO 4. Identify and manage the technical, ethical, social and regulatory implications in the design and use of data and artificial intelligence methods.

ILO 5. Synthesise and critically compose appropriate medium to visualise AI based outputs and to prepare actionable stories relevant for business goals.

Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 6. Design artificial intelligence architectures/solutions, debate and solve their integration into more complex systems and critically assess their performance.

ILO 7. Appraise the use of experimental design, exploratory modelling and hypothesis testing to reach robust conclusions, by applying rigorous scientific methodologies in the AI area.

ILO 8. Critically judge the capability of AI solutions to be applied at scale to achieve business objectives.

B. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 9. Define a research question, develop aims and objectives, critically evaluate the existing literature, develop or execute an appropriate methodology on a subject relevant to the area of applied artificial intelligence.

ILO 10. Be able to communicate their results via a thesis and in an oral presentation in a style suitable for academic and professional audiences.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Lectures.
- Computer labs and practical sessions.
- Online contents on Virtual Learning Environment (Blackboard).
- Group Design Projects.

- Individual Research Projects.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction 5 and 8	0 20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Any four from 2,3. 4,,6,7,9	40
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Modules 2-9 Group Design Project or Individual Dissertation (part-time)	0 80 40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction Modules 2-9 Group Design Project or Individual Dissertation Project (part-time) Individual Research Project	0 80 40 80
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months.

Part-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 3 years.

The taught modules are typically delivered over 1 week, with lectures in the morning and laboratory, practical sessions or case studies in the afternoon.
Full-time students go through the course as recommended in the table.
Part-time students are recommended to complete 4 modules on the first year (suggested modules are: Systems Engineering, Intelligent and Cyber Physical Systems, Logic and Automated Reasoning and Ethical, Regulatory and Social Aspects of AI) and 4 modules, plus the Group Design Project on the second year (suggested modules are: Statistical Learning Methods, Search and Optimisation, Data Analytics and Visualisation, Deep Learning). In the case of part-time students the Group Design Project can be replaced by an Individual Dissertation during the second year. The final year is expected to be focused on the Individual Research Project.

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment tasks are challenging and enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes. The pre-requisite induction module will introduce the students to the course, the life on campus and some basic concepts of programming. This is an attendance-only module, hence is not going to be assessed. Modules 2-9 are introducing various practical aspects of applied AI and will be assessed through essays and reports. These will be of varying lengths, recognising that writing articles to a short length can be more challenging for some and can develop different skills relevant to professional practice. The length of each assessment task is clearly stated within the module descriptor. Students will write employability relevant policy briefing documents to equip them with the skills they require to succeed in the area of Applied Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning or Data Science and to address the specific award ILOs 1-5. The ability to work effectively in groups is a highly desirable skill, which has translated into ILOs 6-8. Feedback is given immediately after the group presentation. A number of formative tasks including group discussion, case studies and oral presentations supports the modules 2-9 and the group project. Formative feedback is given verbally within the classroom following discussions, via a written summary for case studies from the module leader and oral feedback provided by the tutor and peers for presentations. Students will also engage with an interactive learning activity, which incorporates formative feedback. The taught components precede the individual research project, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for this final research project. The course industrial advisory board proposes the topics of the individual research projects. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through a pair of academic supervisors. The research project addresses ILOs 9 and 10 and takes the form of a Thesis. Finally, a further, unassessed, occasion for dissemination and receiving formative feedback is through the final poster session to which all members of the industrial advisory boards are invited.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Numbe		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturer[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Independent Assessment					Submission dates	
													Type of Assessment	Weighting within module (%)[8]	Weighting within multi-part assessments[9](100%)		Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1		N-AAI-IDW	Induction week	Dr Yang Xing	12	0	0	N	02/10/23	02/10/23	06/10/23	N/A	AO					N/A	N/A
2		N-AAI-SLM	Statistical Learning Methods	Dr Ivan Petrunin	28	0	10	Y	23/10/23	23/10/23	27/10/23	50	ICW	100				FT 24/11/23 PT 08/12/23	08/03/2024
3		N-AAI-SE	Systems Engineering	Dr Fanny Camelia	30	0	10	N	06/11/23	06/11/23	10/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 08/12/23 PT 03/01/24	07/05/2024

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually.
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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4		N-AAI-ICPS	Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems	Dr Saba Al-Rubaye	28	0	10	Y	27/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				FT 15/01/24 PT 29/01/24	17/05/2024
5		N-AAI-SO	Search and Optimisation	Dr Weisi Guo	28	0	10	N	09/10/23	09/10/23	13/10/23	50	ICW	100				FT 10/11/23 PT 24/11/23	16/02/2024
6		N-AVC-LAR	Logic and Automated Reasoning	Dr Marta Ceccaroni	28	0	10	Y	29/01/24	29/01/24	02/02/24	50	ICW	100				FT 01/03/24 PT 22/03/24	05/06/2024
7		N-AAI-DAV	Data Analytics and Visualisation	Dr Ivan Petrunin	28	0	10	Y	20/11/23	20/11/23	25/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 08/01/24 PT 22/01/24	14/05/2024
8		N-AAI-DL	Deep Learning	Dr Yang Xing	28	0	10	N	02/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	50	ICW	100				FT 09/02/24 PT 23/02/24	28/05/2024
9		N-AAI-ERS	Ethical, Regulatory and Social Aspects of AI	Dr Anne-Marie Oostveen	30	0	10	N	26/02/24	26/02/24	01/03/24	50	ICW	100				FT 02/04/24 PT 16/04/24	12/06/2024

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10		N-AAI-GDP	Group Design Project	Dr Yang Xing	15	0	40	N	Occ A 05/01/24 (FT) Occ B 17/4/24 (PT)	Occ A 11/03/24 (FT) Occ B 17/4/24 (PT)	Occ A 09/04/24 (FT) Occ B 19/08/24 (PT)	50 50	GCW RP GCW RP	80 20 80 20				Occ A 09/04/24 09/04/24 Occ B 19/08/24 19/08/24	At the nex available opportunity which may no be until th course runs th following year
11		N-AAI-DISS	Dissertation on Applied Artificial Intelligence	Dr Yang Xing	20	0	40	N	17/04/24	17/04/24	19/08/24	50	ICW	100				19/08/24 (PT ONLY)	
12		N-AAI-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Prof Antonios Tsourdos	20	0	80	N	Occ A 17/04/24 (FT) Occ B 17/04/24	Occ A 17/04/24 (FT) Occ B 17/04/24	Occ A 19/08/24 (FT) Occ B 30/09/24	50 50	THESIS THESIS	100 100				FT 19/8/24 PT 30/09/24	N/A

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-AVC-LAR	Logic and Automated Reasoning	Autonomous Vehicles Dynamics and Control MSc	N/A
N-AAI-DAV	Data Analytics and Visualisation	Applied Artificial Intelligence	Defence and Security Programme Advanced Air Mobility Systems
N-AAI-ICPS	Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems	Applied Artificial Intelligence	Defence and Security Programme
N-AAI-SLM	Statistical Learning Methods	Applied Artificial Intelligence	Advanced Air Mobility Systems

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Exam, Individual Coursework assignment, Group and Individual Projects.

This approach has been adopted because:

MSc-level assessment of ILOs in the area of Engineering requires the students to exhibit a deep knowledge and comprehension of the topic, but also the capability of the students to synthesise and evaluate complex strategies for problem solving. Thus, in many practical engineering subject this can be readily done relying on individual coursework assignments on realistic applications and problems.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5
2	ICW	ICW	ICW		
3	ICW	ICW			
4	ICW	ICW			
5	ICW		ICW		ICW
6	ICW		ICW		ICW

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5
7	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
8	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
9		ICW		ICW	

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8
10	GCW RP	GCW RP	GCW RP
11	ICW	ICW	ICW

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 9	ILO 10
12	THESIS	THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. <u>What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?</u>

The Applied Artificial Intelligence MSc course is designed both for improving the graduates' attractiveness to the market, broaden their career options and being more valuable resources if they are currently employed and attend the course as part of a traineeship program. Upon completion of the course, graduates will be exposed to the following opportunities:

- Research Degree (PhD);

- Direct employment or graduate schemes in a number of industries: Aerospace, Defence, Automotive, Public Sector, Transports.

- As possible career path, various role are available: Machine Learning Engineer, Applied Machine Learning Engineer, Data Scientist, Research Scientist, Big Data Engineer, Big Data Architect, Expert Analyst, Domain Expert, Software Engineer, Project/Program manager.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Applied Bioinformatics
Course code	MSABIFTC, MSABIPTC, PDABIFTC, PDABIPTC, PCABIFTC, PCABIPTC, MSABIPAC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield
School(s)	School of Water, Energy and Environment
Theme	Environment & Agrifood
Centre	Centre for Soil, Agrifood and Biosciences (SABS)
Course Director	Prof. Fady Mohareb
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	Yes
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	L7 Bioinformatics Scientist (https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/bioinformatics-scientist-degree/)
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	Non-integrated

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	Open
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	NA
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year, Part-time MSc - up to three years, Apprenticeship student (Part-time MSc to be completed in 24 Months)
Course Start Month(s)	October

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the Bioinformatics Group at Cranfield University, which comprises a team of entirely computer-based researchers who have been involved in several multi-million pound national and international projects, mainly funded by the EU, BBSRC, EPSRC, the Wellcome Trust, the European Commission, and several companies including Unilever, Illumina, AstraZeneca, Public Health England, Sanofi Aventis and GlaxoSmithKline. Our research activities include Next-Generation sequencing informatics, genome and transcriptome informatics, plant molecular biology, drug discovery, systems biology and food science. This wide range of research activities and collaborations gives us the opportunity to offer a variety of research projects to our MSc students that suit their individual research interests.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

Sanger, GlaxoSmithKline, Unilever, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), Sanofi Aventis, Rothamsted Research, the European Bioinformatics Institute, the Wellcome Trust Institute, University of Athens and Imperial College. Our teaching team at Cranfield University benefits from the input of a group of world-renowned experts in a range of applied sciences, including bioinformatics. We lead and collaborate in diverse research and consultancy projects, both nationally and internationally.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

This course aims to equip graduates with the computational skills and awareness needed to manage, analyse and interpret the vast amounts of genomic, transcriptomic, proteomic and metabolomic data now becoming available. On completion of this course, you will be able to apply information technology to the development of new sequencing analysis and diagnostic tools and platforms. Additionally, you will gain the skills to design and implement new software plugins to fulfill the need of the research community and will be equipped with a diverse set of knowledge and skills that directly meet the requirements of employers in this sector.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- The course is aimed both at graduates with degrees in life sciences, biotechnology, food science, natural sciences or medicine and alternatively those with a computational background.
- Scientists in industry in areas such as molecular biology, cell biology, and analytical techniques requiring training, or who wish to acquire skills and expertise in the field of bioinformatics

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Bioinformatics

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Define the field of bioinformatics and related disciplines and demonstrate a critical awareness of current research in the area.
ILO 2. Use various programming languages to develop tailored bioinformatics applications to achieve specific computational biology tasks.
ILO 3. Effectively apply statistical methods, machine learning and pattern recognition algorithms to analyse and classify high throughput data.
ILO 4. Communicate the relevant concepts, both orally and in writing, to academics and practitioners from bioinformatics and related disciplines.

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Bioinformatics

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO5. Apply automation tools for various bioinformatics tasks by integrating existing bioinformatics resources and tools
ILO6. Integrate various research platforms and programming languages in order to build bioinformatics solutions
ILO7. Organise and manage a programme of software development.
ILO8. Integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from the taught modules in a real-life situation
ILO9. Effectively work in a small project team to identify project objectives and select appropriate methodologies to address problems faced by industrial clients; collaborating with other team members to communicate findings in a professional manner in written, oral and visual forms.

C. MSc in Applied Bioinformatics

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO10. Define a research question, develop aim(s) and objectives, select and execute a methodology, analyse data, and evaluate findings and draw appropriate conclusions.
ILO11. To communicate their findings successfully via a thesis, written in an approved School style and in an oral presentation.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Provision of lectures from external speakers to strengthen teaching in selected areas from academia and industry outside the University's area of expertise.
- Access to library resources, both on-campus and online, which are introduced at the beginning of the course by the Library Information Specialist
- Computational teaching in well-equipped facilities typical of those available to bioinformatics research scientists

- Timetabling designed to allow plenty of opportunity to assimilate information and seek further academic guidance where necessary
- Provision of a personal development programme as a self-directed activity of reflection and action planning, designed to encourage independent development of transferrable skills such as oral presentation, written communication and project management.
- The potential to carry out a research project in another organisation so alternative research environments can be experienced.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction module	
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
60 Credits from the following modules: Exploratory Data Analysis and Essential Statistics Using R Introduction to Bioinformatics Using Python Next Generation Sequencing Informatics Programming Using Java Application of Bioinformatics in Epigenetics, Proteomics and Metagenomics Machine Learning for Metabolomics Advanced Sequencing Informatics and Genome Assembly Data Integration and Interaction Networks	 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction module Exploratory Data Analysis and Essential Statistics Using R Introduction to Bioinformatics Using Python Next Generation Sequencing Informatics Programming Using Java	 10 10 10 10

Application of Bioinformatics in Epigenetics Proteomics and Metagenomics Machine Learning for Metabolomics Advanced Sequencing Informatics and Genome Assembly Data Integration and Interaction Networks Group project	10 10 10 10 40
TOTAL:	**120**

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction module Exploratory Data Analysis and Essential Statistics Using R Introduction to Bioinformatics Using Python Application of Bioinformatics in Epigenetics, Proteomics and Metagenomics Next Generation Sequencing Informatics Machine Learning for Metabolomics Programming Using Java Advanced Sequencing Informatics and Genome Assembly Data Integration and Interaction Networks Group project Thesis	 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
TOTAL:	**200**

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of

your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]

- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

Part-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 3 years.

Apprenticeship participants join the course as Part-Time students, however, they must complete the academic elements of the MSc course within 24 months of registration until their gateway.

Each module is taught over two weeks, with the second week largely free of structured teaching to allow time for course work and more independent learning and reflection.

Teaching methods:

- Lectures, usually 1-2 hours in length, which will include visiting lecturers / external speakers.
- Interactive sessions including workshops and hands-on tutorials.
- Practical elements including computer lab classes, demonstrations and site visits.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The course assessment tasks enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes. The taught component is entirely assessed on the submitted coursework, which means that there are no exams and the individual modules are 100% assessed based on the assignment submitted at the end of each module. The core programming modules such as "Introduction to Bioinformatics using Python", "Exploratory Data Analysis and Essential Statistics using R" and "Introduction to Java Programming" will introduce the fundamentals of software development and program coding using the object-oriented programming and scripting concepts. These modules assessments are based on developing either a

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

single stand-alone piece of software, or a series of scripts to achieve a bioinformatics solution for a given biological/life science challenge. The software will be complemented with a short report covering the technical documentation for the implementation and a user manual as it is normally the case for bioinformatics software. For the core bioinformatics modules such as “Next Generation Sequencing Informatics”, “Data Science for Metabolomics”, and “Advanced Sequencing Informatics and Genome Assembly”, the assignment would typically be a mixture of a practical work (e.g. a report describing a process of data analysis performed as part of assignment objectives as well as the script developed for the analysis pipeline). The requirement of each assessment task is clearly stated within the module descriptor and clearly aligned to the module level ILOs. Specific award ILOs apply to different aspects of each of the taught modules, Group Project and Thesis Project. Students then have opportunities to develop their communication skills, as they are required to give a group presentation within the group project (formative assessment) and individual presentation (summative: Thesis Poster). The ability to work effectively in groups is a highly desirable skill that has translated into all ILOs. Modules are supported by a number of formative tasks including group discussion, one-to-one discussion during the computational practicals. Formative feedback is given verbally within the classroom following discussions, and oral feedback provided by the tutor and peers. Students will also engage with an interactive learning activity that incorporates formative feedback. For all modules peer review informs practice and tutorials guide progress, students are generally encouraged to support each other by asking and answering questions via the VLE. The taught components precede the research project, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for the individual research project. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during Group Projects and Thesis Project and guidance will be provided through supervisors and induction workshops.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc**. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[9] (100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	I-AGF-INWK	Induction Week (Agrifood Programme)	Sofia Kourmpetli	33	0	0	Y		02/10/23	06/10/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	N/A
2	I-BIX-STS	Exploratory Data Analysis and Essential Statistics Using R	Maria Anastasiadi	25	0	10	N		09/10/23	13/10/23	40	ICW	100				FT 21/10/23 PT 04/11/23	05/24

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear androgogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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3	I-BIX-PYT	Introduction to Bioinformatics Using Python	Alexey Larionov	25	0	10	N		23/10/23	27/10/23	40	ICW	100				FT 04/11/23 PT 18/11/23	05/24
4	I-BIX-NGS	Next Generation Sequencing Informatics	Fady Mohareb	25	5	10	N		06/11/23	10/11/23	40	ICW	100				FT 18/11/23 PT 02/12/23	0524
5	I-BIX-JAV	Programming Using Java	Tomasz Kurowski	25	0	10	N		20/11/23	24/11/23	40	ICW	100				FT 02/12/23 PT 06/01/24	05/24
6	I-BIX-PRO	Application of Bioinformatics in Epigenetics, Proteomics, and Metagenomics	Alexey Larionov	25	0	10	N		04/12/23	08/12/23	40	ICW	100				FT 06/01/24 PT 20/01/24	05/24
7	I-BIX-MET	Machine Learning for Metabolomics	Maria Anastasiadi	25	0	10	N		08/01/24	12/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 20/01/24 PT 03/02/24	05/24
8	I-BIX-SIM	Advanced Sequencing Informatics and Genome Assembly	Fady Mohareb	25	3	10	N		22/01/24	26/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 03/02/24 PT 17/02/24	05/24

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
9	I-BIX-DAT	Data Integration and Interaction Networks	Tomasz Kurowski	25	3	10	N		05/02/24	09/02/24	40	ICW	100				FT 17/02/24 PT 02/03/24	05/24
10	I-SWEE-GRPP	Group Project: Building Bioinformatics Solutions	Jitka McAdam	16	5	40	Y		26/02/24	03/05/24	50 50 50 50	GCW GPRES ICW RP	64 16 10 10				26/04/24 @ 16.00 23/04/24 @ 16.00 03/05/24 04/05/24 @ 23.59	
11	I-SWEE-THES	Thesis	Jitka McAdam	20		80	Y		07/05/24	07/09/24	50 50	THESIS OR	90 10				02/09/24 @ 16.00 W/C 27/08/24-04/09/24	SEPT 25

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-AGF-INWK	Induction Week (Agrifood Programme)	Applied Bioinformatics	Food Systems & Management Future Food Sustainability
I-SWEE-GRPP	Group Project: Building Bioinformatics Solutions	Advanced Water Management	All SWEE courses
I-SWEE-THES	Individual Thesis Project	Advanced Water Management	All SWEE courses

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Students on the MSc can typically expect to have eight pieces of individual assessment by submitted work, one piece of group project work, and one element assessed by a thesis and an oral presentation.

This approach has been adopted in order to assess the ability of the student to demonstrate theirskills in a range of environments.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Applied Bioinformatics – Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	ILO 1.	ILO 2.	ILO 3.		ILO 4.		
2		ICW	ICW	ICW			
3	ICW	ICW					
4	ICW		ICW		ICW		
5		ICW	ICW		ICW		
6	ICW				ICW		
7		ICW	ICW				
8	ICW	ICW					
9	ICW	ICW					

B. Applied Bioinformatics – Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 5.	ILO 6.	ILO 7.	ILO 8.	ILO 9.
10	GPROJ	GPROJ	GPROJ GCW RP ICW	GPROJ	GPROJ ICW

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 10.	1LO 11.
11	THESIS/ OR	THESIS/ OR

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition, students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Our MSc opens doors to careers in industry, public research establishments and university research. The multidisciplinary nature of our course has allowed our students to follow diverse career paths in various medical-related sectors including:

- Pharmaceutical and Biotech companies
- Plant research institutes
- Food sector
- Public Institutions
- Bioinformatics research institutes
- IT companies.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	**Applied Mathematics and Operational Research Programme (AMOR)**, encompassing courses: I. Defence Simulation and Modelling (DSM) II. Military Operational Research (MOR)
Course code	I. **(DSM)** MSDSMFTR - PCDSMFTR - PDDSMFTR - MSDSMPTR - PCDSMPTR – PDDSMPTR, II. **(MOR)** MSMORFTR – PCMORFTR – PDMORFTR - MSMORPTR – PCMORPTR – PDMORPTR iii. **SPAMRPTR** (DSM and MOR modules)
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert (both DSM and MOR)
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert (both DSM and MOR)
Mode of delivery	Full-Time and Part-Time (both DSM and MOR)
Location(s)[1] of Study	Shrivenham
School(s)	Cranfield Defence and Security
Theme	Defence and Security
Centre	Centre for Systems, Simulation and Analysis
Course Director	Mr J R Searle
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	DSM : Yes MOR : No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements. Minimum IELTS of 6.5
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	Full time students: Full 12 months registration (eg early September to end August/Early September inclusive) Maximum part time registrations of: MSc 5 years, PgDip 4 years, PgCert 3 years.
Course Start Month(s)	Full time: September Part time: September (DSM & MOR), January (DSM only)

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the Centre for Systems, Simulation and Analysis, Cranfield Defence and Security where the research interests include the modelling and simulation of Defence systems for analysis, experimentation and training.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

- A range of Defence and industrial partners provide software to the SSEL (Simulation and Synthetic Environment Laboratory).
- The course is supported by external visiting speakers in order to illustrate the real-world application and relevance of the material being taught
- The topics for student research projects are often suggested by external agencies and companies.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to provide graduates with the technical qualities, transferable skills and independent learning ability necessary to make them effective in organisations that design, develop and use modelling and simulation in a defence context.

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) entry and exit routes are provided for students who wish to access only parts of the course provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Recent graduates wishing to acquire knowledge and skills in either modelling and simulation or military operational research or in order to obtain employment in the defence industry;
- Members of the Armed Forces working in or preparing to take up appointments in the area of modelling and simulation or of operational research;
- Graduates working in defence research organisations wishing to extend their knowledge of either modelling and simulation or operational research.

3. <u>What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?</u>

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. **Defence Simulation and Modelling Postgraduate Certificate**

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Appraise some of the issues involved in the design, development and application of models, simulations and Synthetic Environments (SEs)

ILO 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the broad principles of simulation software and how to apply this knowledge in creating and using a synthetic environment

ILO 3. Compare and critically evaluate some of the issues involved in procuring and using models and simulations for applications including training and analysis

For part-time PG Cert students, where a flexible path is available, note that some aspects may be limited by the elective module choices made.

B. **Defence Simulation and Modelling Postgraduate Diploma**

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Explain the fundamentals of models and simulations and Synthetic Environments (SEs) and their place in procurement, training, the development of future force structures and the efficient use of defence resources

ILO 5. Critically evaluate different methodologies used in modelling and simulation and SEs and compare their strengths and weaknesses and understand how to select an appropriate methodology for a given need or situation

ILO 6. Demonstrate knowledge of issues and trade-offs that must be considered when using models, simulations and SEs for analysis and training

ILO 7. Demonstrate understanding of the practical application of models, simulations and SEs in government and the defence industry

ILO 8. Plan, specify, configure and utilise a distributed simulation or synthetic environment system

ILO 9. Appraise and critically evaluate the appropriate hardware in creating and running models, simulations and SEs

C. **Defence Simulation and Modelling MSc**

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 10. Demonstrate technical expertise, independent learning abilities and critical appraisal skills, by completing a modelling and simulation related project

D. Military Operational Research Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Understand the basic philosophy and methodologies of operational research

ILO 2. Appreciate examples of the practical application of operational analysis in government and defence industry

ILO 3. Distinguish between a limited range of the different modelling methodologies used in operational analysis and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses

ILO 4. Explain the reasons for using models and describe how operational analysis is applied to support defence decision making

ILO 5. Show transferable skills through an ability to communicate findings and issues to a subject specific audience

For part-time PG Cert students, where a flexible path is available, note that some aspects may be limited by the elective module choices made.

E. Military Operational Research Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined in D. above, a diligent student would also be expected to achieve the following in a topic relevant to their named award:

ILO 6. Explain the fundamental principles of modelling in operational analysis (military operational research) and be aware of the contribution of modelling in procurement, training, the development of future force structures and the efficient use of defence resources

ILO 7. Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of a wide range of the modelling methodologies used in operational analysis and to critically evaluate their strengths and weaknesses

ILO 8. Demonstrate knowledge of the detailed design issues and trade-offs that must be considered when specifying, developing or choosing model components

ILO 9. Demonstrate an understanding of knowledge of the issues involved in the design, development, verification, validation and application of operational analysis models and in the interpretation and communication of the results

ILO 10. Show understanding of examples of the practical application of operational analysis in government and defence industry

ILO 11. Explain the reasons for using models and describe how operational analysis is applied to support defence decision making

ILO 12. Demonstrate an ability to communicate subject specific findings to both a specialist and general audience

F. Military Operational Research MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined in D. and E. above, a diligent student would also be expected to achieve the following in a topic relevant to their named award:

ILO 13. Demonstrate technical expertise, independent learning abilities and critical appraisal skills by completing an Operational Research related project.

4. How is the course taught?

Teaching methods:

- lectures from Cranfield staff and visiting speakers
- participative sessions, including tutorials and group exercises
- practical application elements, e.g. computer based demonstrations and practical sessions
- for the MSc: individual research project, with academic supervision

In addition to the teaching methods outlined above, students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- coursework involving investigation into a technical subject area and presentation to their peers
- participation on the modules by practitioners who are able to raise current issues and comment on the latest developments
- access to the Simulation and Synthetic Environment Laboratory (SSEL)
- an Academic Advisor (Personal Tutor) who gives advice on academic and other matters, acts as a link between students and the University academic authorities and monitors progress

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

Defence Simulation and Modelling

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits[3] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

PgCert in Defence Simulation and Modelling – Full-time	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introductory Studies Foundations of Modelling & Simulation Modelling and Simulation Acquisition and Techniques Real Time Graphics War Gaming and Combat Modelling Advanced Module #1 Advanced Module #2	0 10 10 10 10 10 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	**60**

[3] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.

PgCert in Defence Simulation and Modelling – Part-time	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introductory Studies Foundations of Modelling & Simulation	0 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
5 modules chosen from: Modelling and Simulation Acquisition and Techniques Real Time Graphics War Gaming and Combat Modelling Synthetic Environment and Virtual Simulation Experimentation, Analysis and Trials for Simulation Weapon System Performance Assessment Networked and Distributed Simulation Advanced Module #1 Advanced Module #2 Networked and Distributed Simulation Exercise	50 (10 credits per module)
TOTAL:	**60**

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits[4] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

PgDip in Defence Simulation and Modelling (Full-time and Part-time)	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introductory Studies Foundations of Modelling & Simulation Modelling and Simulation Acquisition and Techniques Real Time Graphics War Gaming and Combat Modelling Synthetic Environments and Virtual Simulation Experimentation, Analysis and Trials for Simulation Weapon System Performance Assessment Networked and Distributed Simulation Advanced Module #1 Advanced Module #2 Advanced Module #3 Networked and Distributed Simulation Exercise	0 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	**120**

[4] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

MSc in Defence Simulation and Modelling (Full-time and Part-time)	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introductory Studies	0
Foundations of Modelling and Simulation	10
Modelling and Simulation Acquisition and Techniques	10
Real Time Graphics	10
War Gaming and Combat Modelling	10
Synthetic Environments and Virtual Simulation	10
Experimentation, Analysis and Trials for Simulation	10
Weapon System Performance Assessment	10
Networked and Distributed Simulation	10
Advanced Module #1	10
Advanced Module #2	10
Advanced Module #3	10
Networked and Distributed Simulation Exercise	10
Thesis	80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	**200**

Military Operational Research

A. Postgraduate Certificate MOR

The accumulation of 60 credits[5] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

PgCert in Military Operational Research – Full-time	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introductory Studies	0
Introduction to Operational Research Techniques	10
Discrete and Continuous Simulation	10
Decision Analysis	10
War Gaming and Combat Modelling	10
Advanced Module #1	10
Advanced Module #2	10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	**60**

[5] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.

PgCert in Military Operational Research – Part-time	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introductory Studies Introduction to Operational Research Techniques	0 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
5 modules chosen from: Discrete and Continuous Simulation Decision Analysis War Gaming and Combat Modelling Statistical Analysis and Trials Weapon System Performance Assessment Intelligent Systems Logistics Modelling Advanced Module #1 Advanced Module #2 Advanced Module #3	50 (10 credits per module)
TOTAL:	**60**

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits[6] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

PgDip in Military Operational Research (Full-time and Part-time)	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introductory Studies Introduction to Operational Research Techniques Discrete and Continuous Simulation Decision Analysis War Gaming and Combat Modelling Statistical Analysis and Trials Weapon System Performance Assessment Intelligent Systems Logistics Modelling Advanced Module #1 Advanced Module #2 Advanced Module #3 Advanced Module #4	0 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	**120**

[6] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

MSc in Military Operational Research (Full-time and Part-time)	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Introductory Studies	0
Introduction to Operational Research Techniques	10
Discrete and Continuous Simulation	10
Decision Analysis	10
War Gaming and Combat Modelling	10
Statistical Analysis and Trials	10
Weapon System Performance Assessment	10
Intelligent Systems	10
Logistics Modelling	10
Advanced Module #1	10
Advanced Module #2	10
Advanced Module #3	10
Advanced Module #4	10
Thesis	80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	**200**

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [7]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended

[7] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
    - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

The courses are also offered on a part-time basis. Part-time students normally register for their course in September or January, but if they have an appropriate background, it may be possible to register at a different time.

