

**MASTER RISK.  
BUILD RESILIENCE.**



# Risk is unavoidable, resilience is a choice.

In the most uncertain of times, how you calculate and manage risk can be the difference between failure and success.

Preparation is everything—especially in an unpredictable world. Whatever your career path, the MSc Risk Management will help you turn uncertainty into opportunity, equipping you to manage risk and build long-term resilience.

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# A growing demand

The demand for data-savvy risk professionals is rapidly rising across industries. Graduates who combine expertise in risk management with cutting-edge analytical skills are uniquely positioned to step into high-impact roles that offer strong career progression, competitive salaries, and the opportunity to shape strategic decision-making in an increasingly complex world. At UWE Bristol, 90% of graduates are in employment or further study after 15 months, according to the Graduate Outcome Survey 21/22 (published 2024). These are the types of roles you can expect to go into:

## Quantitative Risk Analyst

Use statistical modelling and machine learning to assess credit, market, and operational risks, helping organisations with data-driven decisions to comply with regulations.

## Data-Driven Risk Manager

Apply data science tools to identify and mitigate risks across enterprise operations, from supply chains to IT systems, enabling more agile and resilient organisations.

## Cybersecurity Risk Analyst

Evaluate cyber threats using predictive analytics and help implement proactive defence strategies to protect organisations from data breaches and digital vulnerabilities.

## Insurance Risk Analyst

Use actuarial science and data modelling to assess policy risks, set premiums accurately, and help insurers reduce exposure while remaining competitive.

## Regulatory Risk Analyst

Monitor compliance using data analytics to detect early signs of regulatory breaches, and support organisations in aligning with financial and industry-specific legal requirements.

## Operational Risk Consultant

Support businesses in identifying weaknesses in daily operations by using data to improve processes, reduce downtime, and increase business continuity.

## Crisis and Resilience Advisor

Develop and implement risk response strategies that ensure organisational readiness for crises such as cyberattacks, supply disruptions, or natural disasters.

## Enterprise Risk Specialist

Work at a strategic level to align risk management with business goals, using data to inform executive decision-making and build resilient organisational cultures.

**Questions about your potential career prospects?**

[Book a meeting with our Enrolment Success Team](#)

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Prospectus 2025/26



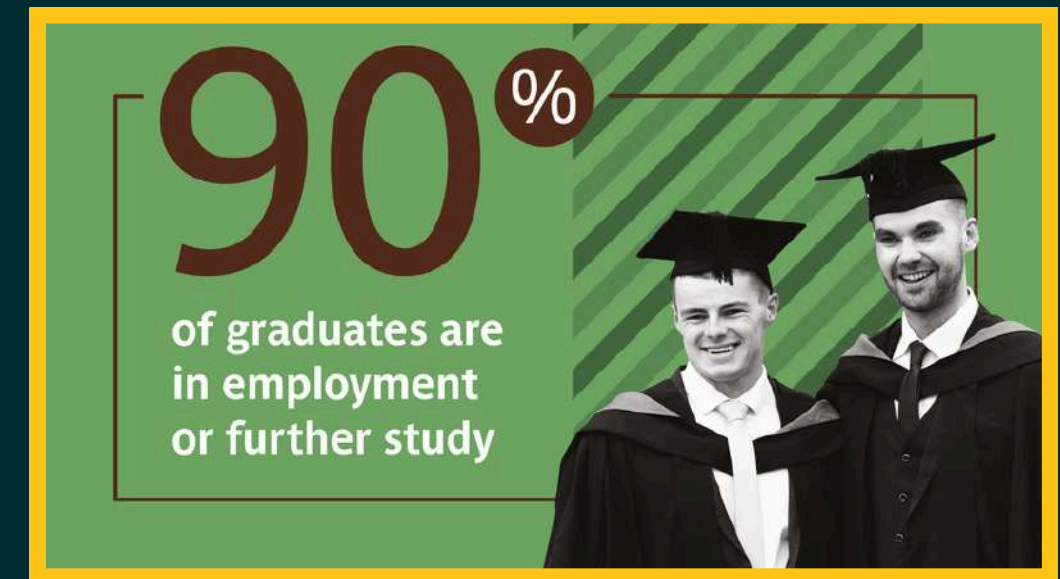
# Why UWE Bristol?

## Teaching Excellence

UWE Bristol is a thriving, modern university with a rich history of academic excellence and a strong reputation for producing **highly employable graduates**. We are proud to hold a **gold rating for student experience** in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

## Impactful Research

At UWE Bristol's College of Business and Law, a vibrant research culture underpins our academic work. The School of Business and School of Law boast active researchers, publishing in leading journals across their fields. This commitment to excellence is also reflected in our teaching, **which has been recognised by the Quality Assurance Agency with an 'excellent' rating.**





# Who is this programme for?

Designed for professionals from any background, this programme equips you with the risk expertise and data-driven decision-making skills needed to thrive in complex, fast-changing business environments.

