

# STRATHCLYDE BUSINESS SCHOOL

## DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

### OPERATIONAL RESEARCH

Master of Science in Operational Research  
Master of Science in Operational Research (online)  
Postgraduate Diploma in Operational Research  
Postgraduate Certificate in Operational Research

*These regulations are to be read in conjunction with the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).*

#### Admission

1. The [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#) shall apply.

#### Duration of Study

2. The [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#) shall apply.
3. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#), students studying by distance learning may take up to 36 months to complete the Postgraduate Certificate.

#### Mode of Study

4. The programme is available by distance learning only.

#### Curriculum

5. All students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:
  - i. for the Postgraduate Certificate no fewer than 60 credits
  - ii. for the Postgraduate Diploma no fewer than 120 credits
  - iii. for the Degree of MSc no fewer than 180 credits including a dissertation.

#### Compulsory Modules (on campus)

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
MS800	Foundations of Operational Research and Business Analysis	5	10
MS801	Quantitative Business Analysis	5	10
MS802	Managing Business Operations	5	10
MS803	Spreadsheet Modelling and Demand Forecasting	5	10
MS932	Operational Research Methods	5	10

#### Compulsory Modules (online)

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
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MS8XX	Foundations of Operational Research and Business Analysis	5	10
MS8XX	Quantitative Business Analysis	5	10
MS8XX	Managing Business Operations	5	10
MS8XX	Spreadsheet Modelling and Demand Forecasting	5	10
MS9XX	Operational Research Methods	5	10

**Optional Modules (on campus)**

No fewer than 10 credits chosen from:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
MS805	Business Simulation Methods	5	10
MS806	Risk Analysis and Management	5	10
MS807	Business Information Systems	5	10
MS934	Advanced Operations Research Modelling using Specialist Software Tools	5	10

**Optional Modules (online)**

No fewer than 10 credits chosen from:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
MS8XX	Business Simulation Methods	5	10
MS8XX	Risk Analysis and Management	5	10
MS8XX	Business Information Systems	5	10
MS9XX	Advanced Operations Research Modelling using Specialist Software Tools	5	10

**Students for the Postgraduate Diploma and the degree of MSc in addition shall undertake:**

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
MS935	Becoming an Effective 'OR' Modeller	5	40

And no fewer than 20 credits chosen from the list of optional modules above.

**Students for the degree of MSc only:**

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
MS810	Dissertation	5	60

### Examination, Progress and Final Assessment

6. The [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#) shall apply.
7. The final award will be based on performance in the examinations, coursework and the dissertation where undertaken.

### Award

8. **Degree of MSc:** In order to qualify for the award of the degree of MSc in Operational Research, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 180 credits, of which 60 must have been awarded in respect of the dissertation MS810.
9. **Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Operational Research, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 120 credits from the taught modules of the programme.
10. **Postgraduate Certificate:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in Operational Research, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 60 credits from the taught modules of the programme, of which 50 must have been awarded in respect to the Compulsory Modules.