The maximum registration period for part-time students is:

- MSc – 5 years
- PgDip – 4 years
- PgCert – 3 years.

The full-time PgCert requires successful completion of 4 standard taught modules and 2 self-study 'Advanced' modules. More flexibility is however available for part-time PgCert students, who may choose from a range of elective modules in order to arrange their studies with respect to their other commitments over the shorter period of registration available to them.

Building on this, the PgDip then also requires successful completion of an additional set of 4 standard taught modules and a further 2 self-study 'Advanced' modules.

For the MSc, students are also required to successfully complete a thesis.

Each standard taught module normally consists of a one week course of classroom lectures, tutorials and practical work, followed by directed study coursework, involving private study equivalent to a further week of full-time work, allowing time for more independent learning and reflection.

A limited number of these standard taught modules are approved for delivery (primarily for part-time students) by non-residential distance e-learning using the on-line Cranfield Moodle Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). A 10-week block period for part time students to complete such on-line modules is typically offered once in each standard academic term.

The two-week self-study Advanced modules are 'mini-projects' with individual topics unique to each student, usually suggested by each individual student (subject to formal agreement and approval), which build on material covered in the standard modules and offer students the opportunity to explore selected topics in more depth. Depending on the nature of the topic selected, and excepting the 'Networked and Distributed Simulation Exercise' for the DSM Course, Advanced Modules typically may not involve any additional classroom or on-site attendance. For full time students, their Advanced Modules are timetabled, with typically two two-week blocks in each of Terms 1 and 2. A 10-week block period for part time students to complete Advanced Modules (again, excepting NDSE for DSM) is typically offered once in each standard academic term

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[8]

Within the AMOR Programme, the DSM and MOR Courses have a common structure and operate under common regulations, with a common core teaching team and with some shared taught modules. Students on both courses are typically (but not exclusively) mid-career personnel, who are already in employment in the military, public service or industry and who have a strong focus on Defence.

The two courses typically address slightly different student needs however and this is reflected in some differences in assessment between them, particularly where they have unique (ie non-shared) modules.

All DSM and MOR taught modules are also available as both Short Courses and as Short Courses for Credit. Students in these modes of study are not registered for formal Postgraduate Awards, but rather are attending isolated individual modules in standalone mode as Career Professional Development activities. Because of this standalone use of the modules, the assessments for any one module cannot depend on, or be linked to, attendance at other related modules, but must be limited to the content of that single module specifically.

Assessments cannot therefore explicitly encompass integration across several modules.
Further, many AMOR modules are also shared with other CDS Postgraduate programs (eg SEDC, MESE, DSP) which again reinforces the need for assessments to be limited to module specific content, as students from other programs may not have access to other AMOR modules.

Both AMOR Courses (DSM and MOR) are typically specialist niche areas with relatively small cohorts, mainly studying in part-time mode, which means that no elective options are available. Both courses have a fixed path of compulsory modules.

DSM students are often MOD personnel employed as technical Subject Matter Experts (SME) whose responsibilities are primarily in aspects such as procurement, acquisition, requirements, management, coordination and coherence. They are typically not developers or operators. Hence their coursework assessments relate primarily to their 'big-picture' need to understand a broad range of relevant issues.

Although few of them will normally develop or utilise the techniques, tools and methods directly, the coursework often employs those in order for the students to better understand what their contractors/vendors/subordinates will be doing, to enable them to communicate more effectively with those personnel as intelligent/educated customers.

In contrast, the MOR student body is smaller and yet more diverse. Their primary focus is on developing skills in the application of different approaches and techniques to problem-solving, analysis and decision-support in a defence context. For MOR it is perhaps more likely that the students themselves will directly use these technique in their real-world jobs.

Although the precise mix varies between the courses, both DSM and MOR employ assessments that are typically a mix of practical work and research-based assignments.

As both courses have a high proportion of part-time students (currently approaching 100% at the time of writing), assessed coursework must be able to be carried out away from facilities at CDS.

As coursework often involves access to suitable computer systems and specialist software (some of which is not generally academically available outside CDS at the Defence Academy), equipment pools are therefore maintained to allow students to borrow suitable systems to use at their remote stations. This includes laptops and peripherals (such as network switches, joysticks, steering wheels and VR systems), and also the necessary software tools and applications. Remote access to facilities in the SSEL is also offered.

[8] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Many of the taught AMOR modules have a high proportion of hands-on computer-based lab work and practical exercises, which allows the academic staff to provide immediate formative feedback, both individually and collectively at the time. With class sizes being typically small, this also often informally encourages student peer discussion (especially where group, collaborative effort is required) and allows taught theory to be quickly supported by, and related to, real world practical examples.

AMOR Advanced Modules require self-study work on individual, self-suggested topics. Although the formal summative assessment is through a written submission, students must also present their work to both staff and other students prior to the summative submission. This not only develops presentation skills, but also provides an opportunity for formative feedback from both teaching staff and peers. Advanced Modules are deliberately designed to foster independent study and research skills prior to MSc research project thesis work.

Group work occurs in one residential Advanced Module (NDSE) for DSM, which is the capstone of the taught phase of the year for full-time students, giving them an opportunity to apply and integrate learning from across their studies. While its formal summative assessment is based on individual written submissions, the 10-day nature of the exercise provides many opportunities for staff formative feedback and peer-learning. As with other Advanced Modules a student post-activity presentation is also required (NB a group presentation in this specific case) which, although not assessed, provides opportunities for further formative feedback.

Although part-time students have more freedom than full-time students, in terms of the order in which they attend/study modules, some prerequisites are stated which ensures that a logical progression is followed. Thus for example, Advanced Modules in a topic may not be taken until the base taught module in that area has been attended.

AMOR offers a limited amount of VLE-based distance learning, intended primarily to provide study flexibility for part-time students. Two taught modules on each Course are offered that way, with the modules each being made available once per academic term in a scheduled 10-week block.

The DSM Course in particular is currently adapting to better meet MOD's needs, at their explicit request. The main effort is to change focus away from teaching that is perceived as being 'too traditional and academic' to become more representative and inclusive of the contemporary issues that the MOD technical SME encounter. As these changes continue, this is likely to lead to an increase in case-based assessment based on real-world examples.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc**.. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Related Award	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[9]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[10]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[11] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[12] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[14]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[15]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	DSM MOR	R-AMOR-INTRO	Introductory Studies A & B	Dr J D Salt	*30*	0	0	*Y*	A:04/09/23 B:08/01/24	04/09/23 08/01/24	08/09/23 12/01/24	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	N/A
2	DSM	R-AMO R-FMS	Foundations of Modelling and Simulation A & B	Mr J M Hoggard	32	0	10	*Y*	A:11/09/23 B:15/01/24	11/09/23 15/01/24	15/09/23 19/01/24	40	ICW	100				A FT: 09/10/23A PT: 23/10/23 B PT: 26/02/24	A FT: 22/01/24 A PT: 22/07/24 B & C PT:

[9] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[10] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[11] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[12] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[13] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear androgogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[14] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[15] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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			C: Aerosystems only						C:04/03/24	04/03/24	08/03/24							C PT: 15/04/24	22/07/24
3	MOR	R-AMOR-IORT	Introduction to Operational Research Techniques	Mr J D Smith	30	0	10	Y	11/09/23	11/09/23	15/09/23	50	ICW	100				FT: 09/10/23 PT: 23/10/23	FT: 22/01/24 PT: 22/07/24
4	DSM	R-AMOR-MSAT	Modelling and Simulation Acquisition and Techniques	Mr J R Searle	32	0	10	Y	25/09/23	25/09/23	29/09/23	40	ICW	100				FT: 23/10/23 PT: 06/11/23	FT: 22/01/24 PT: 22/07/24
5	MOR	R-AMOR-DCS	Discrete and Continuous Simulation	Dr K R McNaught	30	0	10	Y	25/09/23	25/09/23	29/09/23	40	ICW	100				FT: 23/10/23 PT: 06/11/23	FT: 22/01/24 PT: 22/07/24
6	DSM	R-AMOR-RTG	Real Time Graphics A (FT) Real Time Graphics B, C and D (PT) **	Mr J M Hoggard	32	0	10	Y	A:09/10/23 B:09/10/23 C:15/01/24	09/10/23 09/10/23 15/01/24	13/10/23 15/12/23	40	ICW	100				A FT: 06/11/23 A PT: 20/11/23 B:18/12/23	A FT: 22/01/24 A PT: 22/07/24 B, C, D:

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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									D:20/05/24	20/05/24	22/03/24 26/07/24							C:25/03/24 D:29/07/24	Next 10-week VLE module block.
7	MOR	R-AMOR-DA	Decision Analysis	Dr K R McNaught	30	0	10	Y	A:09/10/23	09/10/23	13/10/23	50	ICW	100				FT: 06/11/23 PT: 20/11/23	A FT 22/01/24 A PT: 22/07/24
8	DSM MOR	R-AMOR-WGC	War Gaming and Combat Modelling A War Gaming and Combat Modelling B, C and D (PT) **	Mr J D Smith	30	0	10	Y	A:23/10/23 B:09/10/23 C:15/01/24 D:20/05/24	23/10/23 09/10/23 15/01/24 20/05/24	27/10/23 15/12/23 22/03/24 26/07/24	40	ICW	100				A FT: 20/11/23 A PT: 04/12/23 B:18/12/23 C:25/03/24 D:29/07/24	A FT: 22/01/24 A PT: 22/07/24 B, C, D: Next 10-week VLE module block.
9	MOR	R-AMOR-SAT	Statistical Analysis and Trials	Dr T J Ringrose	30	0	10	Y	08/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT: 05/02/24 PT: 19/02/24	FT: 22/04/24 PT: 22/07/24

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													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
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10	DSM	R-AMOR-EATS	Experimentation, Analysis and Trials for Simulation	Mr J D Smith	30	0	10	N	15/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT: 12/02/24 PT: 26/02/24	FT: 22/04/24 PT: 22/07/24
11	DSM	R-AMOR-SEVS	Synthetic Environments and Virtual Simulation	Mr J M Hoggard	32	0	10	N	29/01/24	29/01/24	02/02/24	40	ICW	100				FT: 26/02/24 PT: 11/03/24	FT: 22/04/24 PT: 22/07/24
12	DSM MOR	R-AMOR-WSAP	Weapon System Performance Assessment	Mr J D Smith	30	0	10	Y	12/02/24	12/02/24	16/02/24	40	ICW	100				FT: 11/03/24 PT: 25/03/24	FT: 22/04/24 PT: 22/07/24
13	MOR	R-AMOR-IS	Intelligent Systems	Mr Jon Miller	30	0	10	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT: 19/02/24 PT: 04/03/24	FT: 22/04/24 PT: 22/07/24
14	DSM	R-AMOR-NDS	Networked and Distributed Simulation	Mr J R Searle	32	0	10	Y	26/02/24	26/02/24	01/03/24	40	ICW	100				FT: 25/03/24 PT: 08/04/24	FT: 22/04/24 PT: 22/07/24

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15	MOR	R-AMOR-LM	Logistics Modelling A Logistics Modelling B, C & D (Pt) **	Dr J D Salt	30	0	10	Y	A:26/02/24 B:09/10/23 C:15/01/24 D:20/05/24	26/02/24 09/10/23 15/01/24 20/05/24	01/03/24 15/12/23 22/03/24 26/07/24	40	ICW	100				A FT: 25/03/24 A PT: 08/04/24 B:18/12/23 C:25/03/24 D:29/07/24	A FT: 22/04/24 A PT: 22/07/24 B, C, D: Next 10-week VLE module block.

**Subject to approval by the Course Director, this module may be available for non-residential, on-line distance learning study using the Cranfield Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). A 10-week block period for part time students to complete such on-line modules is typically offered once in each standard academic term and relates to occurrences B, D and D.

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ADVANCED MODULES AND PROJECT

Module Number	Module code	Related Award	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Residential' Start Date	Residential' End Date	Minimum Mark - 40% or 50%	Independent Assessment		Multi-part assessment			Submission dates	
													Type of Assessment	Weighting within module (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments (100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment	Assessment Submission and/or exam date	Assessment / Exam Retake date
16	R-AMOR-AD1	DSM MOR	Advanced Module #1 A (FT) Advanced Module #1 B, C & D (PT)	Mr J R Searle	5	0	10	Y	A FT: 06/11/23 B:09/10/23 C:15/01/23 D:20/05/24	06/11/23 09/10/23 15/01/23 20/05/24	17/11/23 15/12/23 22/03/24 26/07/24	40	ICW	100				A FT: 20/11/23 B:18/12/23 C:25/03/24 D:29/07/24	A FT: 22/07/24 B, C, D : Next 10-week VLE module block.
17	R-AMOR-AD2	DSM MOR	Advanced Module #2 A (FT) Advanced Module #2 B, C & D (PT)	Mr J R Searle	5	0	10	Y	A FT: 04/12/23 B:09/10/23 C:15/01/24 D:20/05/24	04/12/23 09/10/23 15/01/24 20/05/24	15/12/23 15/12/23 22/03/24 26/07/24	40	ICW	100				A FT: 18/12/23 B:18/12/23 C:25/03/24 D:29/07/24	A FT: 22/07/24 B, C, D: Next 10-week VLE module block.
18	R-AMOR-AD3	DSM MOR	Advanced Module #3 A (FT) Advanced Module #3 B, C & D (PT)	Mr J R Searle	5	0	10	Y	A FT: 11/03/24 B:09/10/23 C:15/01/24	11/03/24 09/10/23 15/01/24	22/03/24 15/12/23 22/03/24	40	ICW	100				A FT: 25/03/24 B:18/12/23 C:25/03/24	A FT: 22/07/24 B, C, D: Next 10-week VLE

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

								D:20/05/24	20/05/24	26/07/24							D:29/07/24	module block.
19	R-AMOR-NDSE	DSM	Networked and Distributed Simulation Exercise (DSM Advanced Module #4)	Mr J R Searle	10	0	10	N	15/04/24	15/04/24	26/04/24	40	ICW	100				FT/PT 29/04/24	22/07/24
20	R-AMOR-AD4	MOR	Advanced Module #4 A (FT) Advanced Modules #4 B, C & D (PT)	Mr J R Searle	5	0	10	N	A FT: 15/04/24 B:09/10/23 C:15/01/24 D:20/05/24	15/04/24 09/10/23 15/01/24 20/05/24	26/04/24 15/12/23 22/03/24 26/07/24	40	ICW	100				A FT: 29/04/24 B:18/12/23 C:25/03/24 D:29/07/24	A FT: 22/07/24 B, C, D: Next 10-week VLE module block.
21	R-AMR-THESIS	DSM MOR	Thesis	Mr J R Searle	N/A	N/A	80	Y	A FT: 08/01/24 B PT: 04/09/23 C PT: 08/01/24 D PT: 08/04/24	08/01/24 04/09/23 08/01/24 08/04/24	30/08/24 03/10/24 07/02/25 07/05/25	50	THESIS	100				FT: 30/08/24 B PT: 03/10/24 C PT: 07/02/25 D PT: 07/05/25	By arrange-ment By arrange-ment

Most Advanced Modules (except NDSE) comprise self-study, mini-project coursework, equivalent to 10 days effort for a full-time residential student (Occurrence A). For each part-time student the equivalent work will normally be conducted non-residentially over a block period of 10 weeks which is typically offered once in each standard academic term (Occurrences B, C and D). NDSE for the DSM Course however typically requires group-based self-study work and is therefore normally undertaken residentially at Shrivenham Campus alongside the full-time students.

Advanced Module Topics will typically be proposed individually by students to follow-on from previous studies in one or more standard taught modules as pre-requisites. Topics require the approval of the relevant Module Manager(s) and Course Director. NDSE is an exception to this, where the topic will be provided and students will work as a group.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Part-time students requiring to re-take Advanced Modules will complete the activity in the next scheduled 10 week block.

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
R-AMOR-FMS	Foundations of Modelling & Simulation	AMOR	MESE Defence and Security Programme AeroSystems
R-AMOR-IS	Intelligent Systems	AMOR	Defence and Security Programme
R-AMOR-WGC	War Gaming and Combat Modelling	AMOR	Defence and Security Programme
R-AMOR-RTG	Real Time Graphics	AMOR	Defence and Security Programme
R-AMOR-IORT	Introduction to Operational Research Techniques	AMOR	Defence and Security Programme
R-AMOR-LM	Logistics Modelling	AMOR	Defence and Security Programme
R-AMOR-SAT	Statistical Analysis and Trials	AMOR	Defence and Security Programme

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:
All the standard taught modules are assessed 100% by written individual coursework assignments. The coursework is normally issued at the beginning of the taught module. Full-time students are normally required to submit the coursework approximately three weeks after the end of the module. Of those three weeks, one week will always be clear of other activity and dedicated to that Coursework alone. Part-time students are normally required to submit the coursework approximately 5 weeks after the end of the module. It is felt that this mode of assessment best suits the practical and applied nature of the disciplines involved.

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Advanced modules (including NDSE for DSM) are 100% assessed by written individual coursework, which may include an optional viva. An individual presentation is also normally required, although this is a formative part of the learning experience and does not contribute to the summative assessment.

The MSc research project is assessed by a written thesis and may include an optional viva.

This approach has been adopted in order that the individual elements of the courses can be assessed by the most appropriate method and that students can demonstrate their understanding in a number of different ways.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

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Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1.	ILO 2.	ILO 3
2. FMS	ICW	ICW	ICW
4. MSAT	ICW	ICW	ICW
6. RTG	ICW	ICW	ICW
8. WGC	ICW	ICW	ICW
10. EATS	ICW	ICW	ICW
11. SEVS	ICW	ICW	ICW
12.WSAP	ICW		ICW
14. NDS	ICW	ICW	ICW
16. AM#1	ICW	ICW	ICW
17. AM#2	ICW	ICW	ICW
19. NDSE	ICW	ICW	ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 4.	ILO 5.	ILO 6.	ILO 7	ILO 8.	ILO 9.
2. FMS	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
4. MSAT	ICW	ICW	ICW			
6. RTG	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW
8. WGC	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		
10. EATS	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
11. EVS	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 4.	ILO 5.	ILO 6.	ILO 7	ILO 8.	ILO 9.
12. WSAP	ICW	ICW		ICW		
14. NDS	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
16. AM#1	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
17. AM#2	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
18. AM#3	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
19. NDSE	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	*ILO 10.*
21 THESIS	THESIS

MILITARY OPERATIONAL RESEARCH

D. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1.	ILO 2.	ILO 3	ILO 4.	ILO 5
3. IORT	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW
5. DCS		ICW	ICW		
7. DA	ICW	ICW	ICW		
8. WGC	ICW	ICW			
9. SAT	iCW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
12. WSAP		ICW		ICW	
13. IS			ICW		
15. LM			ICW	ICW	ICW
16. ADV#1	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
17. ADV#2	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
18. ADV#3	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW

E. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 6.		ILO 7.	ILO 8.	ILO 9	ILO 10.	ILO 11.	ILO 12.
3. IORT	ICW				ICW	ICW		

5. DCS				ICW	ICW			
7. DA				ICW	ICW	ICW		
8. WGC			ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	
9. SAT			ICW		ICW	ICW		
12. WSAP	ICW			ICW			ICW	
13. IS					ICW			
15. LM						ICW		
16. ADV#1			ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
17. ADV#2			ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
18. ADV#3			ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
20. ADV#4			ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW

F. MSc
In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessment:

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	***ILO 13.***
21 THESIS	THESIS

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

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10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Students on this course are generally either sponsored by their existing employer as preparation for specific roles in Training, Analysis, Acquisition and Experimentation in the Military, Defence Organisations or Defence Industry, or else are seeking employment in those areas.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee N-ASE-ELS N-ASE-GNCSS and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Astronautics and Space Engineering with variants in: MSc in Astronautics and Space Engineering (extended thesis) MSc in Astronautics and Space Engineering (Spacemaster) – *full-time option only*
Course code	MSASEFTC, MSASEPTC, MSASMFTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	Not Applicable
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Autonomous and Cyber-physical Systems
Course Director	Dr Jenny Kingston
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	NA
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	NA

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	NA
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	One year full-time, -three years part-time
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Aerospace Theme, Centre for Autonomous and Cyber-physical Systems where the research interests include:

- The design and development of both space and aeronautical systems.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

- The Erasmus Mundus (SpaceMaster) variant of the course is a two year programme taught jointly with other European institutions. The SpaceMaster involves prior learning and teaching for the first year from Lulea Technical University (Sweden).

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- Equip students from backgrounds in engineering or physical science with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to enable them to contribute to the European space industry or to space-related research.
- Develop students' specialist technical skills and to give students an awareness of space system engineering so that their specialist skills can be most effectively applied.
- Develop the transferable skills of students for a professional career in the space industry or research.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- New graduates seeking to pursue a career in the space industry.

- Practitioners in the sector, particularly at junior and middle management levels, who are seeking to expand their knowledge and skills in space systems engineering in order to further develop their careers.
- Practitioners who are not employed in the sector, who are seeking a career in the space industry.
- Both practitioners and new graduates seeking to pursue doctoral research in the area of spacecraft engineering.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

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In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Demonstrate a systematic knowledge, understanding and critical evaluation of the key principles of the main spacecraft disciplines (propulsion, orbits, communications, structure, data handling, etc.) and be competent to analyse performance quantitatively.
ILO 2. Demonstrate a critical judgement of their specialist subject area(s) at a level appropriate to new recruits to the space industry such that they are able to contribute directly without significant further training.
ILO 3. Demonstrate a systematic knowledge of the organisation of the space industry and typical space projects, within the wider economic, legal, social, ethical and environmental context.
ILO 4. Be able to apply their knowledge and understanding practically to the design and analysis of space systems.
ILO 5. Write a technical report to communicate their work clearly to others.
ILO 6. Demonstrate the ability to make an effective oral presentation to describe the execution and results of a technical project.
ILO 7. Plan, execute and manage a small research project.
ILO 8. Work effectively as a member of a team on a technical project.
ILO 9. Undertake independent study and research.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Assessed modules comprising lectures and workshops.
- Attendance-only modules which are not directly assessed but build overall breadth and depth of space engineering knowledge, and which can be applied within the project work.
- Lectures and workshops delivered by industry practitioners, demonstrating the application of theory to various examples and case studies.
- Industry visits where possible to demonstrate industry practice and facilities.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

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The accumulation of 200 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules and the successful completion of the Thesis as detailed below:

Astronautics and Space Engineering (standard course)

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1 to 3 Group Design Project: 11 Individual Research Project:12 OR Individual Research Project Internship Option: 13 Research Skills: 22	30 60 90 90 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
2 modules chosen from: 4-10	20
OPTIONAL MODULES:	
Any modules chosen from: 15-21, 23-27	0
TOTAL:	200

Astronautics and Space Engineering (extended thesis option)

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1 to 3 Extended Individual Research Project: 14 Research Skills: 22	30 150 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
2 modules chosen from: 4-10	20
OPTIONAL MODULES:	
Any modules chosen from: 15-21, 23-27	0
TOTAL:	200

Astronautics and Space Engineering (Spacemaster variant)

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Accredited prior learning at Lulea Technical University Module: 3 Individual Research Project: 12 OR Individual Research Project Internship Option: 13	120 10 90

Research Skills: 22	90 0
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
2 modules chosen from: 4-10	20
OPTIONAL MODULES	
Any modules chosen from: 15-21, 23-27	0
TOTAL:	240

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee);[3] [4]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

[3] For students who were registered before 1 August 2015, the requirement to obtain a minimum mark for a taught assessment will not apply for taught assessment taken before 31 August 2015 (unless the assessment was designated as a "key assessment" under the previous Assessment Rules).

[4] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are normally expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months.

Part-time students usually register for the course in September and are normally expected to complete the course within 3 years. (2 to 5 years is possible.)

The majority of lecture modules take place between October and March and run in parallel with the Group Design Project which concludes by early May. The Individual Research Project Component runs from March through to the end of the programme in September. An Extended Thesis variant of the course offers a longer more in-depth Individual Research Project Component that runs from November to the end of the programme instead of participation in the Group Design Project. This is generally aimed at students who have already had significant group project experience (for example in prior work in industry).

This course is also offered on a part-time basis. Students would instead complete the extended thesis variant of the course over the registration period, usually completing the taught element of the programme before starting the individual research project.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[5]

Summative assessments have been chosen to align with the stated ILOs for each course element, and also to provide a range of assessment types. These assessments cover key communication skills (written, oral, and team-working), and include elements where assessed work is performed both with (group project) and without (examination) peer collaboration, to assure robustness of the evaluation of an individual student's performance.

The range of assessment types allows for diversity within the cohort, and provision is made for part-time students in terms of additional time allocated to assignments and thesis. Appropriate provision is also made on a case-by-case basis for students with a Learning Support Agreement.

A large proportion of the summative assessments (assignments, oral presentations and reports/theses) include provision of formative feedback for enhancing learning. For example, feedback provided on the Group Design Project reports is targeted to enhance skills development for the subsequent thesis work. Formative industry feedback is also provided on the Group Design Project (at the Industry Day) and at the final IRP poster presentation.

Taught modules, including attendance-only modules) in general include elements of formative assessment, and these are described in the Module Descriptors.

[5] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to t. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Numbe		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[6]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturer[7]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[8] - 40% or 50%	Independent Assessment					Submission dates	
													Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[9] (%)	Weighting within mdule of multi-part assessments[10](100%)		Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[11]	Assessment and/or Submission exam date[12]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1		N-ASE-AMA	Astrodynamics and Mission Analysis	Dr Marta Ceccaroni	20	0	10	N	06/11/2023	06/11/2023	17/11/2023	50	EX	100				4/01/2024	06/24
2		N-ASE-SSE	Space Systems Engineering	Dr Jenny Kingston	26	0	10	N	09/10/2023	09/10/2023	20/11/2023	50	EX	100				11/12/2023	06/23
3		N-ASE-SP	Space Propulsion	Dr Enric Grustar	26	0	10	Y	11/10/2023	11/10/2023	01/12/2023	50	EX	100				14/12/2023	06/23

[6] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[7] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[8] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[9] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually.
[10] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%.
[11] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[12] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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4	N-ASE-SCO4	Satellite Communications (New Name)	Dr Saba Al-Rubaye	22	0	10	N	07/11/2023	07/11/2023	15/11/2023	40	ICW	100				FT 12/01/2024 PT 26/01/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
5	N-ASE-GNCSS	Guidance Navigation and Control of Space Systems	Dr Leonard Felicetti	36	0	10	N	06/11/2023	06/11/2023	24/11/2023	40	ICW	100				FT 19/01/2024PT 02/02/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
6	N-ASE-AFEM	Finite Element Methods	Dr Jenny Kingston	35	22	10	N	20/11/2023	20/11/2023	08/12/2023	40	ICW	100				FT 23/02/2024 PT 01/03/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
7	N-ALS-ACAS	Advanced Composite Analysis and Impact	Dr Hessam Ghasemnejad	20		10	Y	23/10/2023	23/10/2023	27/11/2023	40	ICW	100				24/11/203	03/03/2024

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8	N-ASE-SADC	Spacecraft Attitude Dynamics and Control	Dr Leonard Felicetti	22	22	10	N	29/01/2024	29/01/2024	02/02/2024	40	ICW	100				FT 01/03/2024 PT 15/03/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
9	N-ASE-GPS	Aerospace Navigation and Sensors	Dr Leonard Felicetti	24	0	10	Y	19/02/2024	19/02/2024	01/03/2024	40	ICW	100				FT 29/03/2024 PT 12/04/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
10	N-ASE-ATD	Mathematics and Programming for Astrodynamics and Trajectory Design	Dr Joan Pau Sanchez	20	0	10	N	05/02/2024	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	40	IPRAC	100				FT 08/03/2024 PT 22/03/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
11	N-ASE-GP	Group Design Project	Dr Jenny Kingston	40-60	0	60	N	03/10/2023	03/10/2023	19/04/2024	50 50	ICW IPRES	90 10				12/04/2024 15/03/2024	SEPT 2024
12	N-ASE-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Dr Jenny Kingston	20	0	90	N	01/04/2024	01/04/2024	21/08/2024	50	THESIS	100				21/08/2024	

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13	N-ASE-INTHES	Individual Research Project Internship Option	Dr Jenny Kingston	20	0	90	N	01/04/2024	01/04/2024	06/09/2024	50	THESIS	100				06/09/2024	
14	N-ASE-EIRP	Extended Individual Research Project	Dr Jenny Kingston	40	0	150	N	25/03/2024	25/03/2024	10/10/2025	50	THESIS	100				10/10/2025	
15	N-ASE-LRE	Launch and Re-entry Aerodynamics	Dr Simon Prince	20	0	0	N	18/03/2024	18/03/2024	22/03/2024	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
16	N-ASE-ELS	Humans in Space and associated ECLSS	Prof David Cullen	10	0	0	N	15/01/2024	15/01/2024	19/01/2024	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
17	N-ASD-MDS	Modelling of Dynamics Systems	Dr James Whidborne	13	0	0	Y	23/10/2023	23/10/2023	27/10/2023	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
18	N-ASE-ODH	On Board Data Handling and Software Development	Dr Stephen Hobbs	10	0	0	N	15/01/2024	15/01/2024	19/01/2024	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
19	N-ASE-SE	Space Environment	Dr Jenny Kingston	10	0	0	N	08/01/2024	08/01/2024	12/01/2024	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
20	N-ASE-PEI	Payload Engineering and Instrumentation	Dr Stephen Hobbs	12	0	0	N	30/10/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
21	N-ASE-EOE	Earth Observation and the Environment	Dr Stephen Hobbs	12	0	0	N	12/02/2024	12/02/2024	16/02/2023	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
22	N-ASE-RS	Research Skills	Dr Stephen Hobbs	4	0	0	N	10/01/2024	10/01/2024	12/01/2024	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a

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23	N-ASE-SM	Structural Mechanics	Dr Jason Brown	20	0	0	N	16/10/2023	16/10/2023	03/11/203	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
24	N-ASE-ISP	Impact Dynamics and Spacecraft Protection	Dr Jason Brown	15	0	0	N	30/10/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
25	N-ASE-CAD	Introduction to Computer Aided Design (CAD)	Dr Jafar Jamshidi	12	0	0	N	08/01/2024	08/01/2024	12/01/2024	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
26	N-ASE-TDS	Thermal Analysis and Design Software	Dr Jenny Kingston	10	0	0	N	26/02/2024	26/02/2024	01/03/2024	n/a	AO	n/a				n/a	n/a
27	N-ASE-AST (New Code	Astrodynamics Software Tutorial (New Module)	Dr Marta Ceccaroni	4	0	0	N	22/01/2024	22/01/2024	26/01/2024		AO						

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

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N-ASE-SP	Space Propulsion	Astronautics and Space Engineering	Thermal Power
N-ASD-MDS	Modelling of Dynamic Systems	Aerospace Dynamics	Aerospace Dynamics
N-ALS-ACAS	Advanced Composite Analysis and Impact	Advanced Lightweight and Composite Structures	Astronautics and Space Engineering

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types. In the standard course, students can expect to have 3 written examinations, 4 pieces of assessment by submitted work (coursework/ practical work, report, thesis) and 2 elements of formative or summative assessment by oral presentation.

