

Accredited University

Programme Accreditation Statement

(This Accreditation Statement consists of 5 pages)

Issued to:	Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University
Programme:	MSc Sustainable Supply Chain Management
Physical location:	Cardiff Business School
Delivery method:	Face to face & Online (blended delivery)
Course director:	Jean-Paul Skeete
Route/conditions:	As defined in Section 1
Validation period (academic year):	1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026

This is a one-year, post-graduate taught full-time programme.

The overall structure of the MSc Sustainable Supply Chain programme comprises 3 x 15 credit compulsory core modules, plus 5 x 15 credit electives – plus a 60 credit Dissertation.

Section 1

Module Code	Module Title	Credit Value
CORE MODULES – Students must complete and pass ALL modules listed below		
BST805	Strategic Supply Chain Management	15
ST806	Sustainability in Business	15
BST847	Research Skills and Methods	15
BST849	Sustainable Supply Chain Management Dissertation	60
ELECTIVE MODULES – Students must complete and pass FIVE modules listed below. TWO of the modules marked with an asterisk (*) must be taken.		
BST804	Logistics and its Provision	15
BST811	Business Data Analytics	15
BST812	Information Systems and Organisations	15
BST813	International Trade and Carriage Law	15
BST815	Project Management	15
BST821	Building Sustainable Supply Chains*	15
BST823	Responsible Purchasing and Supply Chain Management*	15
BST842	Supply Chain Social Sustainability*	15
BST831	eBusiness and eLogistics	15
BST832	Forecasting	15
BST833	Humanitarian Aid	15
BST835	Risk Management in Supply Chains	15
BST838	Supply Chain Dynamics	15

For students to be eligible to apply for MCIPS, the following conditions apply to this CIPS Accreditation Statement and must be met in full:

- All modules must be passed, with no modules being compensated or condoned.
- The Research Skills and Methods module and the resulting final Dissertation must both focus on procurement and/or supply chain concepts & issues.
- Of the five electives to be chosen by students – any two of the following must be selected:
 - BST842 - Supply Chain Social Sustainability
 - BST821 – Building Sustainable Supply Chains
 - BST823 - Responsible Purchasing and Supply Chain Management

Section 2

Conditions

- 1) Full undergraduate and postgraduate programmes will be assessed for CIPS Accreditation.
- 2) Universities applying for a programme Accreditation provided by CIPS must be registered on the Ecctis database <https://www.ecctis.com/> formerly the National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC).
- 3) A minimum of 120* credits of specialist content must be present in each Accredited Programme.
- 4) Course length
 - a. CIPS requires undergraduate programmes to be of a minimum 3 year duration with a minimum total credit value of 360*.
 - b. Masters programmes will be a minimum of 1 year duration with a minimum total credit value of 180* credits.
- 5) Universities and Programmes will be assessed using evidence provided by the University on the Accreditation application form. Accreditation decisions will be reviewed and confirmed by the CIPS Accreditation Panel.
- 6) Fees for initial Accreditation assessment and annual membership (renewal fee) are paid in advance. Fees are subject to annual increases which will be notified by CIPS in advance. Accreditation is only valid provided there are no outstanding fees relating to the accreditation application/renewal.
- 7) Each University with an Accredited programme will be issued with an Accreditation Statement and CIPS Accreditation Certificate confirming the Accreditation status of each programme.
- 8) For programmes delivered in multiple physical locations the following applies:
 - a. For face to face delivery or a blended delivery, each physical delivery University location will be required to apply for and fund (at the standard renewal rate) their own Accreditation Statement and Certificate.
 - b. For programmes delivered as full on-line programmes from one site to students in multiple locations, a single Accreditation Statement and Certificate is required at the standard renewal rate.
- 9) Programme Accreditations are not confirmed retrospectively.
- 10) Access to Accreditation Statements will be provided via the CIPS website. Universities are required to share the details of the Accreditation Statement with each student enrolled on Accredited programmes at the start of each year of their studies.
- 11) Students will not receive CIPS certificates for their participation in a CIPS Accredited Programme. CIPS membership certificates (MCIPS) will be issued once all the conditions for CIPS membership have been met.

12) University responsibilities:

- a. Ensure the Accreditation Statement is provided to all students of Accredited programmes at the start of each year.
- b. Actively promote CIPS and CIPS membership (MCIPS and MCIPS Chartered) to students and teaching staff.
- c. Use, refer and encourage the use of CIPS Knowledge (from the CIPS website) within the Accredited programme, dissertations and so on.
- d. Use the CIPS brand as directed in the CIPS brand guidelines (please refer to CIPS website www.cips.org for more information).
- e. Notify CIPS at accreditations@cips.org if there are any minor adjustments (a module change for example) to the programme as these will need to be assessed in context of the whole programme.
- f. Undertake a full programme review at least every 5 years and ensure the programme update is reaccredited by CIPS.
- g. Ensure programme Accreditations are in place for each year of a programme; discontinuous accreditations will prevent students applying for MCIPS if their programme takes more than 1 year to complete.
- h. Collaborate with CIPS to support the development of the profession.

13) MCIPS application conditions for graduates of CIPS Accredited Programmes:

- a. Accreditation Statements are in place for each of the years of the student's programme (i.e. a 3 year undergraduate programme will require 3 accreditation statements covering each year of study)
- b. Students will have passed their programme in full with no condonements or other exemptions.
- c. Students will have completed all the options or modules specified in the Accreditation Statement and met the other conditions detailed in the Accreditation Statement.
- d. Only students completing the full programme will be eligible for MCIPS, credit transfers between courses or institutions not specified on the Accreditation Statement will not be accepted.
- e. Where applicable, students have completed a dissertation as per the Accreditation conditions – please note the requirements in terms of topic titles and dissertation focus.

- f. Students must provide the following evidence as part of their application for MCIPS:
- i. A Line Managers' letter
 - ii. A fully detailed CV with relevant procurement and supply related experience
 - iii. A copy of qualification certificate
 - iv. A copy of qualification transcript with all completed units
 - v. A copy of dissertation/thesis, if applicable to the programme taken
- 14) Learners must apply to CIPS for membership, MCIPS, within five years of achieving the accredited programme award. The five year period commences from the date of award on the original certificate issued by the HEI or AO.
- 15) All application documents for CIPS membership, MCIPS, must be submitted in English.
- 16) CIPS reserves the right to withdraw accreditations in the following circumstances:
- a. Immediate withdrawal – where the activities of the university are or may bring the CIPS brand into disrepute.
 - b. End of year withdrawal – where in CIPS's own opinion the programme no longer meets the CIPS principles and/or the conditions set out above.

*(*Global regional credit value variation (where applicable) is assessed and considered by the CIPS external reviewer in issuing this accreditation statement, and equivalent weightings have been deemed acceptable)*

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Morgan', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Jonathan Morgan
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