## **Professionals who want to advance their careers:**

Whether you're working in operations, finance, compliance or project delivery, the MSc Risk Management programme gives you the tools to identify, analyse, and mitigate risk across any sector. You'll gain in-demand skills that open doors to leadership and strategic roles in high-growth industries worldwide.

## **Those looking to future-proof their expertise:**

The world of risk is evolving. It's driven by data, digitisation and disruption. This programme gives you a forward-thinking blend of risk management and data analytics skills, preparing you for emerging roles in cybersecurity, ESG risk, financial resilience, and more.

## **Professionals who want to make a real impact:**

Graduates of this programme don't just assess risk, they help organisations build resilience. By strengthening your ability to anticipate threats and respond with confidence, you'll contribute to stronger, more sustainable organisations and communities.



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# Unlock your potential with online study

Balance your studies with your work and personal commitments, without sacrificing the quality of your education.

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## Flexibility

Our **100% online format** gives you the freedom to study at your own pace within our module structure. You can design a study schedule that suits you. Tuition is also paid on a per-module basis, allowing payments to be spread out across your programme.

## Mobility

Your programme is in your pocket. It travels with you as you **study asynchronously** from the device of your choice from anywhere in the world. **Enjoy 24/7 access to class** through your Virtual Learning Environment and online library.

## Expert Faculty

Our programmes are **designed by experienced professionals** and academics who are passionate about teaching and research. Benefit from their insights, guidance, and support.

## Support

Develop your knowledge with 24/7 access to the UWE Bristol online library service. You can also rely on your programme leaders, module leaders and tutors, as well as a **dedicated student support team**. When needed, you can also get 24/7 support from the **mental health helpline**.

## Community

Connect with a **diverse network of learners** and experts from around the world through engaging discussion forums. Learn from their experience and expand your point of view.

# Programme structure

Your path to risk management mastery

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The UWE Bristol MSc Risk Management is a **two-year, part-time programme** designed to fit seamlessly into your professional life. Through a blend of theoretical discussion and reading, coupled with case studies and real-world application, you'll gain the expertise to navigate the complexities of risk management.

## Core Modules: Building your skills toolkit

Each of the **eight compulsory modules** is 15 credits and is carefully crafted to build upon your existing knowledge and skills, ensuring a logical progression throughout the programme.

## Applied Project in Risk Management: Your final project

In your final year, you'll undertake an independent research project of 60 credits, applying your knowledge and skills to a **real-world risk management issue**. This is your opportunity to demonstrate your expertise and make a meaningful contribution to the field.

### Are you a suitable candidate?

Take our questionnaire to find out if you are eligible to study on one of our online postgraduate degree courses.

[Eligibility test](#) >



# CORE MODULES

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The programme has a total of 180 credits. You take eight core modules; each is worth 15 credits and is an average of eight weeks in duration. The journey culminates with your Applied Project in Risk Management project worth 60 credits.

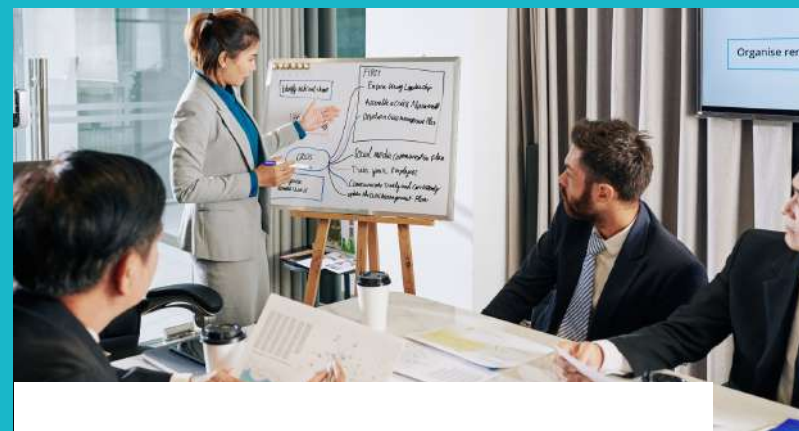


## Project Complexity and Risk Management

### 15 Credits

Explore how complexity impacts large-scale projects and develop strategies to mitigate associated risks.

You'll assess sources of uncertainty, analyse dynamic environments, and apply practical risk management techniques to enhance project delivery, governance, and performance using real-world case studies.



## Crisis Management and Resilience

### 15 Credits

Learn how organisations prepare for, respond to, and recover from crises in a world of increasing uncertainty. Explore the full crisis lifecycle—from early preparedness and emergency response to post-crisis recovery—and gain insights into building organisational resilience.

Through real-world case studies, you will develop the critical skills needed to manage extreme events and safeguard long-term stability and reputation.



## Enterprise Risk Management

### 15 Credits

Understand how organisations identify, analyse, and manage risks that affect strategic, financial, operational, and reputational outcomes. This module explores essential risk theories and models, showing you how to apply them in real business scenarios to enhance decision-making. Through real-world case studies, you will examine complex risk challenges and develop the critical thinking skills needed to assess and implement effective risk strategies in the business environment.



## Strategic Leadership

### 15 Credits

Critically examine leadership theory and strategic decision-making in complex environments.