This approach has been adopted in order to ensure all students achieve the intended learning outcomes of the programme.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

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Award ILOs / **Module No.**	ILO 1.	ILO 2.	ILO 3.	ILO 4.	ILO 5.	ILO 6.	ILO 7.	ILO 8.	ILO 9.
1	EX	EX		EX					
2	EX	EX	EX	EX					
3	EX	EX		EX					
4	ICW	ICW		ICW					
5	ICW	ICW		ICW					
6	ICW	ICW		ICW					
7	ICW	ICW		ICW					
8	ICW	ICW		ICW					
9	ICW	ICW		ICW					
10	IPRAC	IPRAC		IPRAC					
11	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	IPRES		ICW	

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12	THESIS	THESIS		THESIS	THESIS		THESIS		THESIS
13	THESIS	THESIS		THESIS	THESIS		THESIS		THESIS
14	THESIS	THESIS		THESIS	THESIS		THESIS		THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	**Modules Covered**	**Assessment**	
		Type	Weight (%)
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10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The vast majority of our graduates are recruited by both the space industry and space-related academic groups. The positions cover a wide range of engineering disciplines all with the requirement for the broad space systems understanding that the course provides.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

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Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Automotive Engineering
Course code	MSAEGFTC, PDAEGFTC, PCAEGFTC
Academic Year	2023/2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PGDip, PGCert
Mode of delivery	Full-Time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Advanced Vehicle Engineering Centre
Course Director	Dr Efstathios Velenis
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
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Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
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UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Transport Systems Theme, Advanced Vehicle Engineering Centre where the research interests include:

- Vehicle Electrification
- Battery Technology
- Vehicle Autonomy
- Vehicle Braking Systems
- Hydrogen Transport Research

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) until August 2025 and The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this Automotive programme in order to:

- Meet employer demand for post graduate engineers who have strong applied analytical skills in all areas of vehicle system and component design to meet the challenging market and legislative demands for vehicle safety, performance and sustainability.
- Provide a primary training and dissemination route for Cranfield University's increasing research portfolio in the area of low carbon vehicle technologies and design methods.
- Supply to the automotive industry (and associated supply chain) high calibre post graduate engineers with the technical qualities, transferable skills, and independent learning ability to make them effective in organisations that design and develop automotive products.

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) exit routes are provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- EU or international students with a 1st class or 2nd class UK honours degree (or equivalent) in an engineering related discipline.
- Qualifying Double Degree students from the EU.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Evaluate how the automotive design process is led by legislation.
ILO 2. Differentiate between the vehicle systems and subcomponents and appraise the interdependency.
ILO 3. Evaluate how automotive global emissions are impacted by powertrain and body design.
ILO 4. Identify the impact of design and processes during powertrain operations that affect the production of emissions and how these are abated to meet legislative requirements.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Appraise and evaluate the structure of different vehicle types and assess the impact of different materials and load path faults during vehicle design.
ILO 6. Critically evaluate the ride quality, dynamics, and control of vehicles through modelling techniques.
ILO 7. Evaluate and design fundamental vehicle concepts including the interdependency between structure, powertrain, aerodynamics, suspension, and braking systems including legislative requirements.
ILO 8. Appraise the role of a team manager and identify the steps in problem solving during the automotive design process.

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 9. Critically evaluate and assess the results of independently scholarly research.
ILO 10. Plan and implement a programme of individual research with effective written and oral communication of results.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

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- The provision of non-assessed study-skills training covering areas such as; academic report writing, presentation skills, research skills and working with University facilities (IT, library, Student Support Services).
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- The opportunity to complete an individual Research Project, which may be sponsored by industry and using industry scale laboratory facilities and software packages.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Vehicle Design, Propulsion and Performance (module 1)	10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
50 credits from the following taught modules: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	50
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,8 Module 9	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,8 Module 9 Module 10	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months. This programme is not offered on a part-time basis.

The taught modules are preceded by an introductory, non-assessed, study skills module. The taught modules are delivered in a modular format and will typically last for one week. Throughout terms one and two, sufficient non-structured learning and teaching time is scheduled to facilitate independent learning, the completion of assessed work and for personal reflection.

Within the first term, all students participating on the automotive programme will attend the combined (core) automotive modules. Students will attend specialist modules for Automotive Engineering in the first and second term. From term two and for the duration of the 3rd term, students will complete the Group Design Project and have the opportunity to undertake their individual Research Project. There are no elective elements within the individual courses.

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment strategy encompasses individual as well as group work. There is a blend of assignments and examinations across the assessed modules, although it is important to note that each module has one form of assessment. The modules contribute 80 credits (40%). Where the group design project is concerned, assessment comprises group report and presentation. This equates to 40 credits in total (20%). Finally, the remaining 80 credits (40%) are assigned to the individual research project. Here the distribution is 80% for the thesis and 20% for the thesis individual presentation. The combination of these forms of assessment with their various weightings determine the award of the Master's degree. In addition, there are exit routes of Postgraduate Diploma (PgD) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgC) should the student not attain the MSc award. Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

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- The opportunity to complete an individual Research Project, which may be sponsored by industry and using industry scale laboratory facilities and software packages.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
0		N-AEG-IND	Automotive Engineering Induction	Efstathios Velenis	16		N/A	N	25/09/2023	25/09/2023	29/09/2023	N/A	N/A						
1		N-AP-VDP	Vehicle Design Propulsion and Performance	Glenn Sherwood	30		10	Y	02/10/2023	02/10/2023	06/10/2023	50	GPRES	100				11/10/23 at 20:00	14/06/2024
2		N-AP-AE02	Powertrain Simulation and Performance	Dr Glenn Sherwood	30		10	N	27/11/2023	27/11/2023	01/12/2023	50	GCW	100				08/12/2023 16:00	07/06/2024

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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3		N-AP-AE03	Automotive Control and Simulation	Prof Daniel Auger	30		10	Y	9/10/2023	16/10/2023	20/10/2023	50	ICW	100				27/10/2023 16:00	17/05/2024
4		N-AP-VSC	Vehicle Structures	Dr Marzio Grasso	30		10	N	22/01/2024	22/01/2024	31/01/2024	50	GPRES	100				01-02/02/2024	05/07/2024
5		N-APE-VMAN	Vehicle Materials and Manufacturing	Dr Tim Rose	30		10	N	08/01/2024	08/01/2024	12/01/2024	50	ICW	100				19/01/2024 16:00	19/07/2024
6		N-AP-AE05	Vehicle Dynamics	Dr Efstathios Velenis	30		10	Y	13/11/2023	13/11/2023	17/11/2023	50	EX	100				Exam week 2 02/01/2024 to 05/01/2024	Exam week 7 (3-7 June 2024)
7		N-AP-AM05	Vehicle Electrification and Hybridisation	Dr Efstathios Siampis	30		10	Y	30/10/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	50	EX	100				Exam week 2 02/01/2024 to 05/01/2024	Exam week 6 (20-24 May 2024)
8		N-AP-AERO	Automotive Aerodynamics	Dr Anderson Proenca	30		10	N	05/02/2024	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	50	GCW	100				16/02/2024 16:00	14/06/2024
9		N-AP-AE11	Automotive Engineering Design Project	Dr Timothy Rose	60		40	N	19/02/2024	19/02/2024	26/04/2024	50 50 50	ICW GCW GPRES	20 64 16				26/04/2024 16:00 19/04/2024 16:00 22/04/2024	Next opportunity

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10		N-AP-AE13	Thesis	Dr Abbas Fotouhi	10		80	Y	01/10/2022	29/04/2024	30/08/2024	50 50	THESIS IPRES	80 20				19/08/2024 27/08/2024 - 29/08/2024	Next opportunity

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-AP-VDP	Vehicle Design, Propulsion and Performance (shared teaching Automotive Mechatronics and CAVE)	Automotive Engineering	Automotive Mechatronics CAVE
N-AP-AE03	Automotive Control and Simulation	Automotive Engineering	Automotive Mechatronics
N-AP-AE05	Vehicle Dynamics	Automotive Engineering	Automotive Mechatronics
N-AP-AM05	Vehicle Electrification and Hybridisation	Automotive Mechatronics	Automotive Engineering
N-AP-AE13	Individual Research Project	Automotive Engineering	Automotive Mechatronics CAVE

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

- In Term 1 modules 6 and 7 are assessed via written examinations that will be set early in late term1/early term 2. Conversely, modules 3 and 5 will be assessed via an individual assignment. It is noteworthy that these assignments will be aligned to the respective ILOs and may include elements of computer-based analysis, model development and simulation.

- Modules in the second term (2, 4) are assessed by assignment that has a computer based analysis. . As with the core modules, the nature of the summative assignments in all cases will be constructively aligned to the respective module ILOs and may include an element of written work, oral presentation, numerical analysis, and experimentation.

- Module 9 represents an extended Group Project Activity and is assessed via a combination of written and presentation.

- The individual Research Project is assessed via a written thesis and a thesis individual presentation.

This approach has been adopted because:

The Automotive Engineering course has been running since 1960 and is constantly updated to reflect current industry practice. The experience of the course teaching team feel that this is the most appropriate blend of assessments to fulfil the ILO's.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4
1	GPRES	GPRES	GPRES	GPRES
2			GCW	GCW
3		ICW		
4	GPRES	GPRES		
5	ICW		ICW	
6	EX	EX	EX	
7		EX		EX
8			GCW	

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7	ILO8
1			GPRES	
2			GCW	
3		ICW		
4	GPRES			
5	ICW			
6		EX	EX	
7			EX	
8			GCW	
9	GCW GPRES ICW		GCW GPRES ICW	GCW GPRES ICW

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO9	ILO10
10	THESIS / IPRES	THESIS / IPRES

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

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Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6-year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

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10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The following patterns have emerged with regard to the future career paths for those graduates who have successfully studied automotive engineering:

- Continued higher education – PhD Research, both within Cranfield University or within other high ranking UK/EU Universities
- Employment within internationally leading vehicle manufacturers, including:
    - Toyota Europe (Belgium)
    - PSA (France)
    - Jaguar Cars / Land Rover (UK)
    - Bentley Motors (UK)
    - Ford (UK)
- Employment within internationally leading engineering consultancies and system suppliers to the automotive industry, including:
    - AVL (UK and Europe)
    - Ricardo Consulting Engineers (UK)
    - TRW (UK)
    - Bosch (Germany)

Graduands will typically take-up a graduate / senior engineering role, within the respective product development or research departments of the employing organisations and which are often linked to an accelerated promotion scheme.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

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Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Automotive Mechatronics
Course code	MSAMCFTC, PDAMCFTC, PCAMCFTC
Academic Year	2023-2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PGDip, PGCert
Mode of delivery	Full-Time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Advanced Vehicle Engineering Centre
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Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

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- Connected and Autonomous Vehicles
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- Multi-domain Modelling
- Vehicle Dynamics
- Novel Engine Technology
- Vehicle Braking Systems

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) until August 2026 and The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) until August 2025 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- Meet employer demand for post graduate engineers who have strong applied analytical skills in all areas of vehicle system and component design to meet the challenging market and legislative demands for vehicle safety, Performance and sustainability.
- Provide a primary training and dissemination route for Cranfield University's increasing research portfolio in the area of low carbon vehicle technologies and design methods.
- Supply to the automotive industry (and associated supply chain) high calibre post graduate engineers with the technical qualities, transferable skills and independent learning ability to make them effective in organisations that design and develop automotive products.

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) exit routes are provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- EU or international students with a 1st class or 2nd class UK honours degree (or equivalent) in an engineering related discipline.
- Qualifying Double Degree students from the EU.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Analyse key engineering subjects as applied to automotive mechatronics.
ILO 2. Judge the technologies which underpin automotive mechatronics.
ILO 3. Rate engineering related disciplines in the context of automotive mechatronics.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Formulate managerial skills for a group project.
ILO 5. Evaluate one or more automotive mechatronics applications.
ILO 6. Assess their personal development with reference to individual contribution in a team working context.

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 7. Appraise an area or areas of automotive mechatronics through individual research.
ILO 8. Synthesise their individual research in the form of a thesis report and poster.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Provision of lectures from academics from selected UK Universities to support the programme in areas outside the technical expertise of Cranfield University.
- Provision of lectures from leading industry experts and practitioners highlighting the practical implementation and constraints associated with the theoretical principles introduced on the programme.
- All course material is available via the web-based learning environment Canvas.
- The course is timetabled as a series of modules thereby allowing diligent students to effectively manage the assessment requirements of the course.
- The provision of non-assessed study-skills training covering areas such as academic report writing, presentation skills, research skills and working with University facilities (IT, library, Student Support Services).
- The extensive use of tutorial sessions and computer aided engineering exercises employing software packages commonly utilised in industry, including Matlab, WAVE/AVL BOOST and CAE/CATIA.
- The opportunity to complete an individual Research Project, which may be sponsored by industry and using industry scale laboratory facilities and software packages.

Through the Taught Modules, Group Design and individual Research Project, students are encouraged to develop their transferable skills (such as oral and written communication skills, independent learning, networking, and project management).

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate
The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
60 credits from the following taught modules: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	60
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma
The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 Module 9	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc
In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 Module 9 Module 10	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months. This programme is not offered on a part-time basis.

The taught modules are preceded by an introductory, non-assessed, study skills module. The taught modules are delivered in a modular format and will typically last for one week. Throughout terms one and two, sufficient non-structured learning and teaching time is scheduled to facilitate independent learning, the completion of assessed work and for personal reflection.

Within the first term, all students participating on the automotive programme will attend the combined (core) automotive modules. Students will attend specialist modules for Automotive Mechatronics in the first and second term. From term two and for the duration of the 3rd term, students will complete the Group Design Project and have the opportunity to undertake their individual Research Project. There are no elective elements within the individual courses.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment strategy encompasses individual as well as group work. There is a blend of assignments and examinations across the assessed modules, although it is important to note that each module has one form of assessment. The modules contribute 80 credits (40%). Where the group design project is concerned, assessment comprises group report and presentation, and an individual

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

contribution component. This equates to 40 credits in total (20%). Finally, the remaining 80 credits (40%) are assigned to the individual research project. Here the distribution is 80% for the thesis and 20% for the thesis individual presentation. The combination of these forms of assessment with their various weightings determine the award of the Master's degree. In addition, there are exit routes of Postgraduate Diploma (PgD) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgC) should the student not attain the MSc award.
Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Provision of lectures from academics from selected UK Universities to support the programme in areas outside the technical expertise of Cranfield University.
- Provision of lectures from leading industry experts and practitioners highlighting the practical implementation and constraints associated with the theoretical principles introduced on the programme.
- All course material is available via the web-based learning environment Canvas.
- The course is timetabled as a series of modules thereby allowing diligent students to effectively manage the assessment requirements of the course.
- The provision of non-assessed study-skills training covering areas such as; academic report writing, presentation skills, research skills and working with University facilities (IT, library, Student Support Services).
- The extensive use of tutorial sessions and computer aided engineering exercises employing software packages commonly utilised in industry, including Matlab, WAVE/AVL BOOST and CAE/CATIA.
- The opportunity to complete an individual Research Project, which may be sponsored by industry and using industry scale laboratory facilities and software packages.
- Provision of a Personal Development Programme integrated throughout the Taught Modules and an individual Research Project that encourages the development of transferable skills (such as oral and written communication skills, independent learning and project management).

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
													Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
									Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[9] (100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
0		N-AMC-IND	Automotive Mechatronics Induction	Dr Efstathios Velenis	11		0	N	25/09/2023	25/09/2023	29/09/2023	N/A	N/A					N/A	
1		N-AP-AE03	Automotive Control and Simulation	Dr Daniel Auger	30		10	Y	16/10/2023	16/10/2023	20/10/2023	50	ICW	100				27/10/2023 16:00	17/05/2024
2		N-AP-AE05	Vehicle Dynamics	Dr Efstathios Velenis	30		10	Y	13/11/2023	13/11/2023	17/11/2023	50	EX	100				Exam week 2 02/01/2024 to 05/01/2024	Exam week 7 (3-7 June 2024)

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice.
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Module Number		Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
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3		N-AP-VDP	Vehicle Design Propulsion and Performance	Dr Glenn Sherwood	30		10	N	02/10/2023	02/10/2023	06/10/2023	50	GPRES	100				11/10/2023	14/06/2024
4		N-AP-AM01	Mechatronics Modelling for Vehicle Systems	Dr Stefano Longo	30		10	Y	27/11/2023	27/11/2023	01/12/2023	50	ICW	100				08/12/2023 16:00	07/06/2024
5		N-AP-AM02	Advanced Control and Optimisation	Dr Daniel Auger	30		10	Y	02/01/2024	08/01/2024	12/01/2024	50	ICW	100				19/01/2024 16:00	19/07/2024
6		N-AP-AM03	Vehicle Control Applications	Dr Marco Cecotti	30		10	Y	05/02/2024	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	50	ICW	100				16/02/2024 16:00	14/06/2024
7		N-AP-AM04	Embedded Vehicle Control Systems	Dr Stefano Longo	30		10	Y	22/01/2024	22/01/2024	26/01/2024	50	ICW	100				02/02/2024 16:00	05/07/2024
8		N-AP-AM05	Vehicle Electrification and Hybridisation	Dr Efstathios Siampis	30		10	Y	30/10/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	50	EX	100				Exam week 2 02/01/2024 to 05/01/2024	Exam week 6 (20-24 May 2024)
9		N-AP-AE12	Automotive Mechatronics Group Project	Dr Efstathios Siampis	60		40	N	19/02/2024	19/02/2024	26/04/2024	50 50 50	ICW GCW GPRES	20 64 16				26/04/2024 16:00	Next opportunity

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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																		19/04/2024 16:00 22/04/2024	
10		N-AP-AE13	Thesis	Dr Abbas Fotouhi	10		80	Y	01/10/2023	29/04/2024	30/08/2024	50 50	THESIS IPRES	80 20				19/08/2024 16:00 27/08/2024 – 29/08/2024	Next opportunity

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-AP-VDP	Vehicle Design, Propulsion and Performance	Automotive Engineering	CAVE Automotive Mechatronics
N-AP-AM03	Vehicle Control Applications	Automotive Mechatronics	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics Jaguar Land Rover TAS Scheme (not running this year)
N-AP-AM01	Mechatronics Modelling for Vehicle Systems	Automotive Mechatronics	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics Jaguar Land Rover TAS Scheme (not running this year)
N-AP-AM02	Advanced Control and Optimisation	Automotive Mechatronics	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics Jaguar Land Rover TAS Scheme (not running this year)
N-AP-AM04	Embedded Vehicle Control Systems	Automotive Mechatronics	Advanced Motorsport Mechatronics Jaguar Land Rover TAS Scheme (not running this year) Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Engineering (Automotive)
N-AP-AE03	Automotive Control and Simulation	Automotive Engineering	Automotive Engineering, Automotive Mechatronics
N-AP-AE05	Vehicle Dynamics	Automotive Engineering	Automotive Engineering, Automotive Mechatronics
N-AP-AM05	Vehicle Electrification and Hybridisation	Automotive Mechatronics	Automotive Engineering, Automotive Mechatronics
N-AP-AE13	Individual Research Project	Automotive Engineering	Automotive Engineering, Automotive Mechatronics Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Engineering (Automotive)

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

- In Term 1 modules 2 and 8 are assessed via written examinations that will be set early in term 2. Conversely, modules 1 and 3 will be assessed via an individual assignment. It is noteworthy that these assignments will be aligned to the respective ILOs and may include elements of computer-based analysis, model development and simulation.

- The specialised modules starting in term one and through to the second term (4, 5, 6, 7) are assessed by assignment that has a computer-based analysis. As with the core modules, the

nature of the summative assignments in all cases will be constructively aligned to the respective module ILOs and may include an element of written work, oral presentation, numerical analysis and experimentation.

- Module 9, represents an extended open-ended Group Project Activity and is assessed via a combination of written and presentation.

- The individual Research Project is assessed via a written thesis and oral examination.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7	ILO8
1	ICW	ICW	ICW					
2	EX	EX	EX					
3	GPRES	GPRES	GPRES					
4	ICW	ICW	ICW					
5	ICW	ICW	ICW					
6	ICW	ICW	ICW					
7	ICW	ICW	ICW					
8	EX	EX	EX					

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7	ILO8
9				ICW GCW GPRES	ICW GCW GPRES	ICW		

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO7	ILO8
10	THESIS	THESIS

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO7	ILO8
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CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6-year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition, students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational, and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5-year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The following patterns have emerged with regard to the future career paths for those graduates who have successfully studied automotive engineering:

- Continued higher education – PhD Research, both within Cranfield University or within other high ranking UK/EU Universities
- Employment within internationally leading vehicle manufacturers, including:
    - Toyota Europe (Belgium)
    - PSA (France)
    - Jaguar Cars / Land Rover (UK)
    - Bentley Motors (UK)
    - Ford (UK)
- Employment within internationally leading engineering consultancies and system suppliers to the automotive industry, including:
    - AVL (UK and Europe)
    - Ricardo Consulting Engineers (UK)
    - TRW (UK)
    - Bosch (Germany)

Graduands will typically take-up a graduate / senior engineering role, within the respective product development or research departments of the employing organisations and which are often linked to an accelerated promotion scheme.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Autonomous Vehicle Dynamics and Control
Course code	MSAVCFTC, PDAVCFTC, PCAVCFTC
Academic Year	2023/2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert (PDAVCFTC, PCAVCFTC only as exit routes)
Mode of delivery	Full-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Autonomous and Cyber-Physical Systems
Course Director	Dr Argyrios Zolotas
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	NA
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	NA
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	NA

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Aerospace Theme, Centre for Astronautics and Cyber-Physical Systems where the research interests include:

- Autonomous Systems
- Dynamics and Control for Autonomous Systems
- Sensor Fusion
- Artificial Intelligence for Autonomous Systems
- Decision-making in Autonomous Systems
- Guidance and Navigation for Autonomous Systems
- Autonomous Systems Design and Operation

Teaching and/or assessment is conducted at the Cranfield Campus.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

The MSc in Autonomous Vehicle Dynamics and Control is accredited by the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) on behalf of the Engineering Council as further learning for CEng until August 2026.
Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

The global market for aerial, ground, and marine Autonomous Vehicles has grown rapidly due to the advent of drones and driverless cars. Defence, Aerospace, Automotive, and Marine Industries seek graduates conversant in key aspects of Autonomy including: dynamics & control, guidance & navigation, decision making, sensor fusion, artificial intelligence, communication & and networking. These durable and transferrable skills are the bedrock of this unique MSc course whose content has been based on advice from the Industrial Advisory Board, comprising the relevant Industrial representatives from Big Primes to Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.

The Autonomous Vehicle Dynamics and Control MSc is a unique course for graduates in engineering, physics, or mathematics wishing to acquire durable and transferrable skills in Autonomous Vehicles in order to pursue career opportunities in Defence, Aerospace, Automotive, and Marine Industries. Successful graduates of our MSc course become conversant in key aspects of Autonomy which advantageously differentiates them in today's competitive employment market

The taught part of the Autonomous Vehicle Dynamics and Control MSc course comprises eight ten-credit modules, followed by a forty-credit group project. The ten-credit modules are:

1) Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
2) UAS Dynamics and Control
3) UAS Modelling & Simulation
4) Sensor Fusion
5) Artificial Intelligence for Autonomous Systems
6) Guidance & Navigation Systems for UAS
7) Autonomous Vehicle Control Systems
8) Logic and Automated Reasoning

The linchpin of the taught part is the group project in which the students design, build and fly an unmanned aerial vehicle, thus integrating and applying the knowledge acquired in modules 1–8.

The taught part of the course is followed by Individual Research Projects (IRPs) and the topic of each of the IRPs is provided by one of the member of the Industrial Advisory Board. The real-world relevance of the IRP topics is another unique feature of our MSc course and is another effective differentiator in the job market.

Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma are exit routes only.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Engineers wishing to apply their skills into new areas.
- Qualified engineers working with autonomous systems.
- Recent STEM graduates wishing to extend their knowledge and skills in the above areas.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Distinguish the primary engineering challenges of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) analysis and design.
ILO 2. Appreciate technology and operations of UAS.
ILO 3. Analyse, design and relate control systems and their applications to UAS.
ILO 4. Formulate, analyse and simulate dynamic models of an air vehicle.
ILO 5. Appraise and utilise fundamental guidance and navigation techniques for UAS.
ILO 6. Relate sensor fusion and situational awareness aspects in the context of autonomously operating vehicles.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 7. Examine and relate advanced control systems, and Artificial Intelligence and their applications to UAS.
ILO 8. Design, build an unmanned (aerial) vehicle concept by working in a group environment.
ILO 9. Communicate effectively, verbally or in writing, to suit a range of audiences

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 10. Exhibit independent learning by planning, conducting and critically evaluating an individual programme of extended research into some aspect of UAS.

4. How is the course taught?

The course is delivered through a combination of lectures, tutorials and hands-on lab sessions and also a group project in which the students design, build and fly an unmanned aerial vehicle, thus integrating and applying the knowledge acquired in all the other modules.

The course uses the Canvas learning environment with all materials delivered in electronic form. In addition to standard learning support facilities (library facilities, IT provision, etc), the course utilises a number of specialised facilities, namely:

- Indoor flight area for small UAS.
- Indoor lab for small / medium UAS development.
- Controlled use of the Cranfield airport for flying UAS (when required).
- Individual Research Projects are proposed by industrial partners.

Individual Research Project (IRP) topics are provided by members of the Industrial Advisory Board (IAB). Progress on the IRPs is monitored by Interim Project Reviews which also serve to improve individual communication skills. After the final thesis viva, students are given an opportunity to prepare posters summarising their IRPs and present them to the IAB.

Students who produce high-quality IRP work are encouraged (and mentored) to write a conference / journal paper for peer-review publication.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1-4, 6	50
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Module 5 or Module 7	10
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1-8 Group Project: 9	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules: 1-8 Group Project: 9 Individual Research project: 10	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

- if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
- it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.

- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Only full-time version of the course is offered, and full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

To meet the course and module learning outcomes, a range of different types of summative assessments is followed, namely: written assignments and oral presentations. Furthermore, in each module, you will have the chance to get formative assessment (feedback on your work that does not count towards your final mark).

