

SEVERN BUSINESS COLLEGE

SBC Level 7 Postgraduate Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Course Handbook

Qualification
SBC Level 7 Postgraduate Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Level
7

Total Qualification Time
1200

Credit Value
120

Aim of the Course
The Postgraduate Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management is a comprehensive Level 7 programme designed to equip learners with advanced knowledge and professional skills in logistics, supply chain strategy, and operations management. It provides a strong foundation for leadership roles within global supply chain networks, preparing graduates to address contemporary challenges, optimize efficiency, and drive innovation in logistics and distribution systems.

Assessment
Assessment is through practical assignments, with no exams - to more accurately reflect the real working environment.

Course Structure

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Unit number	**Units**	**Unit level**	**Unit credit**
1	Supply Chain and Operations Management	7	20
2	International Logistics and Transport Management	7	20
3	Procurement and Supply Management	7	20
4	Strategic Supply Chain Leadership	7	20
5	Research Methods for Supply Chain Professionals	7	20
6	Global Supply Chain Strategy and Innovation	7	20

Assessment Grades

Grade	Marking Criteria
Pass	All learning outcomes are achieved. All assessment criteria are met.
Fail	All learning outcomes are not achieved. All assessment criteria are not met.
No Marks	Plagiarism

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

Unit Title
Supply Chain and Operations Management

Level
7

Learning Time Hours
200

Credit Value
20

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria
In order to pass this unit, the evidence that the learner presents for assessment needs to demonstrate that they can meet all the learning outcomes for the unit. The assessment criteria determine the standard required to achieve the unit.

Learning Outcome	Assessment Criteria
1. Understand the principles of supply chain management	1.1: Critically evaluate supply chain models and frameworks. 1.2: Analyse the integration of operations and supply chain activities. 1.3: Examine the role of supply chain drivers in value creation. 1.4: Assess global challenges influencing supply chain management.
2. Analyse operational strategies within	2.1: Evaluate lean and agile operations strategies.

supply chains	2.2: Examine performance measurement tools for supply chains. 2.3: Compare operational strategies across industries. 2.4: Assess the impact of digitalization on operations.
3: Evaluate supply chain risk management	3.1: Identify risks in global supply networks. 3.2: Assess risk mitigation strategies. 3.3: Apply frameworks for supply chain resilience. 3.4: Evaluate case studies of supply chain disruptions.
4. Apply ethical and sustainable practices in supply chain operations	4.1: Examine ethical issues in global supply chains. 4.2: Analyse sustainability strategies in logistics operations. 4.3: Evaluate compliance with regulatory frameworks. 4.4: Propose sustainability initiatives in supply chain design.

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

Unit Title
International Logistics and Transport Management

Level
7

Learning Time Hours
200

Credit Value
20

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria
In order to pass this unit, the evidence that the learner presents for assessment needs to demonstrate that they can meet all the learning outcomes for the unit. The assessment criteria determine the standard required to achieve the unit.

Learning Outcome	Assessment Criteria
1. Understand the global logistics environment	1.1: Analyse trends in international trade and logistics. 1.2: Examine the role of transport modes in logistics networks. 1.3: Evaluate the impact of globalization on logistics management. 1.4: Assess geopolitical influences on logistics flows.
2: Evaluate transport and distribution strategies	2.1: Compare multimodal transport systems. 2.2: Assess cost-efficiency in logistics distribution. 2.3: Examine last-mile delivery challenges. 2.4: Evaluate innovative distribution strategies.
3: Analyse international logistics regulations and compliance	3.1: Identify international trade regulations and agreements. 3.2: Evaluate customs and documentation requirements. 3.3: Examine safety and security compliance standards. 3.4: Assess the impact of compliance on logistics costs.
4. Apply digital technologies in global logistics	4.1: Examine the role of blockchain in logistics tracking. 4.2: Analyse automation and robotics in transport. 4.3: Evaluate the use of IoT in logistics operations. 4.4: Propose digital transformation strategies.

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

Unit Title
Procurement and Supply Management

Level
7

Learning Time Hours
200

Credit Value
20

Unit aim
The aim of this unit is to teach learners about porfolio management and the features that go with it. The need of having a Project Management Office will also be discussed, as well as the stages of developing a successful project management office. The supply chain ecosystem will also be examined, as well as IT frameworks appropriate for logistics and supply chain difficulties.

