

- **Are UK university degrees recognised in the US?** Yes, a University degree from a UK University is recognised globally, however; you may have to get your award assessed by a licenced provider should you like to use it for further study in the US. In our experience, many US companies demonstrate a strong positive impression of degrees earned in the UK. This mean that a masters undertaken in the UK may work to your advantage as it shows you are open to new experiences and a new kind of learning.
- **Is there a way to check how many credits can I get through APEL?** The APEL system will carefully consider all skills, knowledge and work experience accumulated since the completion of your Mounbatten studies. If you feel that you have covered the content of a module via work/life experience, APEL is a way to provide evidence to show this and get credit for it. The onus is on you to prove that your learning and experience matches the area for which exemption is claimed, e.g. the learning outcomes of a module. As any APEL claim relate to taught subject modules, criteria written for those modules will apply. It is worth noting that the APEL route may involve the same amount of work as a standard taught module assessment, however as opposed to a standard module there is no grade attached to it – just a pass/fail. Students undertaking APEL for a specific module will do so at the same time that the module is running.
- **How does the transfer of credit work (APCL)?** If you did a PGCert and want to top up to the MA or MBA, any credit claims are restricted to the last 5 years. This is to ensure knowledge is active and up to date. The maximum number of credits that can be transferred from your PGC is 40. SMU students can transfer credits earned from “IBP7002 Organisational Behaviour & Leadership” and “IBP7001 Finance & Managerial Accounting”. UoC students can transfer credits earned from “IS7 002 Skills & Approaches for Work Based Learning” and “IS7 261 Leadership and Organisational Effectiveness”. APCL claims will need to come to the University of Chester with a copy of the certification and a “Credit Claim Form”. If the APCL is for previous University of Chester credit incidentally we will still require the “credit claim form”, but not the certification as UoC can get that off their internal records system.
- **How long do the courses take?** 12-16 months but this is dependent on the successful completion of the work-based research project that plays a central and important role in your Learning Experience.
- **When do the courses begin?** The courses will commence in late September/early October 2020 and March 2021.
- **What are the hours?** The modules are planned to take place over 6 evening sessions of 3 hours and 2 Saturday Workshops. The emphasis will be placed on remote learning initially with Saturday Workshops (UK time) concentrating on practical task-based activities either remotely or face to face in Central London. Modules may also be undertaken remotely with support from faculty, something which places a great deal of responsibility on participants.
- **Can you defer?** Yes, however; Mounbatten reserves the right to make amendments to aspects of the programme if deemed reasonably necessary and due to circumstances beyond our control. In the event that such amendments are made, the Mounbatten shall take reasonable steps to notify you as soon as is reasonably possible.
- **Can you explain the difference between the MA and MBA programmes?** The MA degree tends to be more specialists in nature, whilst the MBA is a multi-subject degree, which concentrates on a holistic approach to solving business problems.
- **I was wondering if you had had any input from employers on the programme. Keen to learn about how it will be structured as I work full time and have a child.** Faculty are encouraged to develop links with leading global organisations and to use Visiting Speakers, either in person or remotely during the teaching of each Module. The MBA has been in existence for over 50 years and during that time has established itself as the Premier business qualification recognised throughout the world by people developing a successful career within business or commerce.
- **Are there any payment options?**
Sallie Mae Graduate School Loan – Eligible United States citizens and permanent residents (Green Card holders) may qualify for a Sallie Mae Loan to help finance the MA or MBA programs. The University of Chester is an approved Sallie Mae loan provider.
UK Student Loans – At the time of publication our understanding is that UK students in receipt of [Postgraduate loans](#) are not able to include any relevant APCL or APEL in their Alumni Master’s programmes. Students in receipt of PG loans must complete all 180 credits of a full Master’s degree afresh.
- **I successfully completed MA programme, can I use some of the credits from this programme towards an MBA?** No academic credit can be used more than once for the same, or equivalent, award i.e. an award at the same level.
- **Am I eligible for this programme if my studies were terminated during my Mounbatten Programme?** If you studied with the University of Chester and your studies were terminated, then unfortunately you would not be able to return to the University. However, if you studied with another academic partner then you are eligible for this programme.