Normally, information on formative assessment will be provided by the relevant module leader. Feedback on written assignments will be given through our virtual learning environment where you will be able to access comments and marks on your work. Feedback on exams is normally provided via a feedback session by the relevant module leader. Feedback on oral presentations is normally provided in class or via written comments after the presentation

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment								
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment		Submission dates			
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
0	N-AVC-IN	AVDC Induction	Dr Argyrios Zolotas	10		0	N	28/09/2023	28/09/2023	29/09/2023	N/A	AO						
1	N-AVC-IUAS	Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft Systems	Dr Saba Al-Rubaye	28		10	N	02/10/2023	02/10/2023	11/10/2023	50	ICW	100				03/11/2023	Next Available date within the academic year

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
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2	N-AVC-UASFD	UAS Dynamics & Control	Dr Argyrios Zolotas	28		10	N	16/10/2023	16/10/2023	25/10/2023	50	ICW	100				17/11/2023	Next Available date within the academic year
3	N-AVC-UASMS	UAS Modelling and Simulation	Dr Dmitry Ignatyev	28		10	N	30/10/2023	30/10/2023	06/11/2023	50	ICW	100				01/12/2023	Next Available date within the academic year
4	N-AVC-SF	Sensor Fusion	Prof Hyo-Sang Shin	28		10	Y	20/11/2023	20/11/2023	29/11/2023	50	ICW	100				05/01/2024	Next Available Date within the academic year
5	N-AVC-AIAS	Artificial Intelligence for Autonomous Systems	Dr Ivan Petrunin	28		10	Y	03/01/2024	03/01/2024	09/01/2024	50	ICW	100				02/02/2024	Next Available Date within the academic year
6	N-AVC-GNS	Guidance and Navigation for UAS	Dr Hae-In Lee	28		10	Y	15/01/2024	15/01/2024	23/01/2024	50	ICW	100				16/02/2024	Next Available date within the academic year
7	N-AVC-AVCS	Autonomous Vehicle Control Systems	Dr Argyrios Zolotas	28		10	N	04/12/2023	04/12/2023	13/12/2023	50	ICW	100				19/01/2024	Next Available date within the academic year
8	N-AVC-LAR	Logic and Automated Reasoning	Dr Marta Ceccaroni	28		10	Y	29/01/2024	29/01/2024	02/02/2024	50	ICW	100				FT 01/03/2024	Next Available date within the academic year

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																	PT 15/03/2024	
9	N-AVC-GDP	Autonomous Systems Group Design Project	Prof Hyo-Sang Shin	60		40	N	13/11/2023	13/11/2023	31/03/2024	50 50 50	IPRES GPRES GCW	25 25 50				27/03/2024 29/03/2024 01/04/2024	Next Available date within the academic year
10	N-AVC-THESIS	Individual Research Project	Prof Antonios Tsourdos/ Dr Argyrios Zolotas	20		80	N	01/04/2024	01/04/2024	03/09/2024	50 50	IPRES THESIS	20 80				03/09/2024 28/08/2024	R&R within 1 year of Exam Board

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-AVC-LAR	Logic and Automated Reasoning	Autonomous Vehicle Dynamics and Control	Applied Artificial Intelligence
N-AVC-SF	Sensor Fusion	Autonomous Vehicle Dynamics and Control	Defence and Security Programme (Engineering Stream)
N-AVC-GNS	Guidance and Navigation for UAS	Autonomous Vehicle Dynamics and Control	Defence and Security Programme (Engineering Stream) Advanced Air Mobility Systems
N-AVC-AIAS	Artificial Intelligence for Autonomous Systems	Autonomous Vehicle Dynamics and Control	Defence and Security Programme (Engineering Stream) Advanced Air Mobility Systems

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Written coursework assignments take the form of technical reports, laboratory reports and traditional style essays. Such assignments will demonstrate skills in information retrieval, literature citation, critical evaluation and written presentation skills to suit a variety of formats and audiences. Problem solving activities will also be incorporated in such assignments. This will ensure that successful students have achieved the learning outcomes, in particular ILOs 1 to 7.

Where appropriate as part of the learning process, some modules will include an element of group work, but this will not form part of the formal assessment procedure.

The group design project is examined for the MSc by group presentation (25%), and individual presentation contribution within the group as part of it (25%), and by group coursework report (50%). Within the project, other learning outcomes will be demonstrated to have been achieved.

The research project is examined for the MSc by Thesis (80%) and by Presentation (20%). . Within the project, other learning outcomes will be demonstrated to have been achieved.

In all instances, assessment will be based on the demonstration of appropriate knowledge, an appropriate mode of presentation, interpretation within the correct context, critical discussion and the use and citation of appropriate sources of information.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

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Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7	ILO8	ILO9	ILO10
Module 0										
Module 1	ICW	ICW								
Module 2	ICW		ICW	ICW						
Module 3	ICW		ICW	ICW						
Module 4	ICW					ICW				
Module 5	ICW					ICW	ICW			
Module 6	ICW				ICW					
Module 7	ICW		ICW				ICW			
Module 8	ICW						ICW			
Module 9								GCW GPRES IPRES	GCW GPRES IPRES	
Module 10									THESIS IPRES	THESIS IPRES

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that

students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The knowledge and skills the graduates gain following the successful completion of the course enables them to work in a broad range of industries and a few graduates pursue academic careers through PhD Programmes.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Aviation Digital Technology Management
Course code	MSAVTFTC – MSc in Aviation Digital Technology Management (Full Time) MSAVTPTC – MSc in Aviation Digital Technology Management (Part-Time) PDAVTFTC – PgDip in Aviation Digital Technology Management (Full Time) PDAVTPTC – PgDip in Aviation Digital Technology Management (Part Time) PCAVTFTC – PgCert in Aviation Digital Technology Management (Full Time) PCAVTPTC – PgCert in Aviation Digital Technology Management (Part Time)
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert
Additional exit routes	N/A
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport
Centre	Integrated Vehicle Health Management (IVHM)
Course Director	Dr Ip-Shing Fan
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here

[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University Entry Requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year; Part-time MSc - up to three years Full-time PgDip – one year; Part-time PgDip – 2 years Full-time PgCert – one year; Part-time PgCert – 2 years
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by SATM/Transport/IVHM where the research interests include:

Integrated Vehicle Health Management;
Predictive Maintenance;
Diagnostics and Prognostics;
Maintenance Repair Overhaul (MRO) planning and operations;
Aircraft inspection - visual, drone and robotics;
Analytics: reasoning, artificial Intelligence, machine learning;
Business Scenario Planning;
Management and Information Systems;
Knowledge Management.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

The course Industrial Advisory Board members will provide group and research projects for students. The current membership includes Boeing, Etihad, easyJet, Saab, SITA, STS Aviation, Thales and TUI.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

This course is designed and developed in accordance with the Accreditation of Higher Education Programme (AHEP) Handbook, with the aim to gain accreditation in the future with the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS), The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and The Chartered Institute for IT (BCS).

2. What are the aims of the course?

This MSc programme aims to prepare professionals to innovate and apply digital technology in the aviation context.

Increasingly more intelligent aircraft are being introduced and point to the future of electric and hydrogen powered aircraft, autonomous flying taxis and space commercialisation. As more intelligent and conscious aircraft enters service, aircraft and support systems are also becoming more intelligent. New technology like Internet of Things, big data, AI, machine learning, robotics, AR/VR, predictive maintenance, blockchain, and many others are being introduced to the industry at an accelerating pace.

Digitalisation promises significant transformation of the aviation industry. Digital technology is fundamental to achieve sustainable aviation. While the digital technology is similar to other industrial sectors, the safety conscious and highly regulated aviation industry imposes technology adoption hurdles specific to the aerospace regulatory domain and culture. The Cranfield DARTeC initiative is building up a unique set of research and facilities to bring new technology and practice into the aviation industry.

The aviation industry is an ecosystem that includes aircraft manufacturers, airlines, airports, maintenance organisations, aftermarket services, ground handlers, lessors, air navigation services, aviation authorities, travel & tourism operators, cargo & logistics operators, training organisations and many others. This course develops the technologists, engineers and managers who shape the digital transformation of the aviation business.

The course adds the digital component to aeronautical engineering graduates. It helps graduates to expand from the design and manufacture foci of established aeronautical engineering programmes to the wider aviation industry opportunities. The course also gives the large number of non-aerospace engineering and computing graduates who aspire to enter the aviation industry a route to develop their aerospace knowledge. The course is also a career development path for aerospace engineers in industry to up their digital and innovation skill. Our graduates shall play a crucial role in integrating the language and practice of digital technology and management in the aviation industry.

The course has an Industrial Advisory Panel including senior executives from Boeing, Etihad, easyjet, Thales and other aviation leaders. The Panel provides guidance to the course team on the skills need and content relevance of the MSc.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

Aeronautical graduates aspiring to add Digital in postgraduate degree

Computing and Engineering graduates aspiring to enter aviation sector employment

Engineers/managers already in the aviation sector seeking a postgraduate degree for career progression

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

- ILO 1. Differentiate the stakeholders in the aviation industry and analyse the complex dynamics of their roles in aviation management
- ILO 2. Appraise the major aircraft structure and systems and their criticality to airworthiness
- ILO 3. Assess the digital technology for aerospace inspection and maintenance
- ILO 4. Assess the digital technology for aerospace technical and business information integration
- ILO 5. Prepare a programme of digital aviation business transformation

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

- ILO 6. Critically analyse the existing academic and industrial practices in digital aviation or closely related disciplines
- ILO 7. Propose and assess ideas and methodologies to enhance and/or improve the current practices in digital aviation or closely related disciplines by means of clear communication
- ILO 8. Critically evaluate own teamworking and communication skills when working as part of a team

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 9. Undertake independent research and critically analyse the outcome on a topic relevant to digital aviation, test ideas, formulate and present conclusions.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

The course design takes into account the integrative and transformation nature of the Digital Aviation domain, the unique Cranfield aviation facilities, the Cranfield Andragogy** approach to learning, the exploitation of VLE.

The MSc course consists of three weighted components: taught modules, a group project and individual research project. The project components make up 60% of the MSc.

The taught course element includes eight taught compulsory modules, generally delivered from October to February. The course taught component is delivered through a combination of Lectures, Practicals, Computer Labs, Online Content, Workshops and Group Activities. Students will receive hands-on experience accessing equipment and facilities within our IVHM and Digital MRO Laboratories and the 737 Ground Demonstrator.

The taught part of the course is followed by a Group Project (GP) and Individual Research Projects (IRPs). The GP is a full-time challenge to tackle a real industrial problem within a fixed 12-week timescale. The group of students are expected to professionally deliver working results to the sponsor at the end of the project. This learn-by-doing approach integrates the knowledge students gained in the taught modules. The collaborative project prepares students for the workplace by giving experience of: teamwork with others of differing backgrounds and expertise; project management; preparing and delivering technical presentations.

The Individual Research Project prepares students for their chosen careers. This is a programme for the student to demonstrate his/her ability to conduct original investigations, to test ideas and to obtain appropriate conclusions from the work. Our industry partners sponsor and support practical projects that meet their business needs. Research focus projects could be agreed for students seeking an academic career. For part-time students it is common that their individual project is undertaken in collaboration with their place of work.

Students are also supported in their learning and personal development through participation in: industry seminars, group poster sessions, group discussions, group presentations, video demonstrations, case studies, laboratory experiments, coursework, and project work. Students will normally receive hands-on experience accessing equipment and facilities within our IVHM Centre, Digital Aviation Research and Technology Centre and Aerospace Integration Research Centre. Members of the Industrial Advisory Panel shall provide guest lectures, project topics and participate in the Group Project and Individual Project presentations.

**Andragogy is the science underpinning teaching of adults, or adult learning theory and how we can ensure that can happen. The course design incorporates the 'Four principles' of adult learning:
. learners must be involved in the planning and evaluation of their learning;
. experience gathered through instruction and activities must be integral;
. learning must have immediate impact and real-life relevance to the learner;
. learning is problem-centred rather than content driven - give learners opportunity to absorb information.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction (module 0) Modules 1, 2, 3, 6	0 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
2 modules from 4, 5, 7, 8	20
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction (module 0) Modules 1-8 Group Project (9)	0 80 40
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Induction (Module 0) Modules 1-8 Group Project (9) Thesis (Individual Research Project) (Module 10)	0 80 40 80
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

Part-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 3 years.

The course structure follows the same pattern as most of the technical MSc's in SATM.

Between October and January, the eight 10-credit modules are delivered following a typical SATM model. The content delivery is organised as one week contact time followed by private study time to complete the assessments. Pre-work and post-work are incorporated as appropriate. Private study weeks are spaced through the October to January period.

The learning journey support students in two complementary digital career directions: a technical direction to add cyber-physical capability to automate aircraft and facilities operations; and an informatics direction to focus on the management and exploitation of the large volume of aviation data. The taught modules build the components for progression to the projects. The Aviation Digitalisation Module establishes the foundation of the aviation industrial ecosystem. The Digital Engineering and the Data-

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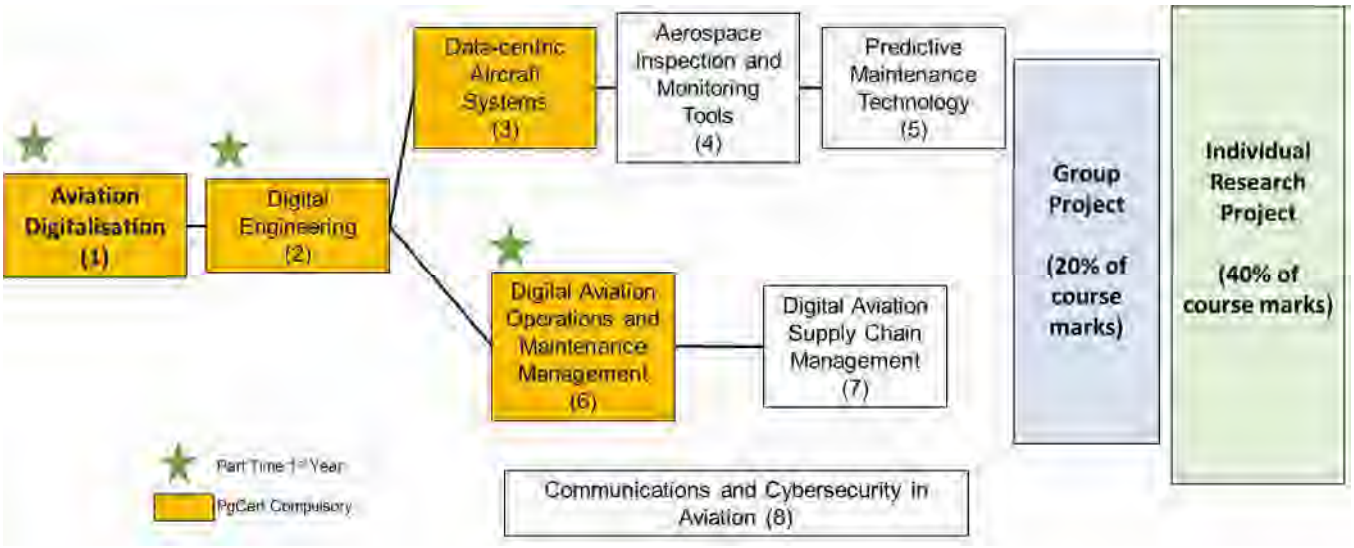
Centric Aircraft Systems Modules together build the technical basis of intelligent aviation. The Aerospace Inspection and Monitoring Tools and the Predictive Maintenance Technology modules cover the technology for digitalisation of the aviation asset operations and maintenance. The Digital Aviation Operations and Maintenance Management and the Digital Aviation Supply Chain Management modules bring together the internal and external views of aviation management. The Communications and Cybersecurity in Aviation module covers the secure communication needed in all aspects of technology and operations. The pre-requisite module path is illustrated in the diagram.



The Group Project takes place between February and April. Part time students complete their Group Project between February to August. Please see the module table for hand in dates.

The Individual Research Project runs from May until August. Please see the module table for hand in dates.

The maximum registration for part time students is three years. The preferred path for part-time students is to complete modules 0,1,2,6 and one additional taught module, and the group project during the first year. The Course Director discusses with each student to recommend the learning choices most appropriate to the student's background and career interest. In the second year, the student completes the rest of the taught modules and the Individual Research Project. Students who need to pace the study over three years agree with the Course Director an appropriate learning path.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The course uses a range of assessment types that are challenging and enable the students to develop and demonstrate a range of skills. Students can expect to have individual and group coursework assessments, individual and group projects, and finally individual and group presentations. This approach has been adopted in order to provide the student with a balanced mix of theory, application and development of soft skills.

Modules 1, 3 and 4 introduce students to digital aviation and will be assessed through essays and reports. These will be of varying lengths, recognising that writing articles to a short length can be more challenging for some and can develop different skills relevant to professional practice. The length of each assessment task is clearly stated within the module descriptor. Students will write employability relevant case reports and plans to equip them with the skills they require to succeed in aviation digital technology management and to address the specific award ILO5, 6 and 7. Students then have

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

opportunities to develop their communication skills, as they are required to give a group presentation and individual presentation.

The ability to work effectively in groups is a highly desirable skill which has translated into ILO 8. Feedback is given immediately after the group presentation.

Modules 1, 6 and 7 are supported by a number of formative tasks including group discussion, case studies, oral presentations. Formative feedback is given verbally by the teaching team and peers.

For Modules 2, 3, 4, 5and 8, peer review informs practice and tutorials guide progress, students are generally encouraged to support each other by asking and answering questions via the VLE.

The taught components precede the research project, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for the individual research project. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through regular supervision meetings. The research project addresses ILO 9 and takes the form of a Thesis.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to an **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

September (Full-time + Part-time) Intake

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
0	N-AVT-IND	Induction	Dr Ip-Shing Fan	15	0	0	N	02/10/23	02/10/23	06/10/23	n/a	AO					N/A	N/A
1	N-AVT-AD	Aviation Digitalisation	Dr Ip-Shing Fan	32		10	N	09/10/23	09/10/23	13/10/23	50	ICW	100				FT 10/11/23 PT 24/11/23	05/24
2	I-GPD-A1507	Digital Engineering	Professor John Erkoyuncu	32		10	Y	16/10/23	16/10/23	20/10/23	50	GCW	100				FT 17/11/23 PT 01/12/23	05/24

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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3	N-AVT-DCAS	Data-centric Aircraft Systems	Dr Angelos Plastropoulos	32		10	N	23/10/23	30/10/23	03/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 01/12/23 PT 15/12/23	05/24
4	N-AVT-AIMT	Aerospace Inspection and Monitoring Tools	Professor Nico Avdelidis	32		10	N	03/11/23	06/11/23	10/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 08/12/23 PT 05/01/24	05/24
5	N-AVT-PMT	Predictive Maintenance Technology	Dr Angelos Plastropoulos	32		10	N	13/11/23	20/11/23	24/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 05/01/24 PT 19/01/24	05/24
6	N-AVT-DAOM	Digital Aviation Operations and Maintenance Management	Dr Ip-Shing Fan	32		10	N	20/11/23	27/11/23	01/12/23	50	ICW	100				FT 12/01/24 PT 09/02/24	05/24
7	N-AVT-DASC	Digital Aviation Supply Chain Management	Dr Ip-Shing Fan	32		10	N	15/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	50	ICW	100				FT 16/02/24 PT 01/03/24	05/24
8	N-AVT-CCA	Communications and Cybersecurity in Aviation	Dr Mohammad Samie	32		10	N	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	50	ICW	100				FT 23/02/24 PT 08/03/24	05/24

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9a	N-AVT-GP	Group Project (FT) Occ A	Dr Ip-Shing Fan	30		40	N	01/02/24	01/02/24	30/04/24	50 50 50	GCW GPRES ICW	64% 16% 20%				30/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
9b	N-AVT-GP	Group Project (PT) Occ B	Dr Ip-Shing Fan	30		40	N	01/02/24	01/02/24	30/08/24	50 50 50	GCW GPRES ICW	64% 16% 20%				30/08/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
10a	N-AVT-THESIS	Thesis (Individual Research Project) (FT) Occ A	Dr Angelos Plastropoulos	20		80	N	01/05/24	FT 01/05/24	30/08/24	50 50	THESIS IPRES	90% 10%				30/08/24	As recommended by the Board of Examiners
10b	N-AVT-THESIS	Thesis (Individual Research Project) (PT) Occ B	Dr Angelos Plastropoulos	20		80	N	01/02/25	01/02/25	30/08/25	50 50	THESIS IPRES	90% 10%				30/08/25	As recommended by the Board of Examiners

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
I-GPD-A1507	Digital Engineering	GPDM	Global Product Development and Management Management and Information Systems Aviation Digital Technology Management

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The Coursework assessments match the nature of the module. Modules 1, 6 and 7 are essays of research applied to representative business cases. Modules 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 are reports of simulation or practical work.

The group project has a combination of group and individual assessments to ensure each student fully participate and contribute to the group work, and also have personal accountability.

The individual research project is assessed through the thesis and oral presentation.

This approach has been adopted because:

It allows the students demonstrate their understanding through a wide range of learning techniques, but are not disadvantaged through any one approach.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5
1	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW
2			GCW	GCW	
3	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
4		ICW	ICW	ICW	
5		ICW	ICW	ICW	
6		ICW	ICW	ICW	
7	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW
8	ICW	ICW			ICW

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO6	ILO7	ILO8
9	GPRES GCW ICW	GPRES GCW ICW	GPRES GCW ICW

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO9
10	THESIS IPES

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	**Modules Covered**	**Assessment**	
		Type	Weight (%)
None	None	N/A	N/A

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The Industrial Advisory Panel provide advice and networking opportunities for students to engage with the aviation industry.

New Job Roles

- Technologists

Existing Job Roles – accelerate talent intakes with digital mindset and skills

- Aircraft (Airlines, MROs, parts suppliers, leasing, insurance and finance)
- Maintenance manager, and planners
- Operations and Engineering – Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Organisation, reliability engineering, Aircraft-On-Ground, crew, communications etc
- Airport (Ground Operations, Engineering, Facilities, Security, IT, etc
- Aircraft services
- Air Navigation Services
- Aviation Authorities
- Space ports and operations

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Aviation Safety Management, Risk and Regulation
Course code	MSASRPTC MSc in Aviation Safety Management, Risk and Regulation MSASRPAC Apprenticeship in Aviation Safety Management, Risk and Regulation PDASRPTC PgDip in Aviation Safety Management, Risk and Regulation PCASRPTC PgCert in Aviation Safety Management, Risk and Regulation
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PGDip, PGCert
Additional exit routes	N/A
Mode of delivery	Part-time online delivery
Location(s)[1] of Study	Online
School(s)	SATM
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Cranfield Safety and Accident Investigation Centre
Course Director	Dr David Barry
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Apprenticeship?	Yes
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	Risk and Safety Management Professional
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	Non-integrated

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Apprenticeship offered as an open and/or closed course?	Open course
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	3 years (MSc), 2 years (PGDip), two years (PGCert)
Course Start Month(s)	January

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Transport Systems Theme, Centre for Safety and Accident Investigation where the research interests include:

Aviation Safety Management
Accident Investigation
Aircraft Maintenance
Risk Analysis
Safety Leadership
Human Factors

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

Civil Aviation Authority - through the provision of lecturing staff as part of each module

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to provide a spectrum of technical knowledge in the context of safety, risk and regulation in aviation. This is a background that staff at many levels in today's aerospace industry must possess. A detailed knowledge of safety issues before and during operations, design, modification, repair helps all aspects of business operation and enables a better balance to be struck between cost and safety. Specifically, the course aims to:

- Provide a globally unique course that relates the regulatory background of all aspects of safety in the operations, production and maintenance of aircraft.
- Promote excellence in risk and safety management via a M level course that forms part of a high technology Apprenticeship programme in safety, risk and regulation.
- Promote safety management and performance-based regulatory practice within UK and world-wide industry and government agencies.

A Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) entry route is provided for students who wish to access only part of the course provided. It is also suggested that the latter qualification may be more appropriate for staff who have no need for a separate research project.

There is also a Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) entry route for those who wish to access a specific part of the course - two taught modules and short group project.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Staff from airlines, Air Navigation Service Providers, airports, manufacturers and other parts of the aviation sector, both operations and engineering.
- Licensed engineers in aviation industry
- Staff in regulatory authorities with responsibility for all aspects of aviation safety

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Critically assess the principles and practice of risk management, including the application of safety management systems.
ILO 2. Evaluate the various approaches to regulatory practice and be able to assess the effectiveness of different oversight strategies used in aviation system.
ILO 3. Analyse, evaluate and formulate safety information to generate safety intelligence and communicate with different audiences.
ILO 4. Develop transferable communication skills through teamwork, written assignments and presentations to enhance their ability to influence the industry in safety regulation.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Evaluate the influence of sociotechnical risk factors on the wider aviation system including human factors and management and be able to propose mitigation strategies.
ILO 6. Apply and appraise techniques for safety assurance in new and existing areas of emerging technologies and threats and develop where necessary.

C. MSc

In addition to the intended learning outcomes above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 7. Undertake independent research on a topic relevant to safety, risk and regulation in the aviation sector.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development in various ways, which will include formative assessment for all modules. Delivery will be via on-line learning and use of a virtual learning environment. Most modules will be taught live on-line, supplemented with recorded material for students to work through when convenient. The course will be taught by a mixture of:

- Lectures from Cranfield, UK CAA and external speakers with relevant expertise for each module
- Problem-based learning may be used where appropriate
- Access to library resources

- Use of class exercises (including group work) to help develop knowledge and techniques in the field.
- Conducting individual research project in a commercial organisation to provide "real-life" environment

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where one credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1, 2 Managing Current Safety Issues	50 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1, 2, 3, 4 Managing Current Safety Issues Managing Emerging Safety Issues	80 10 30
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1, 2, 3, 4 Managing Current Safety Issues Managing Emerging Safety Issues IRP	80 10 30 80

ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
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6. How is the course structured?

Part-time students register for the course in January and are expected to complete the course within three years.

Each module is made up of a series of components which comprises of remote learning and or live digital delivery. The modules will therefore be a mixture of contact time interspersed by periods of self-directed

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learning and on-line group work. Modules 1, 2 and Group Project 1 should be taken in Year 1. Module 1 is 30 credits and comprises of 13 days of live teaching, supplemented with recorded content, over two months. Module 2 (20 credits) is 8 days of live teaching over the course of one month, with additional off-line activities and recorded content. Group Project 1 - Managing Current Safety Issues – is spread over a period of four to five months (not continuous).

Modules 3, 4 and Group Project 2 should normally be taken in Year 2. Module 3 is a 10 credit, one-week module and Module 4 (20 credits) is 4 elements spread over 3 months. Group Project 2 - Managing Emerging Safety Issues - is spread over six months. In Year 3, each student will conduct their own Individual Research Project, which will be supervised by an appropriate member of staff. During this period there will be supervision meetings and training in research methods as required.

This MSc course differs from the normal system of 10 credit modules. The reasoning behind making three taught modules greater than the normal 10 credits was to offer a greater range and depth of understanding the subjects, making the modules more immersive. All modules (except M3 – existing module) are based on new and limited existing material. Module 5 (10 credits) and module 6 (30 credits) are both research modules.

The structure strongly promotes group work, with projects in both of the first two years. This provides an invaluable experience for the students not only on the MSc route but also on PGDip and PGCert exit routes. All students will experience working on group projects to develop their communication, team work and project management skills. This is one of the reasons that makes this MSc course appealing to a wide audience.

In summary, what makes this course **innovative, different, unique and flexible**:

- **(Innovative + Different)** Taught modules and group project modules have a variability of credits enabling more flexibility and enhanced depth of knowledge
- **(Innovative + Different)** Two group projects, each in the second half of each academic year (gives opportunity to students on PGDip and PGCert to gain experience in group projects)
- **(Flexible)** Delivered via a variety of modes: on-site face-to-face teaching, online live streaming of classes and pre-recorded material - this gives part-time students more flexibility and ability to time manage themselves
- **(Unique)** Developed and delivered in partnership with the UK Civil Aviation Authority
- **(Flexible)** Clear structure of the course providing part-time students with easy-to-follow structure of the course and modules – clarity on which module to take when. This addresses one of the identified challenges on some of the current MSc courses where student can pick and choose which module to take when, but no advice is available on the preferred order of the modules which could benefit the overall outcome of their study

The course is intended to explain the background theory to safety and risk in aviation, with a particular focus on regulation. The University's aviation operations will be used as a *Living Laboratory* providing case studies and real-life examples to supplement teaching. This will likely involve the Remote Tower facility, National Flying Laboratory, Accident Investigation Centre and Boeing 737. Using these facilities in teaching is something that the Safety and Accident Investigation Centre has a great deal of experience with and serve to enhance the learning experience. The new course is related to other MSc courses as shown in the figure on page 7.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The ILOs of the course have been developed in consultation with the teaching team and potential industry recipients of the course. The process has also been informed by the Apprenticeship Standard for *Risk*

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

and Safety Management Professional. The latter contains a large number of aspects relating to Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours, many of which may also be met by the MSc. Each module will consist of an initial part of declarative knowledge but will also facilitate the development of functioning knowledge for each student. Each and every module (except Module 0) will feature formative feedback as well as summative assessment, which will be diverse in nature and appropriate to the learning outcomes.

