

Academic Year 2025/26

MSc Strategic Leadership

Code: 5421P MSc Strategic Leadership (September entry)

5422P MSc Strategic Leadership (January entry)

3537P Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Leadership (Apprenticeship) (September entry)

3538P Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Leadership (Apprenticeship) (January entry)

Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Postgraduate (Taught) Progress Regulations and Examination Conventions.*
- (ii) *A core module is a module which a student must pass.*
- (iii) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (iv) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

1. Programme Structure

- (a) The programme is available for study in part-time blended learning mode only.
- (b) Recognition of Prior Learning is in line with University and Newcastle University Business School policy.
- (c) The period of study for part-time blended learning mode for the MSc Strategic Leadership shall normally be 24 months (16 months for those on apprenticeship route exiting at Postgraduate Diploma).
- (d) Once the programme is established, it will have two cohort intakes per year, in September and January.
- (e) The MSc programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180.
- (f) The Post Graduate Diploma programme comprises modules to a credit value of 120.

Year 1

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
NBS8960	Leadership Perspectives	20	20			7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8964	Critical Reflexivity and Mastering Practice	20	20			7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8968	Leadership for the Future of Work	20		20		7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8969	Strategic Accountability	20		20		7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8953	Programme Action Learning Set Year 1	0				7		Blended

Year 2

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
NBS8970	Innovation and Change	20	20			7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8972	Exploring Theory in Practice	20	20			7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8954	Programme Action Learning Set Year 2	0				7		Blended

(b) Those candidates completing the MSc or transferring from the Postgraduate Diploma to the MSc will take the following module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
NBS8973	Challenging Practice Through Research	60		20	40	7		Block/Blended Learning

2. Assessment Methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

3. Other

- (a) Candidates are normally expected to pass the taught element of the programme before progressing to the Challenging Practice Through Research module.
- (b) A student who fails up to 20 credits of non-core modules of the programme is recommended, as of right, for the award of the Master of Science in Strategic Leadership, provided that no single mark for any module assessed is below 40 and the weighted average mark for all modules (taking credit values into account) is at least 50. Such a student will be eligible as of right only for the award of a pass classification.
- (c) The first 120 credits of this programme may be taken by candidates as part of the completion of the Senior Leaders Apprenticeship (SLA). Candidates for this apprenticeship must also meet the requirements of the End Point Assessment as detailed in the Assessment Plan for the Level 7 Senior Leaders Apprenticeship.
- (d) Candidates taking this programme as part of a Level 7 Senior Leaders Apprenticeship who fail to meet the End Point Assessment requirements but who do meet the requirements for the award of Postgraduate Diploma will be eligible for this award.
- (e) Candidates on the SLA route who successfully complete the Postgraduate Diploma stage of the award are eligible to transfer to the MSc Strategic Leadership programme and be considered for this award by completing NBS8973 to achieve 180 credits.