

Academic Year 2026/2027

MSc Strategic Leadership

Code: 5421P*

*Only available to candidates who joined 3537P in September 2025 or earlier. This programme is currently not accepting entries.

PGDip Strategic Leadership (Apprenticeship) (September Entry)

Code: 3537P**

**This programme is withdrawn from 2026/27. Only available to candidates who joined 3537P in September 2025 or earlier.

PGCert Strategic Leadership

Code: 3200P

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) for students commencing studies in 2025/26 or before.
- (d) For students commencing studies in 2026/27 the period of study for the PG Certificate shall be 9 months.
- (e) The MSc programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180.
- (f) The Postgraduate Diploma programme comprises modules to a credit value of 120
- (g) The Postgraduate Certificate programme comprises modules to a credit value of 60

For entry before 2026/27

5421P MSc Strategic Leadership

3537P Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Leadership (Apprenticeship)

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						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	Doing Real World Research	20	20			7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8954	Programme Action Learning Sets Year 2	0						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		Blended
NBS8954	Programme Action Learning Sets Year 2	0						Blended

For entry from 2026/2027 onwards

3200P Postgraduate Certificate

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	Leading People and Organisations	20	20			7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8964	Developing Your Leadership Mindset	20	20			7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8968	Leadership for the Future of Work	20		20		7		Block/Blended Learning
NBS8953	Programme Action Learning Set Year 1	0						Blended

2. Assessment methods

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

3. Other

- (a) Candidates taking the MSc are normally expected to pass the taught element of the programme before progressing to the Challenging Practice Through Research module.
- (b) A candidate taking the MSc 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) For candidates taking the Postgraduate Diploma (entry before 2026/2027) the first 120 credits of the 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.

3. Progress

Before proceeding to the dissertation, MSc candidates are normally expected to pass the taught modules*.

** Candidates can fail 20 credits of non-core modules and still proceed in accordance with the postgraduate taught examination conventions.*

4. Degree Title

- (a) For candidates on the 3200P programme, upon successful completion, the degree awarded will be Postgraduate Certificate in Strategic Leadership.
- (b) For candidates on the 3537P programme, upon successful completion, the degree awarded will be Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Leadership (Apprenticeship).
- (c) For candidates on the 5421P programme, upon successful completion, the degree awarded will be MSc Strategic Leadership.