The ILOs of each module are linked to the teaching activities in order to meet the assessment. ILOs 1 and 2 cover the fundamentals of risk, safety management and regulation, and the assessment types are diverse in order to give some variety. Both Modules 1 and 2 feature individual coursework in order to test the ability to construct a written argument and meet the requirements of the course. Presentation skills are also assessed as these are vital in the communication of safety and risk in society. ILO3 is covered throughout the course. The first Group Project (MCSI) will also assess the ability to work within a team environment.

ILOs 4 and 5 will look more deeply into sociotechnical risk factors in aviation as well as techniques for safety assurance. ILO 4 is assessed by a blend of individual coursework and a Reflective Portfolio in Module 4 and via Group work in the second Group project (MESI). The latter is also used to assess ILO5 in addition to the module in Aircraft Accident Investigation and Response (Module 3).

The research aspect of the course is described by ILO6 and assessed by the IRP. A large part of this comprises a written thesis which will address some aspect of safety, risk management and regulation. As oral presentation skills are also vital, the viva will also be assessed to meet ILO6.

Figure 1 shows the interconnection between other related courses in the Centres for Safety & Accident Investigation and Air Transport. MSc in Aviation Safety Management, Risk and Regulation has some common themes with other safety-related and transport industry courses, and some of these are shown. However, the course is unique in its presentation of the role of the regulatory authority and how regulation permeates all aspects within the industry. This includes many aspects of risk and safety management, which makes an excellent fit with the Apprenticeship standard.

Figure 1 – Connections between related MSc courses within Transport Theme

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

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Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment								
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								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
M0	N-ASR-	Aviation Safety Management,	Dr D Barry	8	0	0	N	15/01/24	15/01/24	15/01/24	N/A	AO					N/A		

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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	IND Occ A23	Risk and Regulation Induction																
M1	N-ASR-ASRM Occ A23	Advanced Safety and Risk Management	Dr D Barry	100		30	N	08/01/24	15/01/24	05/03/24	50% 50%	ICW IPRES	80% 20%				30/04/24 30/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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M2	N-ASR-ALRA Occ A23	Aviation Legislation and Regulatory Approach	C Turkoglu	50		20	N	25/04/24	02/05/24	28/05/24	50% 50%	ICW IPRES	70% 30%				23/07/24 14/06/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
M3	N-HFS-AAI	Aircraft Accident Investigation and Response	Dr A Abushalla	30		10	Y	21/04/25	28/04/25	02/05/25	50%	ICW	100%				30/06/25	At the next available opportunity which

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	Occ B24																	may not be until the course runs the following year
M4	N-ASR-RRSS Occ A24	Responding to Risk in Sociotechnical Systems	Prof C Pilbeam	50		20	N	16/01/25	23/01/25	24/03/25	50% 50%	ICW RP	80% 20%				19/05/25 19/05/25	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the

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MCSI (GP1)	N-ASR-MCSI Occ A24	Managing Current Safety Issues	C Turkoglu, Zuzana Chin	20	0	10	N	30/08/24	30/08/24	16/12/24	50%	GPRES	100%				20/01/2025	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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MESI (GP2)	N-ASR-MESI Occ A24	Managing Emerging Safety Issues	C Turkoglu, Dr A Abushalla	40	0	30	N	16/06/25	16/06/25	28/11/25	50% 50% 50%	GCW ICW GPRES	50% 30% 20%				03/12/25 10/12/25 28/11/25	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
IRP	N-ASR-THESI	Individual Research Project	Dr D Barry	40	0	80	N	01/12/25	01/12/25	05/10/26	50%	THESIS	100%				05/10/26	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-HFS-AAI	Aircraft Accident Investigation and Response	Safety & Human Factors in Aviation	Airworthiness Forensic Engineering and Science Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Aviation Safety Management, Risk and Regulation

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The whole MSc is expected to be completed in three years and the complete apprenticeship within 3.5 years (3-6 months following completion of the MSc). The PGCert is expected to be completed in one year and PGDip in two years.

Each module has summative individual assessment which needs to be completed within 8 weeks after the end of the corresponding module. Marks and formal feedback are expected to be available to the students within 4 weeks from the submission deadline.

The following assessment types are used:

- Individual course work
- Reflective portfolio
- Group presentation
- Individual presentation
- Group report
- Thesis for Individual research project
- Oral examination

This approach has been adopted because:

The MSc in Aviation Safety Management, Risk and Regulation has **three** distinct but interrelated elements: the Taught Modules, Group Projects and Thesis (Individual Research Project). Modules are assessed by a variety of methods, including written assignments, presentations, reflective portfolio and (in the case of the thesis) an oral examination, or viva.

The post-Module assessments are set to be challenging and to require the student to study the module topic areas in more depth, in particular the links between risk, safety management and regulatory practice. The objectives of the assignments are for the students to:

- Acquire the skill to efficiently search literature
- Apply skills and knowledge to assess the regulatory aspects within operations and engineering
- Develop the power to critically analyse data
- Compile succinct and informative reports to a high standard
- Formulate responses to specific questions against a time limit

Students are subject to two forms of assessment with regard to the group projects. Firstly, they must submit group coursework and secondly, their group project oral presentation is also assessed. In the latter form of assessment, each presentation is judged on how well their presentation is organised, the quality of their individual presentations and visual aids and how well they are able to answer questions from the audience. Both forms of assessment have an equal weighting with regard to the module mark.

The thesis is assessed using a combination of their written work and an oral poster presentation. The oral presentations are judged on the basis of the quality of the presentation in terms of content and visual aids, how well the key findings and other important elements of the research has been communicated and how well the student has responded to questions from the audience

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs. (Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4
M1	ICW IPRES	ICW	ICW IPRES	IPRES
M2	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES	IPRES
Managing Current Safety Issues	GPRES	GPRES	GPRES	GPRES

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	ILO5	ILO6
M3 – N-HFS-AAI		ICW
M4	ICW RP	
Managing Emerging Safety Issues	GCW ICW GPRES	GCW ICW GPRES

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In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	ILO7
IRP	THESIS

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.

2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Most students will already be in full-time employment at the time of attending the course. However the MSc prepares them for a higher level of responsibility in a variety of areas. The course has a unique blend of subjects covering the varied topics within risk and safety management, which will have a huge benefit for people within all aviation sectors. It is therefore entirely possible that the course will enable people to take on additional responsibility and/or transition to other areas within aviation.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Battlespace Technology (BTC18)
Course code	MSBTCPTR - PDBTCPTR
Academic Year	2023-24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip
Additional exit routes	PgDip
Mode of delivery	Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Shrivenham
School(s)	Cranfield Defence and Security
Theme	Defence and Security
Centre	
Course Director	Mr Nick Manners
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	Yes
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University academic entry requirements

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	A student who registers for the PgDip will have a registration period of 2 years and for the MSc, 3 years and 3 months.
Course Start Month(s)	April

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by Cranfield Defence and Security where the research interests include a wide range of Defence related topics. The military context of the taught material is reinforced by experienced Military Directing Staff and visiting lecturers including experts from industry, research establishments and Government departments, particularly MoD.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

Provide a broad understanding of fundamental technologies, their acquisition and support, and a deeper understanding of a particular sub-set of battlespace technologies and capability integration, to enable graduates to contribute most effectively to the delivery of defence capability.

The Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) exit route is provided for students who do not wish to undertake a research project on successful completion of the taught phase of the course.

This programme is intended mainly for selected non-specialist UK Army Officers.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Diploma

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Critically evaluate relevant fundamental technologies under-pinning defence equipment capability and their integration in weapon and vehicle systems

ILO 2. Analyse the role of information technologies in enhancing operational effectiveness

ILO 3. Think conceptually within a defined area of battlespace technology

ILO 4. Critically evaluate the role of systems engineering and project management in defence acquisition and equipment support

ILO 5. Analyse and critically compare potential solutions to meet a capability requirement within a particular area of battlespace technology

ILO 6. Communicate technical information and critical deduction effectively both orally and in writing

ILO 7. Establish clear aims, objectives and specifications and work to agreed timelines and milestones

ILO 8. Critically apply appropriate methods, tools, techniques, processes and knowledge in tackling and solving problems.

ILO 9. Play an effective part as a member of a project team in the formulation and communication of a design solution to a system requirement

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 10. Independently plan, manage and undertake an appropriate defence related research project.

ILO 11. Acquire, analyse, critically evaluate, synthesise and correctly reference information relating to a specific project topic.

ILO 12 Defend the research approach, arguments and conclusions.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by some or all of the following methods using a blended learning approach:

- lectures, tutorials and practical demonstrations
- independent and group research exercises
- technical investigations
- presentations to and from their peers
- small group and whole class guided discussions
- guidance from experienced Military Directing Staff
- visits to industry and MoD establishments
- learning and teaching resources and course material on the Virtual Learning Environment

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 7. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 0 – BTC Introductory Studies Module 1 - Ground Manoeuvre Systems and Technologies Fundamentals Module 11 - Defence Acquisition & Project Management Module 12 - Information Manoeuvre Systems and Technologies Fundamentals Module 13 - Capability Integration	0 20 20 10 30
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Four from modules 3-10 or module 2 plus two from modules 5, 8, 9 and 10 2. Defence Modelling & Simulation (Sim ET) 3. Mobility (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) 4. Communication Infrastructure (Information Manoeuvre Stream) 5. Precision Attack (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) 6. Sensor Systems (Information Manoeuvre Stream) 7. Lethality (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) 8. Network Infrastructure (Information Manoeuvre Stream) 9. Survivability (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) 10. Cyber & Electromagnetic Activities (Information Manoeuvre Stream)	40
TOTAL:	**120**

B. MSc

The accumulation of 200 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Module 0 – BTC Introductory Studies Module 1 - Ground Manoeuvre Systems and Technologies Fundamentals Module 11 - Defence Acquisition & Project Management Module 12 - Information Manoeuvre Systems and Technologies Fundamentals Module 13 - Capability Integration Module 14 - Thesis	0 20 20 10 30 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Four from modules 3-10 or module 2 plus two from modules 5, 8, 9 and 10	40

2. Defence Modelling & Simulation (Sim ET) 3. Mobility (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) 4. Communication Infrastructure (Information Manoeuvre Stream) 5. Precision Attack (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) 6. Sensor Systems (Information Manoeuvre Stream) 7. Lethality (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) 8. Network Infrastructure (Information Manoeuvre Stream) 9. Survivability (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) 10. Cyber & Electromagnetic Activities (Information Manoeuvre Stream)	
TOTAL:	**200**

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

Students start the BTC in April/May and normally complete the residential, PgDip, taught phase of the course by the end of December, before starting their Staff Course in January.

Students wishing to complete the MSc are normally expected to complete the research project during their two-year BTC related employment posting.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The BTC is assessed through a variety of methods and provides formative feedback to enable students to develop relevant skills throughout the course.

The modules at the start and end of the taught phase of the course are assessed through group exercises, where students need to work effectively as part of a small team. This helps develop skills relevant to many working environments beyond the course. Each team produces a data pack/portfolio for the exercise and explains its solution to the requirement during a presentation.

The other modules in the taught phase of the course are all individual assessments through written coursework, an individual presentation or questions and answers. Assessed tasks require independent research and critical evaluation, which helps the students further develop some of the necessary skills in preparation for the independent research phase of the MSc.

The research phase of the course is assessed through completion of an individual research project and submission of a thesis.

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment								
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates		
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
0	R-BT-INST	BTC Introductory Studies A23	Nick Manners	44		0	N	29/04/24	29/04/24	10/05/24	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	
1	R-BT-IBT	Ground Manoeuvre Systems and Technologies	Nick Manners	88		20	N	13/05/24	13/05/24	14/06/24	40	GCW	100				10/06/24	Arranged as required

[5] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[6] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[7] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[8] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[9] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear androgogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[10] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[11] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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		Fundamentals A23																	
12	R-BT-ECN	Information Manoeuvre Systems and Technologies Fundamentals A23	Simon Renfrey	65		10	N	17/06/24	17/06/24	05/07/24	40	ICW	100				15/07/24	Arranged as required	
2	R-BT-MS	Defence Modelling and Simulation (Sim ET) A24	Jonathan Searle	165		20	Y	27/08/24	27/08/24	27/09/24	50 50	OR ICW	50 50				27/09/24 14/10/24	Arranged as required	
3	R-BT-BM(M)	Mobility (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) A24	Gareth Appleby-Thomas	50		10	N	02/09/24	02/09/24	13/09/24	50	PRES	100				01/10/24	Arranged as required	
4	R-BT-IS(CI)	Communication Infrastructure (Information Manoeuvre Stream) A24	Peter Barker	45		10	N	02/09/24	02/09/24	13/09/24	50	IPRES	100				01/10/24	Arranged as required	

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7	R-BT-BM(L)	Lethality (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) A24	Hugh Goyder	45		10	N	16/09/24	16/09/24	27/09/24	50	ICW	100				07/10/24	Arranged as required
6	R-BT-IS(SS)	Sensor Systems (Information Manoeuvre Stream) A24	David James	47		10	N	16/09/24	16/09/24	27/09/24	50	ICW	100				07/10/24	Arranged as required
5	R-BT-BM(PA)	Precision Attack (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) A24	David Galvao Wall	50		10	N	07/10/24	07/10/24	18/10/24	50	ICW	100				11/11/24	Arranged as required
8	R-BT-IS(NI)	Network Infrastructure (Information Manoeuvre Stream) A24	Philip Nobles	45		10	N	07/10/24	07/10/24	18/10/24	50	ICW	100				11/11/24	Arranged as required
9	R-BT-BM(S)	Survivability (Ground Manoeuvre Stream) A24	Gareth Appleby-Thomas	55		10	N	21/10/24	21/10/24	01/11/24	50	ICW	100				11/11/24	Arranged as required
10	R-BT-IS(CS)	Cyber and Electromagnetic	Daniel Clarke	45		10	N	21/10/24	21/10/24	01/1	50	ICW	100				11/11/24	Arranged as required

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		Activities (Information Manoeuvre Stream) A24								1/24								
11	R-BT-DAPM	Defence Acquisition and Project Management A23	Pete Ito	125		20	N	08/07/24	08/07/24	02/08/24	40	ICW1 ICW2	50 50				12/08/24 12/08/24	Arranged as required
13	R-BT-CI	Capability Integration A24	Kieran Holling	120		30	N	11/11/24	11/11/24	20/12/24	50	GCW GPRES	50 50				13/12/24 18-19/12/24	Next occurrence of module
14	R-BT-THESIS	Thesis	Nick Manners	20		80	N	15/12/23	01/01/24 01/08/24 01/01/25 01/08/25 01/01/26	31/07/25 13/01/26 31/07/26 13/01/27 31/07/27	50	THESIS	100				31/07/25 13/01/26 31/07/26 13/01/27 31/07/27	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
R-BT-MS	Defence Modelling and Simulation	Simulation Employment Training (Sim ET)	Simulation Employment Training (Sim ET) Battlespace Technology

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Modules are assessed through a variety of types of written coursework, presentations, or a weighted combination.
The Capability Integration team project, which brings together the core elements of the course in a realistic acquisition exercise, is assessed through a portfolio of evidence consistent with the guidelines for capability management within defence acquisition plus presentations with Q&A.
The MSc research project is assessed through the project execution and a written thesis.

This approach has been adopted in order that the individual elements of the course can be assessed by the most appropriate method but also that the students can demonstrate their learning in a number of different ways.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Diploma

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8	ILO 9
0 INST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1 IBT	GCW					GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
2 M&S			OR & ICW		OR & ICW	OR & ICW	OR & ICW	OR & ICW	
3 Mob	IPRES		IPRES		IPRES	IPRES	IPRES	IPRES	
4 CI	IPRES	IPRES	IPRES		IPRES	IPRES	IPRES	IPRES	
5 PA	ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
6 SS	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
7 Leth	ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
8 NI	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
9 Surv	ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	

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Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8	ILO 9
10 CEMA	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
11 DAPM				ICW1&2		ICW1&2	ICW1&2	ICW1&2	
12 EIM	ICW	ICW	ICW			ICW	ICW	ICW	
13 Cap Int	GCW GPRES		GCW GPRES	GCW GPRES	GCW GPRES	GCW GPRES	GCW GPRES	GCW GPRES	GCW GPRES

B. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 8	ILO 9
14 Project			THESIS		THESIS	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS	
	ILO 10	ILO 11	ILO 12						
14 Project	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS						

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	**Modules Covered**	**Assessment**	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.

2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Students on this course are sponsored by their employer and have been selected for specific employment posts within the MOD or Defence related establishments.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering with options in: Computational Engineering Design (CED) Computational Intelligence for Data Analytics (CIDA) Computer and Machine Vision (CMV) Software Engineering for Technical Computing (SETC)
Course code	MSCSTFTC, MSCSTPTC, MSSTBFTC (ESTIA variant), PDCSTFTC, PDCSTPTC, PDSTBFTC, PCCSTFTC, PCCSTPTC, PCSTBFTC
Academic Year	2023/2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield and Biarritz, France (in respect of the ESTIA variant)
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Computational Engineering Sciences
Course Director	Dr Stuart Barnes
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	**No**
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year, Part-time MSc - up to three years
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by The School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Aerospace Theme, Centre for Computational Engineering Sciences where the research interests include:

- Data Analytics
- Machine Learning
- Artificial Intelligence
- Computational Engineering
- High Performance Computing
- Scientific Computing
- Software Engineering
- Mathematical Modelling
- Signal Processing
- Computer Vision
- Computational Fluid Dynamics

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

A variant of the course is delivered partly at ESTIA (École Supérieure des Technologies Industrielles Avancées), an engineering school based in Biarritz, France. ESTIA has been sending students to study the Cranfield MSc in Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering since 1989. The ESTIA variant allocates 10 credits for the 'C++ Programming' module as opposed to Attendance Only the Cranfield option. This is balanced by ESTIA students not taking the Management for Technology module. Some modules of the course are delivered on-site by Cranfield staff.

The course has a strong association with a number of EU academic institutions that regularly supply students onto the MSc through the European Partnership Programme. Students follow the course as part of a double degree arrangement with their home institution whereby the final year of their five year programme is replaced with the MSc here at Cranfield. Successful completion of the MSc allows the student to graduate from both Universities.
Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) until August 2025 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as

a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- Equip graduates with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to enable them to meet the demand of an evolving workplace that requires highly qualified engineers possessing core software engineering skills together with competency in mathematical analysis techniques.
    - Develop suitably trained and qualified engineers, scientists and mathematicians enabling them to apply the analytical, computational and software skills to the solution of practical engineering IT problems in industrial, commercial and governmental organisations.

More specifically, for each of the options of this course:

- Computational Engineering Design

Computational engineering design plays a fundamental role in the design and manufacture of a diverse range of products for global industries, including automotive, aerospace, oil, defence and health. This option is ideal for those with engineering and applied mathematical backgrounds, and those with mathematical and computational sciences training, who wish to develop and complement their existing skill sets. You will gain programming techniques and practical skills necessary to develop and employ core CAD and CAE solution software relevant to design and physical simulations in diverse industrial settings.

- Computational Intelligence for Data Analytics

In a world of exponentially increasing data volumes, computationally intelligent data handling algorithms are crucial in a wide range of fields that require fast, accurate and automated decision-making. The ability to automate the analysis of these large data sets in batch or real-time environments brings huge benefits and competitive advantages to a range of commercial sectors, such as financial, manufacturing, retail, aerospace, automotive and defence. You will develop a solid base of skills in computer science and artificial intelligence, necessary to develop and validate effective algorithms. You will focus on enabling technologies of Big Data processing, namely high performance and cloud computing, as well as algorithm development related to machine learning and data analytics.

- Computer and Machine Vision

Computer and Machine Vision (CMV) systems are playing a vital role in today's digital economy. The flow of data from an ever-increasing network of cameras, sensors, devices and autonomous systems require intelligent vision and signal analysis techniques for decision making. This option focuses on aerial and robotic vision-based systems and covers the theory and application of signal processing and CMV algorithms for the analysis, interpretation and processing of data. You will gain programming experience and practical skills in computer vision software and further apply them in fields such as computer vision, robotics, autonomous vehicles, condition monitoring, medical devices, remote sensing and data visualisation.

- Software Engineering for Technical Computing

With today's sophisticated and powerful computer environments, the techniques needed to develop and produce the software to run on these systems are themselves becoming increasingly complex. This option provides a unique insight into the development of computer applications across modern computing environments, from multi-core CPUs to specialist GPUs to cloud computing. The core modules provide the basis of this course and act as a starting point for specialist modules to then be introduced. The various computational technology platforms are covered, giving you both theoretical and hands-on experience of programming.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- UK students with an honours degree in Engineering, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics.
- Mature students with at least 5 years relevant industrial experience.
- Students studying at recognised Universities with at least 4 years of relevant academic study.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Critically evaluate the selection of computer languages, software tools, and technologies

ILO 2. Apply appropriate computer languages, software tools, and technologies to help solve practical problems of a computational nature in engineering solutions.

ILO 3. Create original software solutions to engineering problems using industry standard libraries, packages, and software engineering tools.

ILO 4. Compose written reports and/or prepare and deliver oral presentations to effectively communicate proposals, solutions, technical developments, and results.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Plan and implement assigned projects under time pressure and undertake self-directed learning when necessary.

ILO 6. Assemble a body of relevant technical literature and discuss and evaluate each work with respect to a technical problem.

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO7. Propose, plan, and implement an independent research project on a relevant technical topic, with limited supervision.

ILO 8. Critically evaluate project results, discuss findings, and relate their contribution to other works in the field.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- A comprehensive set of carefully prepared lecture notes that form the basis for the teaching. This is perhaps the most valuable resource and reference point for the student starting a new module. Secondly, many lectures are given in conjunction with some form of programming. Students are encouraged, given time and practical assistance to develop their software skills.
  The library resources and search facilities here at Cranfield. A thorough introduction to these resources and demonstrations of information retrieval skills is provided at the beginning of the course. The library facilities are extensive and there is a good representative selection of, physical and online, books and periodicals relevant to the course. Where an article, book or periodical is not available, it can usually be obtained elsewhere via inter-library loans. Books, software and other resources are purchased by the group when it is necessary for one of the projects.

- A programme of seminars given by external and internal speakers is also provided for the Cranfield based students. These reflect the course, sponsoring companies and associated research carried out in the group enabling the students to get an appreciation of related work going on in industry and other universities.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 7. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Computational Engineering Design option, based at Cranfield

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
60 credits from modules 2a, 3 – 9	60
TOTAL:	60

Computational Engineering Design option, based at ESTIA

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
60 credits from modules 1b, 2b, 4 – 9	60
TOTAL:	60

Computational Intelligence for Data Analytics option

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
60 credits from modules 3, 17, 18, 19, 23-26	60

TOTAL:	60

Computer and Machine Vision option, based at Cranfield

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
60 credits from modules 2a, 3, 4, 11-15	60
TOTAL:	60

Computer and Machine Vision option, based at ESTIA

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
60 credits from modules 1b, 2b, 4, 11 - 15	60
TOTAL:	60

Software Engineering for Technical Computing option

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
60 credits from modules 2a, 3, 4 , 17 – 21	60
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules and group project as detailed below:

Computational Engineering Design option, based at Cranfield

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
2a, 3 – 9 Group Project 10	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	

TOTAL:	120

Computational Engineering Design option, based at ESTIA

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
1b, 2b, 4 – 9 Group Project 10	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	120

Computational Intelligence for Data Analytics option

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
3, 17, 18, 19, 23-26 Group project 27	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	120

Computer and Machine Vision option, based at Cranfield

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
2a, 3, 4, 11-15 Group Project 16	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	120

Computer and Machine Vision option, based at ESTIA

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
1b, 2b, 4, 11 - 15 Group Project 16	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	120

Software Engineering for Technical Computing option

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
2a, 3, 4 , 17 – 21 Group Project 22	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

Students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Computational Engineering Design option, based at Cranfield

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
1a, 2a, 3 – 9 Group Project 10 Individual Research Project 28	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	200

Computational Engineering Design option, based at ESTIA

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
1b, 2b, 4 – 9 Group Project 10 Individual Research Project 28	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	200

Computational Intelligence for Data Analytics option

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
1a, 3, 17, 18, 19, 23-26 Group Project 27 Individual Research Project 28	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	200

Computer and Machine Vision option, based at Cranfield

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
1a, 2a, 3, 4, 11-15 Group Project 16 Individual Research Project 28	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	200

Computer and Machine Vision option, based at ESTIA

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
1b, 2b, 4, 11 - 15 Group Project 16 Individual Research Project 28	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	200

Software Engineering for Technical Computing option

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
1a, 2a, 3, 4 , 17 – 21 Group Project 22 Individual Research Project 28	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
None	
TOTAL:	200

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of

your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee);[3] [4]

- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  a. if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  b. if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  c. it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months.

This course is also offered on a part-time basis. Students would instead take two to three years to complete the MSc.

Each module is taught over a period of one or two weeks. Practical work forms an important part of the teaching and so a significant amount of time is devoted to hands-on sessions with a software package or development environment. This also facilitates independent learning on the part of the student.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[5]

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types that are challenging and enable the students to develop and demonstrate a range of skills. Students can expect to have written examinations, individual and group coursework assessments, individual and group projects, and finally individual and group presentations. This approach has been adopted in order to provide the student with a balanced mix of theory, application and development of soft skills.

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[3] For students who were registered before 1 August 2015, the requirement to obtain a minimum mark for a taught assessment will not apply for taught assessment taken before 31 August 2015 (unless the assessment was designated as a "key assessment" under the previous Assessment Rules).

[4] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

[5] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Since in this course practical application is key to development of understanding and skills acquisition, in all modules students will engage with an interactive learning activity which incorporates formative feedback. The majority of subjects are assessed by a combination of practical assignment and written report. The reports are of varying lengths, recognising that writing articles to a short length can be more challenging for some.

While the majority of the assignments are assessing individual work, a small number of coursework is carried out in pairs, to allow the students to become comfortable with working effectively in a team, undertaking different roles and responsibilities. As part of the formative assessment of group work, each pair will provide a peer review of their performance and contribution.

When a subject has large theory content, where recalling facts to support judgement is crucial, it is assessed by exam.

Students have opportunities to develop their communication skills, as they are required to give group and individual presentations. Formative feedback from members of staff, as well as peer review feedback amongst students, is given immediately after the presentations.

The group project that follows the taught component will assess the ability to apply the acquired knowledge from the taught modules to create and execute a research programme in a larger, multi-disciplinary team working environment, as well as the ability to evaluate results and present the research outcome.

Further application of the knowledge and its understanding, the ability to assemble a technical literature review and plan and implement a research project, is also assessed through the individual research project. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through face to face or electronically enabled (via teleconferencing) contact with the supervision team.