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria
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Learning Outcome	Assessment Criteria
1 Understand the strategic role of procurement	1.1: Evaluate procurement's contribution to organizational performance. 1.2: Analyse procurement models and approaches. 1.3: Assess supplier relationship management strategies. 1.4: Examine procurement ethics and CSR.
2 Evaluate sourcing and supplier selection processes	2.1: Compare global sourcing strategies. 2.2: Apply supplier evaluation and selection models. 2.3: Assess risks in supplier dependency. 2.4: Propose methods for supplier performance monitoring.
3: Analyse contract and negotiation management	3.1: Evaluate contract law in procurement. 3.2: Examine negotiation strategies with suppliers. 3.3: Assess contract risk management. 3.4: Apply negotiation techniques to case scenarios.
4: Assess sustainable procurement strategies	4.1: Evaluate green procurement practices. 4.2: Analyse sustainable supplier engagement. 4.3: Examine global supply chain sustainability initiatives. 4.4: Recommend improvements for sustainable procurement.

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

Unit Title
Strategic Supply Chain Leadership

Level
7

Learning Time Hours
200

Credit Value
20

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria
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Learning Outcome	Assessment Criteria
1 Understand leadership in supply chain management	1.1: Critically evaluate leadership theories. 1.2: Analyse the role of leadership in supply chain change. 1.3: Assess leadership competencies for global SCM. 1.4: Examine leadership decision-making approaches.
2 Evaluate strategic supply chain management models	2.1: Analyse supply chain strategy alignment with corporate goals. 2.2: Evaluate the SCOR model in strategic planning. 2.3: Compare strategies of leading global supply chains. 2.4: Assess the impact of mergers and acquisitions on supply chains.
3 Develop change management strategies for supply chains	3.1: Examine drivers of supply chain transformation. 3.2: Apply change management frameworks. 3.3: Evaluate cultural and organizational barriers to change. 3.4: Propose strategies for successful change implementation.
4 Assess the future of supply chain leadership	4.1: Analyse the role of digital leadership in SCM. 4.2: Evaluate leadership challenges in Industry 4.0. 4.3: Assess global leadership trends. 4.4: Propose leadership strategies for sustainable supply chains.

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

Unit Title
Research Methods for Supply Chain Professionals

Level
7

Learning Time Hours
200

Credit Value
20

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria
In order to pass this unit, the evidence that the learner presents for assessment needs to demonstrate that they can meet all the learning outcomes for the unit. The assessment criteria determine the standard required to achieve the unit.

Learning Outcome	Assessment Criteria
1. Understand research methodologies	1.1: Critically evaluate qualitative and quantitative methods. 1.2: Analyse research paradigms in business studies. 1.3: Examine the role of mixed-methods research. 1.4: Assess the importance of validity and reliability.
2. Evaluate research design and data collection methods	2.1: Compare primary and secondary data collection methods. 2.2: Assess survey, interview, and observation techniques. 2.3: Evaluate sampling strategies. 2.4: Propose an appropriate research design.
3. Analyse data management and analysis techniques	3.1: Examine statistical data analysis tools. 3.2: Evaluate qualitative coding and thematic analysis. 3.3: Assess ethical issues in data management. 3.4: Apply analysis techniques to case studies.
4 Develop a supply chain research proposal	4.1: Identify a relevant research problem. 4.2: Formulate research aims, objectives, and questions. 4.3: Design a methodology framework. 4.4: Present a structured research proposal.

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

Unit Title
Global Supply Chain Strategy and Innovation

Level
7

Learning Time Hours
200

Credit Value
20

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria
In order to pass this unit, the evidence that the learner presents for assessment needs to demonstrate that they can meet all the learning outcomes for the unit. The assessment criteria determine the standard required to achieve the unit.

Learning Outcome	Assessment Criteria
1. Understand global supply chain strategy development	1.1: Analyse global strategic frameworks. 1.2: Evaluate global supply chain competitiveness. 1.3: Examine the role of strategic alliances. 1.4: Assess global trade policy influences.
2. Evaluate innovation in supply chain management	2.1: Analyse disruptive technologies in supply chains. 2.2: Evaluate digital supply chain platforms.

	2.3: Assess the role of AI and big data in SCM. 2.4: Propose innovation strategies for SCM.
3. Analyse supply chain sustainability and circular economy	3.1: Examine circular supply chain models. 3.2: Evaluate global sustainability frameworks. 3.3: Assess carbon reduction initiatives. 3.4: Recommend sustainable global strategies.
4. Apply strategic thinking to global SCM challenges	4.1: Evaluate global supply chain disruption risks. 4.2: Analyse geopolitical and economic challenges. 4.3: Assess future global SCM trends. 4.4: Propose strategies for long-term resilience.

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