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc Computational & Software Techniques in Engineering . Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

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								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[8] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[9] (%) of Independent	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[11]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[12]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1a	N-CST-CPPAO	C++ Programming (AO)	Dr Irene Moulitsas	32		0	N	26-09-2023	26/09/2023	06/10/2023		AO					N/A	At the next available opportunity which may not

[6] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[7] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[8] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[9] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[10] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[11] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[12] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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1b	N-CST-CPPI	C++ Programming (Integrated)	Dr Irene Moulitsas	32		10	Y	26/09/2023	26/09/2023	06/10/2023	40	GCW Integrated assessment with N-CST-CMI	100				FT20/11/23 PT04/12/23 ESTIA 04/12/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
2a	N-CST-CM	Computational Methods	Dr Irene Moulitsas	32		10	Y	26/09/2023	26/09/2023	06/10/2023	50	GCW	100				FT 06/11/23PT20/11/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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2b	N-CST-CMI	Computational Methods (Integrated)	Dr Irene Moulitsas	32		10	N	26/09/2023	26/09/2023	06/10/2023	40	GCW Integrated assessment with N-CST-CPPI	100				FT 20/11/23PT04/12/23 ESTIA 04/12/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
3	G-MTI Occ A23	Management for Technology	Dr Richard Adams	37		10	Y	08/01/2024	08/01/2024	12/01/2024	50	RP	100				FT06/02/2024 PT20/02/2024	
~~4~~	N-CST-VIS	Visualisation *Occ B ESTIA*	Dr Peter Sherar Dr Stuart Barnes	35		10	N	Occ A05/02/2024 *Occ B12/02/2024*	Occ A05/02/2024 *Occ B12/02/2024*	Occ A09/02/2024 *Occ B16/02/2024*	50 *40*	ICW *ICW*	100 *100*				Occ A FT 18/03/24 PT02/04/24 *Occ B 08/04/24*	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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5	N-CST-CSM04	Geometric Modelling and Design *Occ B ESTIA*	Dr Peter Sherar	35		10	N	Occ A20/11/2023 *Occ B23/10/2023*	Occ A2011/2023/ */ Occ B23/10/2023*	Occ A 24/11/2023 */ Occ B27/10/2023*	50 *40*	ICW *ICW*	100 *100*				Occ A FT08/01/24 PT22/01/24 *Occ B29/01/24*	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
6	N-CST-DEPD	Digital Engineering and Product Design *Occ B ESTIA*	Dr Peter Sherar	35		10	N	Occ A09/10/2023 *Occ B09/10/2023*	Occ A09/10/2023 *Occ B09/10/2023*	Occ A13/10/2023 *Occ B13/10/2023*	50 *40*	ICW *ICW*	100 *100*				Occ A FT 27/11/23PT11/12/23 *Occ B 11/12/23*	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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7	N-CST-CES	Computational Engineering – Structures Occ B ESTIA	Prof Karl Jenkins	38		10	N	15/01/2024 OCC B 22/01/2024	15/01/2024 22/01/2024	19/01/2024 02/02/2024	50 40	ICW ICW	100 100				Occ A FT26/02/24PT11/03/24 OccB25/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
8	N-CST-CE	Computational Engineering – Fluids *Occ B (ESTIA)*	Prof Karl Jenkins	35		10	Y	Occ A04/12/2023 *Occ 05/02/2024*	Occ A04/12/2023 *Occ05/02/2024*	Occ A08/12/2023 *Occ 09/02/2024*	50 *40*	ICW *ICW*	100 *100*				Occ A FT05/02/24 PT19/02/24 *Occ B01/04/24*	
9	N-CST-COD	Computational Optimisation Design	Dr Atif Riaz	35		10	Y	Occ A 16/10/2023 *Occ B*	Occ A 16/10/2023	Occ A 20/10/2023	Occ A 50	ICW	100				FT11/12/23 PT08/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not

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		Occ B (ESTIA)						*16/10/2023*	*Occ B16/10/2023*	*Occ B20/10/2023*	*Occ B* 40						08/01/24	be until the course runs the17ollowing year
10	N-CST - GPCED	Applications of Computational Engineering Design (Group Project) *Occ B (ESTIA)*	Dr Tom Teschner Prof Karl Jenkins	40		40	N	Occ A 26/02/2024 *Occ B22/01/2024*	Occ A 26/02/2024 *Occ B22/01/2024*	Occ A 25/04/2024 *Occ B 11/05/2024*	50 50 50 50 50 50	GPRES GCW RP *GPRES* *GCW* *RP*	30% 50% 20% *30%* *50%* *20%*				Occ A FT & PT 18/04/24 03/05/24 03/05/24 *Occ B 03/05/24 10/05/24 10/05/24*	
11	N-CST	Signal Analysis	Dr Seemal Asif	35		10	N	09/10/2023	09/10/2023	13/10/2023	50	ICW	100				FT 20/11/23	At the next available

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12	N-CST-DSP	Digital Signal Processing	Dr Barmak Honarvar	35		10	N	30/10/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	50	ICW	100				FT15/12/23 PT08/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
13	N-CST-	Image Processing and Analysis	Dr Yifan Zhao	35		10	N	27/11/2023	27/11/2023	01/12/2023	50	ICW	100				FT 08/01/24 PT 22/01/24	At the next available opportunity which

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14	N-CST - DIP 2	Computer Vision	Dr Stuart Barnes	35		10	N	04/12/2023	04/12/2023	*08/12/2023*	50	ICW	100				FT 05/02/2024 PT 19/02/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the19ollo wing year
15	N-CST -ML	Machine Learning for Computer Vision	Dr Seemal Asif	35		10	N	22/01/2024	22/01/2024	26/01/2024	50	ICW	100				FT26/02/24 PT11/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the

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16	N-CST - ADSIP	Applications of Computer Vision (Group Project)	Dr Seemal Asif	40		40	N	26/02/2024	26/02/2024	25/04/2024	50 50 50	GPRES GCW RP	30 50 20				18/04/24 03/05/24 03/05/24FT & PT	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
17	N-CST - SSPP	Small-scale Parallel Programming	Dr Salvatore Filippone	35		10	N	22/01/2024	22/01/2024	26/01/2024	50	ICW	100				FT26/02/24 PT11/03/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the

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18	N-CST-CC	Cloud Computing	Dr Stuart Barnes	35		10	N	13/11/2023	13/11/2023	17/11/2023	50	ICW	100				FT02/01/24 PT15/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
19	N-CST-HPTC	High Performance Technical Computing	Dr Irene Moulitsas	35		10	N	04/12/2023	04/12/2023	08/12/2023	50	ICW	100				FT05/02/24 PT19/02/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

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20	N-CST-RASD	Requirements Analysis and System Design	Dr Stuart Barnes	35		10	N	16/10/2023	16/10/2023	20/10/2023	50	Integrated Assessment GCW	100				FT04/12/23 PT02/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
21	N-CST-STQA	Software Testing and Quality Assurance	Dr Jun Li	35		10	N	23/10/2023	23/10/2023	27/10/2023								At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
22	N-CST-	Applications in Practical High-End	Dr Irene Moulitsas	40		40	N	26/02/2024	26/02/2024	25/04/2024	50	GPRES GCW	30				18/04/24 03/05/24	At the next available

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	GPHEC	Computing (Group Project)										RP	50 20				03/05/24FT & PT	opportunity which may not be until the course runs the23ollowing year
23	N-CST-AJAP	Advanced Java and Advanced Python	Dr Stuart Barnes	35		10	N	26/09/2023	26/09/2023	06/10/2023	50	GCW	100				FT23/10/23 PT06/11/23	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the23ollowing year
24	N-CST-MLBD	Machine Learning and Big Data	Dr Jun Li	35		10	N	16/10/2023	16/10/2023	20/10/2023	50	ICW	100				FT20/11/23 PT04/12/23	At the next available opportunity which may not

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25	N-CST-AI	Artificial Intelligence	Dr Jun Li	35		10	Y	05/02/2024	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	50	ICW	100				FT18/03/24 PT02/04/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
26	I-MNU-A1048	Internet of Things	Dr Sandeep Jagtap	35		10	Y	27/11/2023	27/11/2023	01/12/2023	50	ICW	100				FT08/01/24 PT22/01/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course

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27	N-CST-GPAPCI	Applications in Computational Intelligence (Group Project)	Dr Jun Li	40		40		26/02/2024	26/02/2024	25/04/2024	50 50 50	GPRES GCW RP	30 50 20				18/04/240 3/05/240 3/05/24	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
28	N-CST-THES80	Individual Research Project	Dr Irene Moulitsas	20		80	N	29/04/2024	29/04/2024	04/09/2024	50 50	THESIS IPRES	90 10				FT& PT 22/08/24 16/07/24	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
G-MTI	Management for Technology	MSc in Thermal Power	
N-CST-CPPI	C++ Programming (Integrated)	Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering	Aerospace Computational Engineering
N-CST-CMI	Computational Methods (Integrated)	Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering	Aerospace Computational Engineering
N-CST-CES	Computational Engineering Structures	Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering	Aerospace Computational Engineering
I-MNU-A1048	Internet of Things	Engineering and Management of Manufacturing Systems	
N-CST-AI	Artificial Intelligence	Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering	Defence and Security Programme

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The course uses a range of formative and summative assessment types that are challenging and enable the students to develop and demonstrate a range of skills.

For the taught component students can expect to have written examinations, individual and group coursework assessments, as well as individual and group presentations.

The group project is assessed with a group coursework report, collaborative software development, a group oral and poster presentation, as well as peer review to assess personal contribution to course work.

The individual research project is assessed by a thesis, a technical oral presentation and a poster presentation.

This approach has been adopted in order to provide the student with a balanced mix of theory, practical application to a problem and development of skills to present technical results in a written or oral forms. All tasks are undertaken both on an individual level and through team work to prepare the students to work effectively independently as well as in a team.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. PGCert

The Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4
01a				
01b	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
02a	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
02b	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
03				RP
04	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
05	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
06	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
07	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
08	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
09	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
11				ICW
12		ICW	ICW	ICW
13		ICW	ICW	
14	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
15	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
17	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
18	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
19	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
20	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
21	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
23	GCW	GCW	GCW	GCW
24	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
25	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
26	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW

B. PGDip

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO5	ILO6
10	GCW GPRES RP	GCW GPRES
16	GCW GPRES	GCW GPRES

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO5	ILO6
	RP	
22	GCW GPRES RP	GCW GPRES
27	GCW GPRES RP	GCW GPRES

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In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO7	ILO8
28	THESIS	THESIS IPRES

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
Two modules with an integrated assessment	C++ Programming (Integrated) 1b Computational Methods (Integrated) 2b	GCW	100
Two modules with a integrated assessment	Requirements Analysis and System Design (20) Software Testing and Quality Assurance (21)	GCW	100

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. <u>What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?</u>

This Masters course in 'Computational and Software Techniques in Engineering', with its blend of skills-based and subject-specific material equips students with the generic hands-on skills and up-to-date knowledge adaptable to the wide variety of applications in the general field of computer science or computational science and engineering.

Typically students seek employment in the engineering or software market. Enquiries regarding availability of potential employees are received from many quarters, both in the EU and elsewhere. There is considerable demand for personnel with expertise in software development and for those who

have strong technical programming skills in industry standard languages and tools. Graduates of the course, in demand by commercial engineering software developers, automotive, telecommunications, finance, medical, CAD/CAE vendors, and other industries and research organisations, have been particularly successful in finding long-term employment.

Some students may go on to register for PhD degrees, many, on the basis of their MSc research project. Thesis topics are most often supplied by individual companies on in-company problems with a view to employment after graduation - an approach that is being actively encouraged by a growing number of industries.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Computational Fluid Dynamics
Course code	MSCFDFTC, MSCFDPTC, PDCFDFTC, PDCFDPTC, PCCFDFTC, PCCFDPTC
Academic Year	2023/2024
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PgDip & PgCert
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Aerospace
Centre	Centre for Computational Engineering Sciences
Course Director	Dr Tom Teschner
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	Not Applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year, Part-time MSc - three years,
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Aerospace Theme, Computational Engineering Sciences Centre, where the research interests include:

- Fluid dynamics of single phase, multi-phase and multi-species flows.
- Steady and unsteady aerodynamics.
- Transition and turbulence.
- Heat transfer.
- Numerical methods development.
- Scientific and high-performance computing.
- Computational fluid dynamics with the applications in aerospace, automotive, environmental, energy, micro and nanotechnology, nuclear, bio-medical, chemical and defence sectors.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This MSc course is accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) until August 2026 on behalf of the Engineering Council as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Candidates must hold a CEng accredited BEng/BSc (Hons) undergraduate first degree to comply with full CEng registration requirements.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

- Provide a comprehensive training programme in Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) which will enhance the skills of the graduate student through a detailed introduction to the fundamentals of CFD together with an insight into the applications of CFD.
- Provide a unique opportunity for cross-disciplinary education and knowledge transfer in the computational fluids engineering via integration of a very broad range of applications into course curriculum.
- Produce graduates capable of solving computational fluid problems in a broad range of engineering areas, delivering high standard of computational expertise to a diverse range of employers.
- Provide a CPD opportunity through the part-time course option for qualified engineers wishing to extend their knowledge of CFD or incorporate CFD into their practice.

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) are provided as exit routes only.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- Recent graduates wishing to extend their knowledge and skills in the above areas.
- Qualified engineers wishing to apply their skills in new areas.
- Qualified engineers working with CFD in a particular area wishing to extend their knowledge and enhance their practice by knowledge transfer from different application areas.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Formulate the governing equations of fluid mechanics, evaluate their mathematical properties and differentiate their formulations for steady and unsteady, compressible and incompressible, inviscid and viscous flows.

ILO 2. Construct numerical schemes for model partial differential equations and assess the principles of numerical analysis, stability, approximation accuracy, convergence properties through the computed numerical solution.

ILO 3. Assess different state-of-the-art CFD methods as used in engineering practice and research and development for incompressible and compressible flows.

ILO 4. Evaluate the limitations of methods and techniques for the simulation of turbulent and transitional flows and thus build appropriate modelling frameworks for engineering-scale applications.

ILO 5. Measure the potential sources of, and differentiate between, error and uncertainty in numerical simulations. Manage software and computer tools and set-up error and uncertainty quantification strategies. Systematically and consistently implement the strategies in order to ensure credibility of the CFD simulation process.

ILO 6. Construct grids for practical CFD applications, systematically assess their quality, robustness and efficiency with respect to the CFD solver. Evaluate the CFD results by using various visualisation and post-processing software and gain fruitful insight of the flow properties.

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 7. Create grids, numerically solve the governing equation on the grid and post process the results using various commercial CFD software packages for practical engineering applications.

ILO 8. Manage the planning, conducting and reporting of a CFD project for practical scientific and engineering fluid flow problems, carry out comprehensive research literature survey and systematically analyse one or more aspects of Computational Fluid Dynamics.

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In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 9. Prepare a framework of research and application, where the challenges associated with a particular topic of research are critically evaluated with novelty arising from the taught material and through the state-of-the-art approaches found in the literature of the corresponding subject.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

The course material is delivered through a combination of lectures, tutorials and hands-on lab sessions. Where possible lectures feature a strong interactive element.
Assignments should be noted separately in the description of the course teaching methods. The assessment the students are required to complete i.e. 7 individual assignments, 1 group project and 1 individual research project (for an MSc) are used not only as means of summative assessment but also as means of formative assessment guiding the students through various aspects of Computational Fluid Dynamics via the application of techniques learned to practical problems.

The learning support builds on the standard mechanisms provided by the University including library facilities, specialised IT provision (Linux workstations) etc. The course uses the Canvas virtual learning environment with all materials delivered in electronic form and electronic communication tools (e.g. forums) used to enhance the discussion of the course materials.

In addition to standard learning support facilities the course utilises a number of specialised facilities, namely:

- A dedicated HPC (High Performance Computing) cluster used in the taught component and thesis work
- NFLC plane used in taught component to illustrate aircraft manoeuvres
- Windtunnel facilities used for demonstrations
- Virtual Reality computer lab for the visualisation of simulation data.

Group project and computer lab sessions are designed to enhance transferable skills related to teamwork and communication (written and verbal). Through the group project the student will develop interpersonal skills, necessary to develop solutions of industrial type problems. The group project will be supported by several activities i.e. lectures dedicated to the applications of CFD science and engineering, specialist computer software demonstrations and training, industrial talks and lectures, presentation of project management with role-playing activities. These activities will relate to a thematic topic of the group project e.g. aerospace, automotive and energy. For students that cannot efficiently performed group activities i.e. part time students; they have the option of taking the project dissertation instead of the group project. The project dissertation is completed individually.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 8. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 3, 4, 7	30
ELECTIVE MODULES:	

30 credits from 1, 2, 5, 6	30
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1-7 Module 8 (Group Project) or Module 10 (Project Dissertation- PT Only)	80 40
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1-7 Module 8 (Group Project) or Module 10 (Project Dissertation- PT Only) Module 9 (Individual Research Project)	80 40 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
N/A	
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]

[3] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of

- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

The course starts with the induction week where the students are introduced to the teaching team, fundamentals of CFD software, programming and HPC.

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months. The taught component runs from October until February. Between February and April the group project and related activities take place. The individual research project runs from April/May until end of August.

Part-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 3 years selecting the modules to be taken each year in consultation with the Course Director. Part-time students have the option to either take the group project or the project dissertation.

Allocation of group projects is performed in December/January, Individual research project topics are provided in February and allocations is completed within March.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The assessment tasks are challenging and enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes. Majority of the taught modules will be assessing skills and knowledge using Individual Course Works (ICWs). The intention is to examine students' comprehension of theoretical knowledge and their ability in applying practical skills in problem solving.
The group project (GP) will provide students the opportunity to work within a team of engineers to design and develop solution for a particular problem. It will assess the ability to create and execute a research programme in a team working environment as well as the ability to evaluate results and present the research outcome. Effective project management is key part of the group project. Part- time students who are unable to complete the group project will undertake a project dissertation.
Further knowledge and application will be assessed by the individual research project (IRP). It will also assess as well as develop research skills in terms of the ability to assemble a technical literature review and the ability to plan and implement an independent research project.

Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

[4] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc.** Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

A. Continuing PT students 2021-

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
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2	N-CFD-NMHPC	Numerical Methods and High	Dr Panagiotis Tsoutsanis	30		20	N	16/10/2023	16/10/2023	20/10/2023	50	ICW	100				FT 15/12/2023 PT 05/01/2024	FT 17/05/24 PT 24/05/24

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		Performance Computing																
3	N-CFD-GG	Grid Generation / CAD	Dr Tom Teschner	20		10	N	30/10/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	50	ICW	100				FT 08/12/2023 PT 02/01/2024	FT 17/05/24 PT 24/05/24
4	N-CFD-DAPP	Data Analysis and Uncertainty	Dr Tamas Jozsa	30		10	N	13/11/2023	13/11/2023	17/11/2023	50	ICW	100				FT 02/01/2024 PT 16/01/2024	FT 17/05/24 PT 24/05/24
5	N-CFD-NMCF	Numerical Modelling for Compressible Flows	Dr Panagiotis Tsoutsanis	20		10	Y	22/01/2024	22/01/2024	26/01/2024	50	ICW	100				FT 23/02/2024 PT 08/03/2024	FT 17/05/24 PT 24/05/24
6	N-CFD-NMIF	Numerical Modelling for Incompressible Flows	Dr Laszlo Konozsy	20		10	N	08/01/2024	08/01/2024	12/01/2024	50	ICW	100				FT 12/02/2024 PT 26/02/2024	FT 17/05/24 PT 24/05/24
7	N-CFD-CTM	Turbulence Modelling	Dr Tamas Jozsa	35		10	N	27/11/2023	27/11/2023	01/12/2023	50	ICW	100				FT 08/01/2024 PT 22/01/2024	FT 17/05/24 PT 24/05/24
	N-CFD-REDAO	The Role of Experimental Data in CFD	Dr Tom Teschner	10		0	N	04/03/2024	04/03/2024	15/03/2024	NA	AO	NA				ATTENDANCE ONLY	NA

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8	N-CFD-GRPP	Group Project	Dr Tom Teschner	20		40	N	26/02/2024	26/02/2024	26/04/2024	50	GPROJ GPRES	85 15				24/04/2024 26/04/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
9	N-CFD-RP	Individual Research Project	Dr Tom Teschner	10		80	N	29/04/2024	29/04/2024	01/09/2024	50	THESIS IPRES	85 15				16/08/2024 27/08/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
10	N-CFD-D	Project Dissertation (for part time only)	Dr Tom Teschner	20		40	N	26/02/2024	26/02/2024	26/04/2024	50	ICW IPRES	85 15				24/04/2024 26/04/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year

B. Full & Part time students 2023-2024

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2	N-CFD-NMHPC	Numerical Methods and High Performance Computing	Dr Panagiotis Tsoutsanis	30		20	N	16/10/2023	16/10/2023	20/10/2023	50	ICW	100				FT 15/12/2023 PT 05/01/2024	At the next available opportunity which may not be until the course runs the following year
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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-CFD-NMCF	Numerical Modelling for Compressible Flows	Computational Fluid Dynamics	Aerospace Computational Engineering

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

The course uses a range of assessment types. Students are assessed through 7 individual assignments, 1 group project and 1 individual research project.

This approach has been adopted in order to achieve a careful balance between the delivery of fundamental knowledge and CFD skills which is better assessed through a individual assignment and individual research thesis development of interpersonal skills within a “live” industrial problem and project-based learning through the group project.

Majority of the assignments utilised in the course are based on practical CFD problems with emphasis on developing CFD skills and critical evaluation capability.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The Postgraduate certificate has a total of 60 credits, this is offered as exit route, the student should be able to achieve 60 credits from module 1 to 7.

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6
1	ICW					
2		ICW				
3						ICW
4		ICW			ICW	
5	ICW	ICW	ICW			
6	ICW	ICW	ICW			
7	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7	ILO8
1	ICW							
2		ICW						
3						ICW		
4		ICW			ICW			
5	ICW	ICW	ICW					
6	ICW	ICW	ICW					
7	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW				
8			GPROJ	GPROJ	GPROJ	GPROJ	GPROJ GPRES	GPROJ GPRES
10			ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES

C. MSc

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Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO1	ILO2	ILO3	ILO4	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7	ILO8	ILO9
1	ICW								
2		ICW							
3						ICW			
4		ICW			ICW				
5	ICW	ICW	ICW						
6	ICW	ICW	ICW						
7	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW					
8			GPROJ	GPROJ	GPROJ	GPROJ	GPROJ GPRES	GPROJ GPRES	
9			THESIS	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS IPRES	THESIS IPRES	THESIS IPRES
10			ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW IPRES	ICW IPRES	

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition, students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning

and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Based on feedback from 2014/15 graduates, 90% of our graduates are in a full-time employment in industry or academia within 6 months of the course completion. Our graduates are employed in a broad range of industries where computational expertise is required. Currently our graduates are employed among others by aerospace, computer hardware, automotive, measurement equipment, mining, process systems and engineering consultancy companies. A proportion of our graduates pursue careers in academia through further PhD studies.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Engineering (Automotive)
Course code	MSCAVFTC; PDCAVFTC; PCCAVFTC;
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc
Additional exit routes	PGDip, PGCert
Mode of delivery	Full-Time
Location(s) of Study	Cranfield University
School(s)	School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing
Theme	Transport Systems
Centre	Advanced Vehicle Engineering
Course Director	Dr Marco Cecotti
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)

Benchmark Statement(s)	Not applicable
Registration Period(s) available	Full-time MSc - one year
Course Start Month(s)	September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing's Advanced Vehicle Centre where the research interests include:

Vehicle Electrification
Automated Driving
Advanced Control
Multi-domain Modelling
Novel Engine Technology
Vehicle Braking Systems

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

N/A

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

1. Meet employer demand for postgraduate engineers who have strong applied analytical skills in areas relevant to connected and autonomous vehicle engineering to meet the challenging market and legislative demands for vehicle safety, performance, and sustainability.
2. Provide a primary training and dissemination route for Cranfield University's increasing research portfolio in the area of connected and autonomous vehicle technologies for road vehicles and civil off-highway applications.
3. Supply to the automotive industry and intelligent mobility sectors (and associated supply chain) high calibre post graduate engineers with the technical qualities, transferable skills, and independent learning ability to make them effective in organisations that design and develop automotive products.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

1. UK, EU or international students with a 1st class or 2nd class UK honours degree (or equivalent) in an engineering related discipline (including most maths or science disciplines).
2. Qualifying Double Degree students from the EU

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. **Postgraduate Certificate in Connected & Autonomous Vehicle Engineering (Automotive)**

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Evaluate the fundamental characteristics of a road vehicle in the context of connected and autonomous vehicle engineering.

ILO 2. Compose and evaluate business strategies within the context of connected and autonomous vehicle engineering.

ILO 3. Formulate, plan and organise work within a group design project relating to connected and autonomous vehicles.

ILO 4. Select, apply and optimize appropriate technologies to address design and/or business problems within a limited range of disciplines relevant to connected and autonomous vehicle engineering.

B. **Postgraduate Diploma in Connected & Autonomous Vehicle Engineering (Automotive)**

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 5. Select and apply appropriate technologies from the realm of electronic systems engineering to address design and/or business problems in the context of connected and autonomous vehicle engineering.

ILO 6. Select and apply appropriate technologies from the realm of robotics and control to address design problems in the context of connected and autonomous vehicle engineering.

ILO 7. Assess and evaluate human factors, safety, ethics and regulatory challenges associated with connected and autonomous vehicle engineering.

C. **MSc in Connected & Autonomous Vehicle Engineering (Automotive)**

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 8. Propose, plan and implement a time-bound programme of individual advanced research or development to address a technical or operational requirement within the context of CAV engineering.

ILO 9. Apprise an audience of senior decision makers on the findings of a substantial body of work through a brief presentation and responsive discussion in the context of CAV engineering.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

Lectures, mixed-mode learning sessions, formative feedback, practicals, assignments (typically embodying problem-based learning), a group design project and an individual research project. Where appropriate, online learning, Virtual Learning Environments and Technology Enhanced Learning are used.

The course draws extensively from across the university, using the knowledge of staff from within three schools: SATM, CDS and SOM.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate

The accumulation of 60 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	N/A
Vehicle Design, Propulsion and Performance (module 1) Technology Strategy and Business Models (module 10) Group Design Project (module 11)	10 10 20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Module 0 20 credits from remaining modules 2-9	0 20
TOTAL:	60

B. Postgraduate Diploma

The accumulation of 120 credits (or more) through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1-10 Group Project (module 11)	100 20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Module 0	0
TOTAL:	120

C. MSc

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Modules 1-10 Group Project (module 11) Thesis (module 12)	100 20 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Module 0	0
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists, and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [1]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

[1] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in September and are expected to complete the course within 12 calendar months.

Subject to teaching room availability, each module is taught over two weeks, with the second week largely free of structured teaching to allow time for more independent learning and reflection and/or assignment work.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[2]

In all cases, the chosen methods of assessment have been chosen for greatest constructive alignment with the associated intended learning outcomes. For the majority of taught modules, individual coursework allows the greatest 'time on task' and deep learning, but for some, an examination is the best fit. The course contains a group project and an individual research project: these are assessed with individual reports and presentations. (The group project also has a group-assessed element.) Again, this is aligned with the learning outcomes for the modules and the overall course.

[2] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to MSc. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[3]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[4]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment								
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates		
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[5] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[6] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[8]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[9]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
0	N-CAV-IND	Introduction	Daniel Auger	18	0	N	N	25/09/2023	25/09/2023	29/09/2023	N/A	A/O	N/A					
1	N-AP-VDP	Vehicle Design, Propulsion and Performance	Glenn Sherwood	30		10	Y	02/10/2023	02/10/2023	06/10/2023	50	GPRES	100%				11/10/2023 16:00	14/06/2024
2	N-CAV-PPADM	Path Planning, Autonomy and Decision Making	Efstathios Siampis	28		10	N	22/01/2024	05/02/2024	14/02/2024	50	ICW	100%				16/02/2024	07/06/2024

[3] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[4] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[5] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%..
[6] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[7] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[8] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[9] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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3	N-CAV-SPV	Sensors, Perception and Visualisation	Ivan Petrunin	28		10	N	16/10/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	50	ICW	100%				10/11/2023	24/05/2024
4	N-CAV-SYS	Systems Engineering	Fanny Camelia	30		10	N	19/02/2024	04/03/2024	08/03/2024	50	ICW	100%				15/03/2024	28/06/2024
5	N-AP-AM04	Embedded Vehicle Control Systems	Stefano Longo	30		10	Y	22/01/2024	22/01/2024	26/01/2024	50	ICW	100%				02/02/2024 16:00	05/07/2024
6	N-CAV-TSO	Transport Systems Optimisation	Abbas Fotouhi	30		10	N	13/11/2023	27/11/2023	01/12/2023	50	EX	100%				Exam week 2 02/01/2024 to 05/01/2024	Exam Week 8 (9-13 Sept 2024)
7	N-CAV-HF	Human Factors, Human-Computer Interaction and ADAS System	Lisa Dorn	30		10	N	02/10/2023	16/10/2023	20/10/2023	50	ICW	100%				08/12/2023	17/05/2024
8	N-CAV-NSC	Networked Systems and Cyber Security	Phil Nobles	30		10	N	05/02/2024	19/02/2024	23/02/2024	50	ICW	100%				01/03/2024	21/06/2024
9	N-CAV-ESR	Ethics, Safety and Regulation	Colin Pilbeam	30		10	N	18/12/2023	08/01/2024	17/01/2024	50	ICW	100%				19/01/2024	19/07/2024

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10	N-CAV-TSBM	Technology Strategy and Business Models	Mikko Arevuo	16		10	N	30/10/2023	13/11/2023	17/11/2023	50	GCW	100%				24/11/2023	31/05/2024
11	N-CAV-GP	CAVE (Auto) Group Project	Marco Cecotti	35		20	N	18/03/2024	18/03/2024	24/04/2024	50 50	GCW GPRES	70% 30%				19/04/2024 26/04/2024	Next opportunity
12	N-AP-AE13	Individual Research Project	Abbas Fotouhi	10		80	Y	02/10/2023	29/04/2024	30/08/2024	50 50	THESIS IPRES	80% 20%				19/08/2024 16:00 27/08/2024 – 29/08/2024	Next opportunity

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
N-AP-VDP	Vehicle Design, Propulsion and Performance	MSc in Automotive Engineering	MSc in Automotive Mechatronics
N-AP-AM04	Embedded Vehicle Control Systems	MSc in Automotive Mechatronics	MSc in Automotive Mechatronics
N-AP-AE13	Individual Research Project	MSc in Automotive Engineering	MSc in Automotive Mechatronics

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Individual coursework (assignments), examinations, group coursework, group project work, individual project work.

This approach has been adopted because:

The assessment approaches have been chosen to best suit the type of knowledge and skills they relate to. In many cases, individual coursework and project work allows deep engagement with the subject allowing the full spectrum of module-level ILOs to be assessed. Some ILOs specifically relate to group project work, and group assessment is used accordingly. For a few modules, time-bound examinations felt to be a good way to assess module ILOs.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4
1	GPRES			
2				ICW
3				ICW
4				ICW
5				ICW
6				EX
7				ICW
8				ICW
9				ICW
10		GCW		
11			GCW GPRES	

B. Postgraduate Diploma

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO5	ILO6	ILO7
2		ICW	
3	ICW	ICW	
4	ICW	ICW	
5	ICW		
6	EX		EX
7			ICW
8	ICW	ICW	
9			ICW

C. MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO8	ILO9
12	THESIS	IPRES

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6-year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition, students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational, and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5-year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

Graduates in this course are likely to be able to undertake roles in industry or commercial sectors such as the following:

Engineering/technical roles relating to the deep technical skills taught on the project. (These could be with traditional automotive OEMs and their supply chain or within the emerging 'intelligent mobility' sector.) Examples of entry level job titles might be 'engineer/technologist', 'senior engineer/technical specialist' or 'technical specialist'. Work would include development of particular technologies in the CAV field or integration of such technologies into CAV systems.

Commercial and technical sales roles relating to connected and autonomous vehicles. Typical jobs titles here might be 'application engineer', 'technical consultant' or 'sales engineer'.

Graduates will be well equipped to progress to senior management and technical roles within the automotive and intelligent mobility sectors.

Graduates will also be well equipped for roles in applied research within universities and similar organisations.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications
Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	Counterterrorism Programme
Course code	**MSc, PgDip, PgCert Counterterrorism(CT);** MSCTMFTC, MSCTMPTC, PDCTMFTC, PDCTMPTC, PCCTMFTC, PCCTMPTC, **MSc, PgDip, PgCert Counterterrorism, Risk Management and Resilience(CRMR);** MSCRRFTC, MSCRRPTC, PDCRRFTC, PDCRRPTC, PCCRRFTC, PCCRRPTC **Short Course for Credit;** SPCTMPTC
Academic Year	2023/24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert, Short Courses for Credit (Both CT and CRMR)
Additional exit routes	PgDip, PgCert, MSc (CT and CRMR)
Mode of delivery	Full-time, Part-time
Location(s)[1] of Study	Cranfield Campus, Shrivenham
School(s)	Cranfield Defence and Security
Theme	Defence and Security
Centre	Cranfield Forensic Institute
Course Director	Programme Director: Dr Anastasia Filippidou Counterterrorism Course Director: Dr Anastasia Filippidou; Deputy Counterterrorism Course Director: Edith Wilkinson Counterterrorism, Risk Management and Resilience Course Director: Anastasia Filippidou Deputy Counterterrorism, Risk Management and Resilience Course Director: Edith Wilkinson

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here

Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	No
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	n/a
Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	n/a
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	n/a
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	Standard University entry requirements
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ Level 7 Masters
Benchmark Statement(s)	n/a
Registration Period(s) available	Part-time: 2 years (PgDip and PgCert) or 3 years (MSc) Full-time: 1 year MSc, PgDip and PgCert
Course Start Month(s)	October

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by the Cranfield Forensic Institute within Cranfield Defence and Security where the research interests include:

Counterterrorism, intelligence, risk and resilience, negotiations, security technology, forensic archaeology and anthropology, ballistics, explosives, forensic and security imagining.

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

- Pool Reinsurance - research project titles.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs)

This course is not accredited by any external bodies.

2. What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this course in order to:

[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

- help prepare students for both academic and non-academic careers (including those related to security, policing, military, government policy, and international work), bringing together a unique mix of different subjects, combining modules from soft and hard sciences. The skills students gain will reflect the modules selected.

- provide students with fundamental knowledge, core expertise and advanced, evidence-based methodological tools and approaches necessary to understand, analyse, prevent and mitigate terrorism.

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) exit routes are provided for students who wish to access only parts of the course provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

- graduates with relevant first degrees
- other graduates working in relevant professional fields of study, including those connected to policing, criminal justice, military, security, preventing violent extremism, countering violent extremism, intelligence and defence sectors
- practitioners in fields related to counterterrorism, risk management and risk mitigation.

Some elements of the programme are delivered at the UK Defence Academy in Shrivenham, which is a Ministry of Defence (MoD) site. All applicants to courses that are wholly or partially delivered at Shrivenham must complete the UK Government's Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS) prior to registration or must already hold a security clearance to this level or higher. BPSS clearance applications will be shared during the application process with the MoD, which has ultimate discretion over admission to the Shrivenham site. If a student is not able to access the Shrivenham site, they will be unable to select any modules which are based at Shrivenham.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Counterterrorism

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Critically examine and appraise the major theoretical, academic and substantive debates relating to terrorism and counterterrorism.

ILO 2. Develop the analytical skills to critically research, evaluate and assess models and explanations of terrorism, and the range of counterterrorism options to these.

ILO 3. Construct and formulate arguments and analysis and communicate these effectively in a form suitable for specific target audiences.

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Counterterrorism

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Critically evaluate the design and impact of counterterrorism policies and initiatives

ILO 5. Examine and critically assess several case studies of major terrorism and counterterrorism campaigns.

ILO 6. Assemble and evaluate a wide range of evidence from a range of disciplines that impacts on terrorism and counterterrorism and be able to do this working independently or as part of a group.

ILO 7. Systematically engage with and critique the evidence base for understanding terrorism and which underlies counterterrorism initiatives and policies.

C. MSc in Counterterrorism

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 8. Complete a significant piece of independent research on a chosen topic within the area of terrorism or counterterrorism.
ILO 9. Critically evaluate different research methodologies and select appropriate research strategies and materials.
ILO 10. Appraise and identify recommendations for policy, practice and/or future research.

D. Postgraduate Certificate in Counterterrorism, Risk Management and Resilience

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Critically examine and appraise the major theoretical, academic and substantive debates relating to terrorism and counterterrorism.
ILO 2. Critically research, evaluate and assess risk management and mitigation theory and techniques with regard to terrorism and related threats
ILO 3. Construct and formulate arguments and analysis and communicate these effectively in a form suitable for specific target audiences.

E. Postgraduate Diploma in Counterterrorism, Risk Management and Resilience

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 4. Critically evaluate the design and impact of counterterrorism policies and initiatives
ILO 5. Critically evaluate risk and crisis management tools, processes, and frameworks and relate risk and crisis management frameworks to contemporary resilience strategies.
ILO 6. Assemble and evaluate a wide range of evidence from a range of disciplines that impacts on terrorism and counterterrorism and be able to do this working independently or as part of a group.
ILO 7. Examine and critically analyse mitigation and resilience approaches to a range of terrorist threats, tactics and strategies.

F. MSc in Counterterrorism, Risk Management and Resilience

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 8. Complete a significant piece of independent research on a chosen topic within an area of terrorism, risk management and resilience.
ILO 9. Critically evaluate different research methodologies and select appropriate research strategies and materials.
ILO 10. Appraise and identify recommendations for policy, practice and/or future research.

4. How is the course taught?

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

Teaching methods vary from module to module but include lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops and individual supervision. The emphasis is on student participation and small group work within a supportive learning environment. Student learning is supported by lecture notes, module handbooks and suggested reading. Direct class contact is supplemented by on-line interactive programme materials, individual

reading and preparation for assignments. Learning resources include IT and access to electronic databases

Our education philosophy is led by the basic principles of:

- research led teaching – through a course team that are active researchers or practitioners
- learning through assessment methods - we view assessment as part of the learning process, with a variety of assessment methods extending the curriculum and transferable skills

The main instrument of teaching and learning in the taught phase modules remains the traditional lecture, incorporating the effective use of visual aids and supported by high quality written material where appropriate. Tutorial sessions centring on a particular subject area or involving more wide-ranging discussions are also an important feature of the course. Additionally, there is a growing move to reduce the amount of teacher-centred learning and allow students to take the initiative in the learning process. Thus some modules include a requirement for each student to make an oral presentation to the rest of the class on a specific subject that is then assessed by the staff present. Students are required to present their written work in a variety of forms, including the conventional essay as well as laboratory reports and expert witness statements. In the case of MSc students this includes presenting the results of their individual research project in the format of a thesis. The emphasis is always on clear, concise and accurate presentation. This ensures that students are continually encouraged to think about report writing and are given frequent opportunities to improve their techniques as they progress through the course. Some modules employ role play to demonstrate how theory is put into practice, including table top exercises where students work in small groups to risk manage and mitigate a range of different terrorism scenarios.

In addition to the teaching methods outlined, students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Good staff student relations. Staff endeavour to be enthusiastic and helpful. The Programme Director will address any immediate issues of concern that a student or students may have in connection with the course.
- All students are provided with a personal tutor who is available to support the student and advise on academic issues and provide pastoral care. Students are encouraged to meet with their personal tutors at least twice during the taught phase of the course. Additional meetings are scheduled as required.
- After the taught phase pastoral care largely transfers to the student's individual research project supervisor, who they are encouraged to meet with regularly.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Counterterrorism

The accumulation of 60 credits[3] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	**30**

[3] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.

Introductory Studies Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism Applied Counterterrorism	0 20 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	**30**
30 credits from Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism Protecting Critical National Infrastructure Cyber Terrorism Chemical, Biological and Nuclear Terrorism Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation Risk, Crisis, and Resilience Counterterrorism and Intelligence Negotiating with Violent Extremist Terrorist Organisations Terrorism and the Law Courtroom Skills Introduction to Fire Investigation Introduction to Firearms Investigations and Forensic Ballistics Firearms Investigations Forensic Ballistic Investigations Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices Capability Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence Trauma Weapon Effects	 10 10 10 10 20 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
TOTAL:	**60**

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Counterterrorism

The accumulation of 120 credits[4] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	**40**
Introductory Studies Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism Applied Counterterrorism Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism	0 20 10 10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	**80**
80 credits from Protecting Critical National Infrastructure Cyber Terrorism Chemical, Biological and Nuclear Terrorism Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation Risk, Crisis, and Resilience Counterterrorism and Intelligence	 10 10 10 20 10 10

[4] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation.

Negotiating with Violent Extremist Terrorist Organisations	10
Terrorism and the Law	10
Courtroom Skills	10
Introduction to Fire Investigation	10
Introduction to Firearms Investigations and Forensic Ballistics	10
Firearms Investigations	10
Forensic Ballistic Investigations	10
Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices Capability	10
Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence	10
Trauma Weapon Effects	10
TOTAL:	**120**

C. MSc in Counterterrorism

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	**120**
Introductory Studies	0
Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism	20
Applied Counterterrorism	10
Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism	10
Thesis	80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	**80**
80 credits from	
Protecting Critical National Infrastructure	10
Cyber Terrorism	10
Chemical, Biological and Nuclear Terrorism	10
Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation	20
Risk, Crisis, and Resilience	10
Counterterrorism and Intelligence	10
Negotiating with Violent Extremist Terrorist Organisations	10
Terrorism and the Law	10
Courtroom Skills	10
Introduction to Fire Investigation	10
Introduction to Firearms Investigations and Forensic Ballistics	10
Firearms Investigations	10
Forensic Ballistic Investigations	10
Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices Capability	10
Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence	10
Trauma Weapon Effects	10
TOTAL:	**200**

D. Postgraduate Certificate in Counterterrorism, Risk Management & Resilience

The accumulation of 60 credits[5] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	**40**
Introductory Studies	0
Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism	20
Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation	20
ELECTIVE MODULES:	**20**
20 credits from	
Applied Counterterrorism	10
Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism	10
Protecting Critical National Infrastructure	10
Cyber Terrorism	10
Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism	10
Risk Crisis and Resilience	10
Counterterrorism and Intelligence	10
Terrorism and the Law	10
Courtroom Skills	10
Introduction to Fire Investigation	10
Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices	10
Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence	10
Trauma Weapon Effects	10
TOTAL:	60

E. Postgraduate Diploma in Counterterrorism, Risk Management & Resilience

The accumulation of 120 credits[6] through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	**70**
Introductory Studies	0
Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism	20
Applied Counterterrorism	10
Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism	10
Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation	20
Risk Crisis and Resilience	10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	**50**
50 credits from	
Protecting Critical National Infrastructure	10
Cyberterrorism	10
Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism	10
Counterterrorism and Intelligence	10
Terrorism and the Law	10
Courtroom Skills	10
Introduction to Fire Investigation	10
Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices	10

[5] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.

[6] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation.

Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence Trauma Weapon Effects	10 10
TOTAL:	120

F. MSc in Counterterrorism, Risk Management & Resilience

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	**150**
Introductory Studies Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism Applied Counterterrorism Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation Risk Crisis and Resilience Thesis	0 20 10 10 20 10 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
50 credits from Protecting Critical National Infrastructure Cyberterrorism Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism Counterterrorism and Intelligence Terrorism and the Law Courtroom Skills Introduction to Fire Investigation Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence Trauma Weapon Effects	 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
TOTAL:	200

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria
The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.

In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of

your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does not have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [7]

- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment on the first attempt for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **up to 30 learning credits**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **any additional learning credits** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is not permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

6. How is the course structured?

Full-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 11 calendar months.

Part-time students register for the course in October and are expected to complete the course within 3 years.

Most modules are taught over one week. For some modules this will include sufficient time for parts of the module assessments such as individual or group presentations. Most assessments are completed after the residential element. The examination for Reasoning for Forensic Science and coursework is completed after the residential element of the module. The coursework for Courtroom Skills is submitted before the module with a practical assessment completed during the residential week

Each option within the course is based around a specific set of option-specific, compulsory modules (a "theme"), with a complementary series of associated role- specific modules. Students select modules across the whole programme according to their individual requirements and entry qualifications.

Students would normally commence their individual research project only on successful completion of the taught component of the course. It is expected that the individual research project will normally fall within the scope of the dominant theme established in the taught phase.

Part-time provision of the course works as a variant of the full-time course but is offered in a more flexible mode of study. Students are able to "jump on and jump off" modules over a longer period and sit classes alongside full-time students. Part-time students are also allowed longer deadlines for the submission of coursework.

An illustrative journey pathway for a part-time student on the MSc Counterterrorism, Risk Management & Resilience could be to take the following modules:

[7] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

First Year: Module 1 (Oct), Module 2 (Oct), Module 8 (Jan), Module 3 (Mar) (50 credits)

Second Year: Module 4 (Nov), Module 22 (Jan), Module 7 (Mar), Module 5 (April) (40 credits)

Third Year: Module 9 (Nov), Module 6 (Feb) Module 21 (Mar) Module 23 (Apr - Aug) (110 credits)

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[8]

The course assessment tasks are challenging and are designed to enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes. Core modules introduce students to foundational theory and central issues (e.g., Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism; Applied Counterterrorism; Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation) and will be assessed through essays, reports, MCQs, presentations and group debate. Reports and essays are of varying lengths and recognise that writing articles or reports to a short length can be more challenging for some and can develop different skills relevant to professional practice. The length of each assessment task is clearly stated within the module descriptor. Students will write employability relevant reports and assessments to equip them with the skills they require to succeed as a professional working in a counterterrorism-relevant sector and to address specific award ILOs [e.g., MSc Counterterrorism ILOs 3, 4, 5, 6]; and for those working in risk management, mitigation & resilience sectors [e.g. MSc Counterterrorism, Risk Management & Resilience ILOs 2, 3, 5, 7].

Students then have opportunities to develop their communication skills, as they are required to give group presentation and individual presentations and participate in group debates. The ability to work effectively in groups is a highly desirable skill which is specifically identified in ILO 6 (MSc Counterterrorism & MSc Counterterrorism, Risk Management & Resilience). Feedback is given immediately after the group presentation and group debates.

Modules are supported by a number of formative tasks including group debates (e.g. Applied Counterterrorism; Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Terrorism), MCQs (e.g. Cyberterrorism; Protecting Critical National Infrastructure), and oral presentations (e.g. Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism; Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism). Formative feedback is given verbally within the classroom following debates, and oral feedback provided by the tutor and peers for presentations. Students will also engage with interactive learning activity such as MCQs which incorporates formative feedback. For a range of modules (e.g. Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism; Applied Counterterrorism; Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Terrorism; Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism; Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation) class presentations and peer review informs performance, students are also generally encouraged to support each other by asking and answering questions via the VLE.

The taught components precede the research project, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for the individual research project. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during the research project and guidance will be provided by a staff supervisor. The research project addresses ILOs 8-10 for both courses and takes the form of a Thesis on a subject directly relevant to the major theme of the course.

[8] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to **MSc**. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[9]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers[10]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[11] - 40% or 50%	Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
												Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[12] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments[13] (100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[14]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[15]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	R-CT-IS	Introductory Studies	Anastasia Filippidou	30	0	0	Y	02/10/23	02/10/23	06/10/23	N/A	AO	N/A				N/A	N/A
2	R-CT-UTC	Understanding Terrorism and Counterterrorism	Anastasia Filippidou	40	0	20	N	09/10/23	09/10/23	13/10/23	50	ICW	100				FT 13/11/23 PT 27/11/23	Next available opportunity

[9] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[10] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[11] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[12] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[13] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear andragogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[14] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*)*. If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[15] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

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3	R-CT-AC	Applied Counterterrorism	Anastasia filippidou	25	0	10	N	04/03/24	04/03/24	08/03/24	50	ICW	100				FT 08/04/24 PT 22/04/24	Next available opportunity
4	R-CT-SITT	Strategies, Ideologies and Tactics of Terrorism	Anastasia Filippidou	25	0	10	N	06/11/23	06/11/23	10/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 11/12/23 PT 02/01/24	Next available opportunity
5	R-CT-PCNI	Protecting Critical National Infrastructure	Edith Wilkinson	25	0	10	N	22/04/24	22/04/24	26/04/24	40	ICW	100				FT 27/05/24 PT 10/06/24	Next available opportunity
6	R-CT-CT	Cyberterrorism	Paul Davidson	25	0	10	N	29/01/24	29/01/24	02/02/24	40	ICW	100				FT 04/03/24 PT 18/03/24	Next available opportunity
7	R-CT-CBRN	Chemical. Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Terrorism	Matthew Healy	25	0	10	N	26/02/24	26/02/24	01/03/24	40	ICW	100				FT 03/04/24 PT 17/04/24	Next available opportunity

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8	R-CT-TRMM	Terrorism Risk Management and Mitigation	Mike Harris	40	0	20	N	15/01/24	15/01/24	19/01/24	50 Compulsory 40 Elective	ICW	100				FT 19/02/24 PT 04/03/24	Next available opportunity
9	R-IDS-RR	Risk, Crisis and Resilience	Edith Wilkinson	25	0	10	N	20/11/23	20/11/23	24/11/23	40	ICW	100				FT 02/01/24 PT 16/01/24	Next available opportunity
10	R-IDS-TCT	Counterterrorism and Intelligence	Anastasia Filippidou	20	0	10	N	04/12/23	04/12/23	08/12/23	40	ICW	100				FT 22/01/24 PT 05/02/24	Next available opportunity
11	R-CT-NVETO	Negotiating with Violent Extremist and Terrorist Organisations	Anastasia Filippidou	20	0	10	N	08/01/24	08/01/24	12/01/24	40	ICW	100				FT 12/02/24 PT 26/02/24	Next available opportunity
12	R-CT-TL	Terrorism and the Law	Gemma Collantes-Celador	20	0	10	N	19/02/24	19/02/24	23/02/24	40	ICW	100				FT 25/03/24 PT 08/04/24	Next available opportunity

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13	R-FP-CS	Courtroom Skills	Roland Wessling/ Kate Hewins	25	0	10	Y	19/02/24 Online induction session: 11/10/23	19/02/24-21/02/24 and 29/04/24-01/05/24	01/05/24	50 50	OR ICW	60 40				LL 30th April-1st May 24 ALL 28th March 24	Next available opportunity
14	R-FP-IFI	Introduction to Fire Investigation	Mike Moulden	32	0	10	Y	04/12/23	04/12/23	08/12/23	50	ICW	100				FT 22/01/24 PT 05/02/24	Next available opportunity
15	R-FP-IFIFB	Introduction to Firearms Investigations and Forensic Ballistics	Kate Hewins	32	0	10	Y	13/11/23	13/11/23	17/11/23	50	ICW	100				FT 03/01/24 PT 17/01/24	Next available opportunity
16	R-FP-FI	Firearms Investigations	Kate Hewins	32	0	10	Y	05/02/24	05/02/24	09/02/24	50	ICW	100				FT 11/03/24 PT 25/03/24	Next available opportunity
17	R-FP-FBI	Forensic Ballistics Investigations	Kate Hewins	32	0	10	Y	08/04/24	08/04/24	12/04/24	50	ICW	100				FT 13/05/24 PT 28/05/24	Next available opportunity

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18	R-FP-CEDC	Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices Capability	Mike Harris	28	0	10	Y	18/03/24	18/03/24	22/03/24	50	IPRES	100				Presentation submission date:22/04/24 Oral presentation dates: 7th and 8th May 2024	Next available opportunity
19	R-FP-FEAI	Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence	Stephen Johnson	28	0	10	Y	22/01/24	22/01/24	26/01/24	50	ICW	100				FT 26/02/24 PT 11/03/24	Next available opportunity
21	R-FP-TWE	Trauma Weapon Effects	Nick Marquez Grant and Kate Hewins	32	0	10	Y	29/01/24	29/01/24	02/02/24	50	IPRES	100				FT 04/03/24 PT 11/03/24	Next available opportunity
20	R-CT-THESIS (A23)	Thesis	Edith Wilkinson	50	0	80	N	A22	A22 (FT): 01/05/24	03/09/24	50	THESIS	100				FT 03/09/24	N/A

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									RP Day 1: 01/11/23 RP Day 2: 13/03/24									
20	R-CT-THESIS (B23)	Thesis	Edith Wilkinson	50	0	80	N	B23: 04/10/23	B23 (PT 2021 cohort): 04/10/23	04/10/24	50	THESIS	100				PT 04/10/24	N/A
20	R-CT-THESIS (B24)	Thesis	Edith Wilkinson	50	0	80	N	03/10/24	03/10/24 Compulsory Research Project Day 1: 01/11/23	03/10/25	50	THESIS	100				PT 03/10/25	N/A

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									Compulsory Research Project Day 2: 13/03/24									

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***FI is a pre-requisite for FBI

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
R-CT-IS	Introductory Studies		Forensic Programme
R-IDS-TCT	Counterterrorism and Intelligence	Counterterrorism Programme	Defence and Security Programme
R-FP-CS	Courtroom Skills	Forensic Programme	
R-FP-IFI	Introduction to Fire Investigation	Forensic Programme	Defence and Security Programme
R-FP-IFIFB	Introduction to Firearms Investigations and Forensic Ballistics	Forensic Programme	Defence and Security Programme
R-FP-FI	Firearms Investigations	Forensic Programme	
R-FP-FBI	Forensic Ballistics Investigations	Forensic Programme	
R-FP-CEDC	Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices Capability	Forensic Programme	Explosives Ordnance Engineering MSc
R-FP-FEAI	Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence	Forensic Programme	
R-FP-IS	Introductory Studies	Forensic Programme	Archaeological Sciences
R-FP-TWE	Trauma Weapons Effects	Forensic Programme	

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Essays, exams, reports, oral presentations, and a research project.

All assessments in the Programme comply with guidelines on assessment set out by the University and are designed to assess the learning outcomes of the module. Modes of assessment are varied and innovative. Feedback is detailed and great lengths are taken to ensure that assessment tasks are clarified and clearly understood.

The focus is on best practice and awareness of current research. For some assignments, students are expected to take on a professional role and assessments involve critical evaluation and professional judgement through a balance of report writing (including expert witness statements, analytical reports and critical reviews) oral examinations (individual and group presentations) and written examinations.

To complete the course to the award of a Masters level qualification, students must progress through PgCert and PgDip modules and assessment to the final element of the programme, the research based dissertation. Students must pass this final element of the programme with a minimum mark of 50%.

This approach has been adopted because:

It enables the testing of different aspects of the student's knowledge and ability. Conventional essay work is used to test research skills and analytical ability, and is often based on a critical review of the literature. A wide range of data types and sources are used. While journals, conference papers and specialist textbooks are most frequently used, students are expected to use other sources such as government and industry publications, newspapers, television and internet sites when appropriate. Consequently, students have to demonstrate an awareness of the reliability of the source and the possibility of conflicting interests.

Professional skills are developed through oral presentations and writing analytical reports on case studies and practical work, with a particular emphasis on clear but concise presentation. Students can expect assessed coursework to be returned to them no longer than 20 working days following the deadline for handing in, according to University Regulations. Throughout the course both individual and group presentations and briefings are used to assess communication skills appropriate for a range of target audiences

Assessment and ILO Mapping

Complete the grid below by inserting in the boxes which assessments from the modules directly assess the Award ILOs.

(Module numbers should correspond with those used in the Course module table above.)

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Counterterrorism

Award ILOs / **Module No.**	**ILO 1**	**ILO 2**	**ILO 3**
1			
2	ICW	ICW	ICW
3	ICW	ICW	
4	ICW		
5		ICW	ICW
6	ICW	ICW	ICW
7	ICW		ICW
8		ICW	ICW
9			ICW
10	ICW	ICW	ICW
11	ICW		ICW
12	ICW		ICW
13			OR ICW
14		ICW	ICW
15			ICW
16			ICW
17			ICW
18			IPRES
19			ICW
21		IPRES	IPRES

B. Postgraduate Diploma in Counterterrorism

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7
1				
2	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
3	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
4		ICW	ICW	ICW
5		ICW	ICW	
6	ICW			
7	ICW		ICW	ICW
8	ICW		ICW	ICW
9	ICW		ICW	
10			ICW	ICW
11	ICW	ICW	ICW	
12	ICW		ICW	ICW
13			ICW	ICW
14				
15			ICW	ICW
16				ICW
17				ICW
18				IPRES
19			ICW	ICW
21			IPRES	

C. MSc in Counterterrorism

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 8	ILO 9	ILO 10
20	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS

D. Postgraduate Certificate in Counterterrorism, Risk Management and Resilience

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3
1			
2	ICW		ICW
3	ICW	ICW	ICW
4	ICW		ICW
5		ICW	ICW
6	ICW	ICW	ICW
7	ICW	ICW	ICW
8		ICW	ICW
9		ICW	ICW
10	ICW		ICW
13			OR ICW
14			ICW
18		IPRES	IPRES
20			ICW
21			IPRES

E. Postgraduate Diploma in Counterterrorism, Risk Management and Resilience

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7
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2	ICW		ICW	
3	ICW		ICW	
4			ICW	
5		ICW	ICW	ICW
6	ICW	ICW		ICW
7	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
8	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
9	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
10			ICW	
13			OR ICW	
14				
18		IPRES		IPRES

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7
19			ICW	
21		IPRES		

F. MSc in Counterterrorism, Risk Management and Resilience

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award ILOs / Module No.	ILO 8	ILO 9	ILO 10
20	THESIS	THESIS	THESIS

MSc Counterterrorism	MSc Counterterrorism, Risk Management & Resilience
Core Modules Introductory Studies Understanding Terrorism & Counterterrorism Applied Counterterrorism Strategies, Ideologies & Tactics of Terrorism Research Project (Thesis)	**Core Modules** Introductory Studies Understanding Terrorism & Counterterrorism Applied Counterterrorism Strategies, Ideologies & Tactics of Terrorism Terrorism Risk Management & Mitigation Risk, Crisis and Resilience Research Project (Thesis)
Elective Modules Protecting Critical National Infrastructure Cyber Terrorism CBRN Terrorism Terrorism Risk Management & Mitigation Risk, Crisis and Resilience Counterterrorism and Intelligence Negotiating with Violent Extremist and Terrorist Organisations Terrorism and the Law Courtroom Skills Introduction to Fire Investigation Introduction to Firearms Investigations & Forensic Ballistics Firearms Investigations Forensic Ballistics Investigations Counter-Improvised Explosive Devised Capability Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence Trauma Weapon Effects	**Elective Modules** Protecting Critical National Infrastructure Cyber Terrorism CBRN Terrorism Counterterrorism and Intelligence Courtroom Skills Introduction to Fire Investigation Counter-Improvised Explosive Devised Capability Forensic Exploitation and Intelligence Terrorism and the Law Trauma Weapon Effects

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CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)
N/A			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The courses should enhance students' post award employment prospects. We have entered an era where terrorism and counterterrorism have become critical issues for modern society. The courses will provide graduates with a rigorous, evidence-based qualification in this important area. This Counterterrorism qualification will assist graduates to start careers in a wide variety of fields, including those related to security, defence, risk management, policing, policy, and international work. Beyond this, the course will help assist the careers of graduates who are already working in these and related fields. The Counterterrorism, Risk Management & Resilience pathway is specifically tailored for students interested in developing a career in the risk management or insurance sectors with a focus on protective security against terrorism and related threats. This pathway should appeal particularly to candidates who are either serving or recently retired from government, military or policing agencies, or those who are already in the risk management or insurance space who want to specialise in counterterrorism risk management and protective security.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

Cranfield University: Course Specifications

Course specifications outline the content and structure of a course leading to an award of Cranfield University. This version of the course specification has been approved by Education Committee and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

Date of first publication/latest revision: June 2024

1. What is the course?

Course information

Course Title	MSc in Defence Cyber Masters Programme
Course code	MSCSOPTR, MSCDIPTR, MSCSOFTR, MSCDIFTR, PDCSOPTR, PDCSOFTR, PDCDIPTR, PDCDIFTR, PCCSOPTR, PCCSOFTR PCCDIPTR, PCCDIFTR, SPCSOPTR, SPCDIPTR
Academic Year	23/24
Valid entry routes	MSc, PgDip, PgCert Cyber Defence and Information Assurance (CDIA) MSc, PgDip, PgCert Cyberspace Operations (CSOps)
Additional exit routes	PgDip Cyber Defence and Information Assurance PgCert Cyber Defence and Information Assurance PgDip Cyberspace Operations PgCert Cyberspace Operations
Mode of delivery	Part-time and Full-time Flexible learning
Location(s)[1] of Study	Shrivenham
School(s)	Cranfield Defence and Security
Theme	Defence and Security
Centre	Centre for Electronic Warfare, Information and Cyber
Course Director	Mr Ian Owens (CDIA) Mr Darren Lawrence (CSOps)
Awarding Body	Cranfield University
Is this an AP Contract course?[2]	YES
Is this course offered as a Cranfield Mastership?	No
Apprenticeship Standard the course is mapped to	N/A

[1] If any part of this course is delivered at another site, please note which one(s) here
[2] AP Contract courses are provided by Cranfield University to the MoD as part of the Academic Provider contract

Is the Degree apprenticeship integrated or non-integrated?	N/A
Is the Mastership offered as an open and/or closed course?	N/A
Teaching Institution	Cranfield University
Admissions body	Cranfield University
Entry requirements	1st or 2nd class honours degree; 3rd class degree with three years relevant experience; pass degree with five years relevant experience; HND/C with seven years relevant experience. Exceptional candidates may be accepted with 10 years relevant experience, where relevant experience is gained in Information Security, Information Operations, information risk or related role. Students whose first language is not English must also attain an IELTS score of 6.5. Owning to security classification, and course purpose, only UK Government sponsored and security-cleared students with a justifiable interest in cyberspace operations will be enrolled on the CSOps named award or the Cyberwarfare in Intelligence and Military Operations module.
UK Qualifications Framework Level	QAA FHEQ level 7 (Masters)
Benchmark Statement(s)	N/A
Registration Period(s) available	A Full time student will have a registration period of 1 year. Part-time MSc - up to five years, PgDip - up to four years, Part-time PgCert - up to three years (For MOD status students the duration may vary, subject to annual review.)
Course Start Month(s)	Full-time & Part-time – September

Institutions delivering the course

This course is delivered by Cranfield Defence and Security where the research interests associated with this course include Cyber and Information Assurance/Security and Information Operations

Cranfield University interacts with the following institutions and in the following ways:

- Guest lecturers are drawn from other academic institutions and the practitioner community
- The course has a notable external advisory panel.

Cranfield University remains fully responsible for the quality of the delivery of the course.

Accreditation by Public, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs) The Cyber Defence & Information Assurance MSc is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals.

What are the aims of the course?

Cranfield University offers this programme in order to achieve the following aims related to the two named Masters level awards noted above:

- Cyber Defence and Information Assurance (CDIA) - To develop professionals who can effectively manage and exploit the threats and opportunities of cyberspace at the organisational level.
- Cyberspace Operations (CSOps) - To develop professionals to support manoeuvres in cyberspace, in contested operations and as part of integrated planning.

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) entry routes are provided for students who wish to access only parts of the course provided.

This programme is intended for the following range of students:

CDIA

- Government, corporate and critical information infrastructure staff who are one or more of the following:
  - Managers who need to understand information risk and respond to cyber threats
  - Technicians who wish to understand the operational and business context
  - Procurement staff commissioning critical or sensitive projects
  - Policy and planning staff interested in computer network and security operations
  - Personnel interested in social media and associated concepts such as cyber mobilization
  - Those charged with accreditation and assessment of security measures

CSOps

- Military and other Government personnel charged with supporting operations in Cyberspace, in their current or anticipated role. These staff may also carry out one or more of the roles listed above for CDIA.

3. What should students expect to achieve in completing the course?

Award intended learning outcomes (ILOs) (skills and knowledge).

A. Postgraduate Certificate common to both named awards

In completing this course, and achieving the associated award, a diligent student should be able to:

ILO 1. Critically assess an organisation's Information Security and Information Assurance policy, strategy and plans, with a view to improvement.
ILO 2. Critically appraise approaches to assessing risk.
ILO 3. Evaluate the opportunities and limitations afforded by emergent security technologies.
ILO 4. Develop security requirements in in various contexts.

ILO 11. Critically evaluate a range of approaches to understanding complex and changing cyber environments.
ILO 13. Analyse and scope a complex cyber problem-space with a view to action and improvement.
ILO 14. Judge ethics and legality at each stage of planning and activity.
ILO 15. Develop problem definition, analysis and problem solving skills to address challenges faced in cyber issues.
ILO 16. Argue coherently and demonstrate knowledge of personal strengths and weaknesses.

Postgraduate Certificate ILOs Specific to CSOps

ILO 8. Appraise the main elements and key management issues in the planning and conduct of Cyberspace Operations in the full-spectrum context.

ILO 9. Assess theories of human cognition and behaviour and evaluate their utility in effects planning in the C2 context.

ILO 10. Assess cyber technical approaches that support military effect.

B. Postgraduate Diploma ILOs Common to both awards

ILO 5. Determine effective approaches to managing and exploiting social media and pervasive technologies

ILO 6. Appraise best practice in network defence and security operations management in the context of interdependence and critical infrastructure.

ILO 7. Evaluate the human dimension of security systems, processes and behavioural change programmes and plan for improvement in an organisational context.

ILO 12. Appraise the techniques that can be used to design investigation, problem formulation and structuring, and interpretation of data.

ILO 17. Assess operational impact of proposed interventions.

ILO 18. Assess business impact of proposed interventions.

C. **MSc**

In addition to the intended learning outcomes outlined above, a diligent student would also be expected to:

ILO 19. Independently and confidently be able to apply appropriate theories, tools and/or techniques to a cyber-related situation, or situations, as appropriate to the student's named award

ILO 20. Critically evaluate the published literature and synthesise the identified concepts

ILO 21. Judge appropriate research approaches for conducting research and draw justifiable inferences from the data and analysis generated and present a self-critical discussion of the results with conclusions

ILO 22. Display practical ability in self-directed research to produce a high quality thesis.

4. How is the course taught?

The course is taught through a flexible blend of residential courses, VLE activities and interaction and project based learning.

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The dissertation is an 80 credit module for which part time students will have 12 months to complete once they have submitted their dissertation proposal, full time students have until the end of their registration period.

Please note, modules will only be run subject to there being a minimum of six students selecting the module.

Students will be supported in their learning and personal development by:

- Physical and electronic access to resources in the Barrington library
- Collaborative and reflective learning in a cohort of practitioners has proven successful in other courses and it is intended to utilise this approach on this course. In this, students will be encouraged to draw on and share their experiences. Students will be asked to conduct activities that will require them to tackle realistic scenarios and to reflect on how the course literature, teaching and learning shapes their professional practice.

5. What do students need to achieve in order to graduate?

Notwithstanding University Regulations and the authorities and powers exercised by examiners, students will normally need to demonstrate achievement in the elements of the course, as laid out in Section 6. Courses are structured through the accumulation of credit, where 1 credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

In brief, students will normally need to achieve the following in order to be awarded the qualifications:

A. Postgraduate Certificate in Cyber Defence and Information Assurance

The accumulation of 60 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Foundations of Cyber	10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Choose 50 credits from the following modules:	
Understanding Risk	10
Cyber Attack – Threats and Opportunities	10
Social Technologies	10
Data Led Decision Support & Artificial Intelligence	10
Emerging Technology Monitoring	10
Incident Management	10
Cyber Law	10
Information Operations	10
Cyber Deception	10
The Human Dimension	10
Critical Networks and Cyber-Physical Systems	10
Systems Thinking for Organisational Viability	10
TOTAL:	**60**

B. Postgraduate Certificate in Cyberspace Operations

The accumulation of 60 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	Credits
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Foundations of Cyber	10
Cyberwarfare in Intelligence and Military Operations	10
Information Operations	10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Choose 30 credits from any of the other Defence Cyber Masters Programme modules below:	
Understanding Risk	10
Cyber Attack – Threats and Opportunities	10
Social Technologies	10
Data Led Decision Support & Artificial Intelligence	10
Emerging Technology Monitoring	10
Incident Management	10
Cyber Law	10
Cyber Deception	10
The Human Dimension	10

Critical Networks and Cyber-Physical Systems Systems Thinking for Organisational Viability	10 10
TOTAL:	**60**

[3] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 60 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgCert. The number of learning credits for individual courses is set during course validation.
[4] Senate Regulations require a minimum of 120 learning credits to be accumulated for the Award of PgDip. The number of learning credits is set during course validation.

C. Postgraduate Diploma in Cyber Defence and Information Assurance

The accumulation of 120 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Foundations of Cyber	10
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Choose 110 credits from: Understanding Risk Cyber Attack – Threats and Opportunities Social Technologies Data Led Decision Support & Artificial Intelligence Emerging Technology Monitoring Incident Management Cyber Law Information Operations Cyber Deception The Human Dimension Critical Networks and Cyber-Physical Systems Systems Thinking for Organisational Viability	 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
TOTAL:	**120**

D. Postgraduate Diploma in Cyberspace Operations

The accumulation of 120 credits through the assessment of taught modules as detailed below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Foundations of Cyber Cyberwarfare in Intelligence and Military Operations Information Operations Cyber Law Cyber Deception	10 10 10 10 10

ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Choose 70 credits from any of the other Defence Cyber Masters Programme modules below:	
Understanding Risk	10
Cyber Attack – Threats and Opportunities	10
Social Technologies	10
Data Led Decision Support & Artificial Intelligence	10
Emerging Technology Monitoring	10
Incident Management	10
The Human Dimension	10
Critical Networks and Cyber-Physical Systems	10
Systems Thinking for Organisational Viability	10
TOTAL:	**120**

E. MSc in Cyber Defence and Information Assurance

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Foundations of Cyber	10
Thesis	80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Choose 110 credits from:	
Understanding Risk	10
Cyber Attack – Threats and Opportunities	10
Social Technologies	10
Data Led Decision Support & Artificial Intelligence	10
Emerging Technology Monitoring	10
Incident Management	10
Cyber Law	10
Information Operations	10
Cyber Deception	10
The Human Dimension	10
Critical Networks and Cyber-Physical Systems	10
Systems Thinking for Organisational Viability	10
TOTAL:	**200**

F. MSc in Cyberspace Operations

In addition to the requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma outlined above, students must successfully complete the thesis. An MSc will be awarded on successful completion of 200 credits as outlined below:

Description	**Credits**
COMPULSORY MODULES:	
Foundations of Cyber	10
Cyberwarfare in Intelligence and Military Operations	10
Information Operations	10
Cyber Law	10

Cyber Deception Thesis	10 80
ELECTIVE MODULES:	
Choose 70 credits from any of the other Defence Cyber Masters Programme modules below: Understanding Risk Cyber Attack – Threats and Opportunities Social Technologies Data Led Decision Support & Artificial Intelligence Emerging Technology Monitoring Incident Management The Human Dimension Critical Networks and Cyber-Physical Systems Systems Thinking for Organisational Viability	 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
TOTAL:	**200**

If a student does not meet the required standards for the award, the examiners for the programme may decide to offer a lower award associated with the programme, providing that a lower exit award exists and the student meets the requirements of that lower award.

Pass Criteria

The University operates standard pass criteria which can be found in the Senate Handbook on Assessment Rules.
In order to achieve your award, you are required to achieve:

- An overall average mark of ≥50%;
- An average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessment;
- All assessments need to be completed and the minimum mark attained: no more than one failure to complete an assessment (as defined in Section 2.3) will be permitted throughout the course of your studies (Please note that the board of examiners does <u>not</u> have discretion to overrule this limit, but can refer a case to Senate's Education Committee); [3]
- **For Taught Assessments,** the minimum mark for each individual taught assessment <u>on the first attempt</u> for the significant majority of the taught assessments, noting that:
  - if you fail to attain the minimum mark for **<u>up to 30 learning credits</u>**, you will be permitted to re-take all of those assessments (except for circumstances where a resit award capped at 50% would be insufficient to achieve an overall average mark of ≥50% across the taught assessments);
  - if, having failed to attain the minimum mark for 30 learning credits, you fail to obtain the minimum mark for **<u>any additional learning credits</u>** over the course of your studies you will be disqualified from the right to re-take the assessments: this will normally result in intended award failure. (Please note the board of examiners may at its discretion overrule this limit, but this is not an automatic right);
  - it is <u>not</u> permissible for you to fail an elective module and then proceed to take a different elective module in its place.
- **For Substantial pieces of assessment** (corresponding to ≥40 credits, which are not part of the taught assessment average), the pass mark of ≥50% (where they exist);
- **For the thesis,** a mark of ≥50% in order to receive a pass (where it exists).

[5] Providing the minimum mark is met, a mark of 40-49% will be automatically compensated if a student's overall average taught assessment mark (including the failed assessment) is greater than 50%. Students are advised, however, that they retain the right to re-take an assessment with a mark of <40% (but should note that a re-take attempt will be capped at 50%), as long as they haven't failed more than 30 credits. At the discretion of the Board of Examiners or by Board of Examiners Chair's Actions a student may be permitted a re-take attempt of modules in the range of 40-49% only if the average mark of their other taught modules would not allow them to qualify for their award (<50%).

6. How is the course structured?

This course is offered on a part-time and full-time basis.

Part Time

Students are required to begin with the Foundations of Cyber module but then are free to undertake the modules as fits their own requirements; noting the compulsory rules which apply. Students are expected to study for no more than 20 credits at any one time. On average students are expected to study 40 to 60 credits per academic year.

Full Time

Students are required to begin with the Foundations of Cyber module and then follow the full time course schedule for the academic year in which they are studying. There are elective module options that can be selected as fits their own requirements; noting the compulsory rules which apply. Students are expected to study for no more than 20 credits at any one time.

7. Course Level Assessment Strategy[4]

The varied assessment tasks are challenging and enable students to demonstrate a full range of skills and attributes. The pre-requisite module, Foundations of Cyber, will introduce students to masters level study, research techniques and academic writing and will be assessed through an essay. Assessments will be of varying lengths, recognising that writing articles to a short length can be more challenging for some and can develop different skills relevant to professional practice. The type of each assessment task is clearly stated within the module descriptor. Students will produce employability relevant policy briefing documents and reports to equip them with the skills they require to succeed in Cyber related roles and to address the specific award ILOs [1-18]. Students have opportunities to develop their communication skills, as they are required to give presentations. Skills development around problem definition, analysis and problem solving has translated into ILO [15]. Feedback is given immediately after any group activity. Modules are supported by a number of formative tasks including group discussion, case studies, oral presentations. Formative feedback is given verbally/written within the classroom/on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) following discussions from the module leader and oral feedback provided by the tutor and peers for presentations. Students are generally encouraged to support each other by asking and answering questions via the VLE. The taught components precede the dissertation, so assessment can be used to develop skills required for the individual research project. This is further supported by a dissertation workshop. Students are generally expected to be more self-directed in their learning during this research project and guidance will be provided through materials on the VLE and their supervisor. The research project specifically addresses ILOs 19-22 and takes the form of a Thesis.

[6] Guidance to aid colleagues writing or updating a course-level assessment strategy for inclusion in the Course Specification can be found as Appendix K in either the Senate Handbook on Setting up a New Taught Course or the Senate Handbook on Managing Taught Courses https://intranet.cranfield.ac.uk/EducationServices/Pages/SenateHandbooksA-Z.aspx

Course modules

The following modules outline all parts of the programme leading to an MSC. Other awards associated with the course include some or all of these modules.

Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
1	R-DEFCY-FMC	Foundations of Cyber	Dr Danny Steed	30	0	10	Y	04/09/23	04/09/23	08/09/23	40	ICW	100%				18/09/23 FT 02/10/23 PT	AY 24/25
2	R-DEFCY-UR	Understanding Risk	Dr Danny Steed	36	0	10	N	04/09/23	04/09/23	05/01/24	40	ICW	100%				08/01/24 FT/PT	AY 24/25
3	R-DEFCY-CA	Cyber Attack – Threats and Opportunities	Dr Jacob Quilbell	30	0	10	N	18/09/23 FT 04/09/23 PT	25/09/23	29/09/23	40	ICW	100%				09/10/23 FT 23/10/23 PT	AY 24/25

[7] Please note that all contact hours are indicative and represent scheduled teaching, which is subject to minor changes and variation at short notice
[8] Visiting Lecturer = a member of staff (with RTS) but not on a permanent contract (does not include those acting as occasional guest speakers)
[9] A mark of 50% is required to pass the assessment however, where the stated minimum mark is 40%, a mark of 40-49% may be compensated by good performance in other modules providing that the overall average is ≥50%.
[10] For **independent assessments** please record type and weighting of each separate piece of assessment individually. 10 credit modules should be designed to allow assessment through a single independent summative assessment. Deviations will require approval by the School Director of Education
[11] For **multi-part assessments** please record the overall weighting of module which should be 100%. Multipart assessments should only be included in courses where there is a clear androgogical reason and where each element forms part of a continuous learning and assessment experience for students.
[12] Failure to submit an element of a **multi-part assessment** will **not** require remedial action if the absence of the marks for the assignment still results in a pass for the assessment (whether 40 or 50% as appropriate*).* If, however, the absence of marks fails to meet the minimum mark for the module then **all** elements of the assessment must be re-taken.
[13] Please ensure you include submission dates for both FT and PT students and that you give details of the submission date for each individual element of a multi-part assessment.

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8] (%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
4	R-DEFCY-ST	Social Technologies	Robert Black	72	0	10	N	15/01/24 FT 02/01/24 PT	22/01/24	26/01/24	40	ICW	100%				05/02/24 FT 19/02/24 PT	AY 24/25
5	R-SISD-DLDS	Data Led Decision Support and Artificial Intelligence	Adam Zagorecki	30	0	10	Y	A 05/02/24 FT 22/01/24 PT	12/02/24	16/02/24	40	ICW	100%				26/02/24 FT 11/03/24 PT	AY 24/25
								B 04/03/24 PT	25/03/24	28/03/24							23/04/24 PT	
6	R-SISD-ETM	Emerging Technology Monitoring	Ian Owens	7	0	10	Y	08/01/24	08/01/24	10/05/24	40	ICW	100%				13/05/24 FT/PT	AY 24/25
7	R-DEFCY-IM	Incident Management	Dr Jacob Quilbell	35	0	10	N	20/11/23 FT 06/11/23 PT	27/11/23	01/12/23	40	ICW	100%				11/12/23 FT 08/01/24 PT	AY 24/25
8	R-DEFCY-CN	Critical Networks and Cyber-Physical Systems	Dr Jacob Quilbell	30	0	10	N	30/10/23 FT 16/10/23 PT	06/11/23	10/11/23	40	ICW	100%				20/11/23 FT 04/12/23 PT	AY 24/25

Assessment Types: AO – Attendance only; ICW – Individual Coursework; GCW – Group Coursework; IPRES – Individual Presentation; GPRES – Group Presentation; IPRAC – Individual Practical; GPRAC – Group Practical; IPROJ – Individual Project (>20 credits); GPROJ – Group Project (>20 credits); EX – Examination ; RP – Reflective Portfolio; OR- Viva Voce examination; THESIS – Thesis; MULTI – Multi-part Assessment

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9	R-DEFCY-HD	The Human Dimension	Antoinette Caird-Daley	30	0	10	N	09/10/23 FT 25/09/23 PT	16/10/23	20/10/23	40	ICW	100%				30/10/23 FT 13/11/23 PT	AY 24/25	
10	R-DEFCY-CIMO	Cyberwarfare in Intelligence and Military Operations	Robert Black	72	0	10	N	09/10/23 FT 25/09/23 PT	16/10/23	20/10/23	40	ICW	100%				30/10/23 FT 13/11/23 PT	AY 24/25	
11	R-SISD-STOV	Systems Thinking for Organisational Viability	Truth Lumor	35	0	10	Y	A 11/09/23 P/T	02/10/23	06/10/23	40	ICW	100%				30/10/23 PT	AY 24/25	
								B 18/03/24 FT 04/03/24 PT	25/03/24	28/03/24							09/04/24 FT 23/04/24 PT	AY 24/25	
12	R-DEFCY-IO	Information Operations	Darren Lawrence	72	0	10	N	20/11/23 FT 06/11/23 PT	27/11/23	01/12/23	40	ICW	100%				11/12/23 FT 08/01/24 PT	AY 24/25	
13	R-DEFCY-CL	Cyber Law	Robert Black	72	0	10	N	12/02/24 FT 26/02/24 PT	04/03/24	08/03/24	40	ICW	100%				18/03/24 FT 02/04/24 PT	AY 24/25	
14	R-DEFCY-CDE	Cyber Deception	Darren Lawrence	72	0	10	N	15/04/24 FT 02/04/24 PT	22/04/24	26/04/24	40	ICW	100%				07/05/24 FT 21/05/24 PT	AY 24/25	

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Module Number	Module code	Title	Module Leader	Contact hours[5]	Total hours delivered by Visiting Lecturers [6]	Credits	Is the module shared? Y/N	Calendar			Assessment							
												Independent Assessment		Multi-part Assessment			Submission dates	
								Module Start Date (eg Pre-course task)	Module Delivery Start Date	Module Delivery End Date	Minimum Mark[7] - 40% or 50%	Type of Assessment	Weighting within module[8](%) of Independent assessments	Weighting within module of multi-part assessments [9](100%)	Type of Assessment	Weighting of individual elements of multi-part assessment[10]	Assessment Submission and/or exam date[11]	Assessment / Exam Retake date
15	R-CYB-THESIS	Thesis	Dr Victoria Smy	48	0	80	N	Workshop Dates:	11/12/23 17/06/24	13/12/23 19/06/24							N/A	Examiners Discretion
								A FT13/05/24 B PT 31/01/24 C PT 31/07/24 D PT 29/09/23	13/05/24 31/01/24 31/07/24 29/09/23	31/07/24 31/01/25 31/07/25 30/09/24	50	Thesis	100%				A FT 31/07/24 FT B 31/01/25 PT C 31/07/25 PT D 30/09/24 PT	

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Please list all modules that are used by another existing course.

Module code	**Module title**	**Course that owns the module**	**Other course(s)/ programme(s) that use the module**
R-SISD-DLDS	Data Led Decision Support & Artificial Intelligence	Information Capability Management	Defence Cyber Masters Programme Defence and Security Programme
R-SISD-ETM	Emerging Technology Monitoring	Information Capability Management	Defence Cyber Masters Programme Defence and Security Programme
R-DEFCY-FMC	Foundations of Cyber	Defence Cyber Masters Programme	Defence and Security Programme
R-DEFCY-ST	Social Technologies	Defence Cyber Masters Programme	Defence and Security Programme
R-DEFCY-HD	The Human Dimension	Defence Cyber Masters Programme	Defence and Security Programme
R-SISD-STOV	Systems Thinking for Organisational Viability	Information Capability Management	Defence and Security Programme Defence Cyber Masters Programme

8. How are the ILOs assessed?

The following assessment types are utilised:

Formative Assessment: Throughout the course each student will conduct a number of online activities, case studies and small 'project' like activities. As part of their online activities their contributions will be subject to peer review by fellow students, visiting lecturers and module leaders. A variety of approaches will be utilised for peer to peer collaboration including presentation of information gathering and analysis undertaken, essays, problem solving, analysis of case study scenarios (including: 'dilemma', 'puzzle', 'discussion', 'how to', and historical cases).

Summative Assessment:
Students can expect assessment on a variety of topics within the scope of the course via a piece of submitted coursework for each module. This approach has been adopted in order to present students with a variety of realistic problems that need to be solved using a variety of approaches which provide opportunities to demonstrate their ability to apply skills and knowledge developed on the course, many of which relate to situations that might be found in the workplace. To obtain an MSc, students must complete a dissertation, demonstrating their ability to apply the skills and knowledge gained on the course to a real world problem.

Assessment and ILO Mapping

A. CDIA Postgraduate Certificate

Award / ILOs / Module	CDIA															CSOps Only		
	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 11	ILO 12	ILO 13	ILO 14	ILO 15	ILO 16	ILO 17	ILO 18	ILO 8	ILO 9	ILO 10
1	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW				ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW					

B. CsOps Postgraduate Certificate

Award / ILOs / Module	CDIA / CSOps															CSOps Only		
	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 11	ILO 12	ILO 13	ILO 14	ILO 15	ILO 16	ILO 17	ILO 18	ILO 8	ILO 9	ILO 10
1	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW				ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW					
12					ICW	ICW		ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
10								ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW

C. CDIA/CsOps Postgraduate Diploma

Award / ILOs / Module	CDIA / CSOps															CSOps Only		
	ILO 1	ILO 2	ILO 3	ILO 4	ILO 5	ILO 6	ILO 7	ILO 11	ILO 12	ILO 13	ILO 14	ILO 15	ILO 16	ILO 17	ILO 18	ILO 8	ILO 9	ILO 10
1	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW				ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW					
9				ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW			
3		ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW			
7	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW			
8				ICW		ICW		ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW			
11	ICW	ICW		ICW			ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW					
5	ICW							ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW	ICW					
6			ICW	ICW				ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW					
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14		ICW	ICW				ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW
13			ICW					ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW		ICW
12					ICW	ICW		ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	
10								ICW		ICW		ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW	ICW

D. CDIA and CsOps MSc

In addition to those outlined above, the Award intended learning outcomes are assessed by the following module assessments:

Award / ILOs / Module	ILO 19	ILO 20	ILO 21	ILO 22
15	Thesis	Thesis	Thesis	Thesis

CROSS-MODULAR ASSESSMENT (including any assessment which rests outside an individual module)

Title	Modules Covered	Assessment	
		Type	Weight (%)

N/A			

9. How will the University assure the quality of the provision?

New course proposals are reviewed by a Course Validation Panel, comprising at least the following membership: normally one subject matter expert external to the School or University, at least 3 academic staff not associated with the proposal. The Panel may include 1 member of professional staff. Panels are supported by an appropriately trained Secretary who provides authoritative guidance on policy and procedure to the Panel. Proposals are reviewed in line with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. New courses are ultimately approved by the University's Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Course changes are approved by the School's Director of Education on behalf of Education Committee and Senate. Significant changes to a course will be referred to a Course Review Panel at the discretion of the Director of Education.

The University has in place regular monitoring procedures for quality assurance including an Annual Reflective Review for each course and an in depth 6 year review of each School's (total) educational provision known as the Senate Review.

Each course has at least one External Examiner who monitors all aspects of the assessment process. This is in line with the guiding principles to meet the Expectations and Core Practices of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. External examining is one of the principal means for maintaining UK threshold academic standards within autonomous higher education institutions.

Each course has a formally constituted Examination Board, which includes the External Examiner, and which is responsible for ensuring that awards are made within the Regulations of the University and that students are made awards on the basis of meeting the specified Intended Learning Outcomes of a course at the appropriate standard.

Each course has a formally constituted Course Committee which meets at least twice a year to discuss, inter alia, programme design and planning, the student experience (including feedback) and student progress.

Each course has an Industry Advisory Panel (or similar) which meets at least once a year to engage with external stakeholders on curriculum design and currency of course content.

Student feedback both qualitative and quantitative is collected for each module studied. In addition students are invited to participate in the University's annual New Student Survey and Student Satisfaction Survey along with the annual national Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey. The results of all feedback are considered by the Course Committee and additionally, in respect of the University and national surveys, issues of quality are considered by and acted on where appropriate by the Education Committee, Senate, School and University Executives.

New Partnership arrangements are considered in two stages:

1. The University Executive is responsible for ensuring appropriate due diligence has been undertaken in respect of the University's legal, financial, reputational and ethical responsibilities.
2. A Partnership Delivery Approval Panel then considers whether the proposal meets the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The delivery of new partnership provision is ultimately approved by the Universities Education Committee, on behalf of Senate.

Year one partnership reviews are undertaken one year after the initiation of a new partnership involving academic (award bearing) provision. The aim is to provide a supportive framework to assist the Sponsoring School and its new Partner Institution to work collaboratively to ensure that: the learning and teaching provision and associated student experiences are of a high standard; and that

those responsible for delivering the provision are undertaking their respective roles and responsibilities in an appropriate way.

As part of the regular monitoring procedures for established collaborative partnerships, in addition to the Annual Reflective Review there is an Annual Operating Statement and a 5 year review known as a Focused Review which looks at each partnership in depth. Occasional site inspection visits are also made.

10. What opportunities are graduates likely to have on completing the course?

The course aims to ensure that graduates are better prepared to tackle the current and emerging demands of cyberspace. Given the rapidly changing nature of the threat and capability landscape this education will allow graduates to recognise emerging threats and respond effectively and proactively. As the course ties together a broad technical and business base, and is supported by a wide range of public and private sector organisations, the qualification will be noteworthy on the CVs of those wishing to move into strategic and operational positions in defence and businesses enabled by the information revolution.