Analyse the role of leaders in managing risk, shaping organisational culture, and setting strategic direction.

You'll assess leadership styles and their effectiveness in influencing risk appetite and organisational resilience.



# CORE MODULES

Explore your online modules, designed to develop high-impact skills in areas such as enterprise risk, financial and operational risk, crisis management, strategic leadership, corporate governance, and data-driven decision-making.

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## Corporate Governance and Sustainability

### 15 Credits

Examine the principles of corporate governance and the growing importance of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues.

Learn how effective governance frameworks support sustainable decision-making, ethical practices, and long-term value creation.

This module emphasises the role of governance in building resilient and responsible organisations.



## Business Decision Making

### 15 Credits

Sharpen your ability to make smart, strategic decisions using financial and business data. This module equips you with essential tools to evaluate performance, assess investment opportunities, and manage corporate risk. Explore how to use evidence-based methods and data analysis to support high-impact business strategies. You will gain hands-on experience applying financial frameworks, interpreting numerical insights, and aligning decisions with organisational goals in a competitive business landscape.



## Financial Risk Management

### 15 Credits

Gain a solid foundation in how organisations manage exposure to financial risks. This module equips you with the knowledge and tools to identify, measure, and mitigate key risks such as market and credit risk across corporate and financial institutions. You will explore core theoretical models and apply them to practical scenarios, evaluating how risk strategies work in real-world settings. Through case studies and operational examples, you will develop critical insights into effective decision-making in financial risk environments.



## Operational Risk Management

### 15 Credits

Develop the expertise to manage the operational risks that challenge today's organisations. This module provides a comprehensive understanding of key principles and practices in operational risk management.

You will gain the skills to identify, assess, and mitigate risks across diverse corporate settings, while sharpening your critical thinking and analytical abilities to support effective, risk-informed decision-making.

# Meet your programme leader

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Fellow of The Higher Education Academy (FHEA)

## Dr Elena Platonova

### Qualifications:

- PhD in Accounting and Finance – Durham University Business School, UK
- MA in Islamic Banking, Finance and Management – University of Gloucestershire, UK
- MA in Accounting and Finance – Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey
- BA in Economics – Anadolu University, Turkey
- Fellow of The Higher Education Academy (FHEA)

**Position:** Senior Lecturer in Accounting and Finance, MSc Risk Management



Dr Elena Platonova is an experienced academic specialising in risk, corporate social responsibility, and financial performance, with a PhD in Accounting and Finance from Durham University Business School. Her international education and professional journey span the UK and Turkey, providing a global outlook on corporate governance and ethical finance. Dr Platonova's research, published in leading journals such as the Journal of Business Ethics and the Journal of International Financial Markets, explores the intersections of financial risk, sustainability, and disclosure. Her expertise in Islamic finance, CSR, and risk analysis shapes a forward-thinking curriculum that equips students to tackle the evolving challenges of risk management in a data-driven world.



“83% of risk and compliance professionals said that keeping their organisation compliant with all relevant laws, policies, and regulations was a very important or absolutely essential consideration in its decision-making processes.”



# Skills development with real-world impact

## Real-world application

The skills you develop in the MSc Risk Management are immediately applicable in your role, whether you're identifying operational risks, managing financial uncertainty, or strengthening organisational resilience. This programme empowers you to address real-world challenges with confidence and clarity.

## Personal and professional growth

Alongside technical mastery in risk frameworks and data-informed decision-making, you'll strengthen key personal attributes such as critical thinking, time management, leadership, and strategic problem-solving.

By the time you graduate, you'll have a future-ready blend of insight, tools, and capabilities to navigate risk, drive impact, and lead your organisation through uncertainty.





# Key skills you'll develop

## Strategic Risk Assessment

Gain the ability to identify, analyse and prioritise risks across complex business operations, supporting proactive decision-making and long-term resilience.

## Crisis and Resilience Planning

Learn to develop and implement frameworks that prepare organisations to respond effectively to crises and recover stronger.

## Data-Informed Decision Making

Use analytical tools and data insights to guide risk mitigation strategies and support high-stakes organisational choices.

## Leadership and Communication

Strengthen your ability to lead cross-functional teams, present risk strategies clearly, and collaborate across departments and disciplines.

## Regulatory/Governance Expertise

Build a deep understanding of compliance, corporate governance, and ethical risk management across industries and jurisdictions.

# The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Your digital campus, your global classroom

At UWE Bristol, we've created a dynamic and engaging virtual learning environment (VLE) that brings the classroom to you, wherever you are in the world. Our VLE, powered by Blackboard Ultra, is designed to facilitate seamless online learning, collaboration, and connection.

## Blackboard Ultra: Your learning hub

Blackboard Ultra is more than just a platform; it's your personalised learning hub. Access programme materials, engage in discussions, submit assignments, and connect with your peers and instructors, all in one convenient location. With features like:

**Interactive content:** Engage with multimedia learning materials, including videos and quizzes.

**Discussion forums:** Share ideas, ask questions, and collaborate with your peers in a vibrant online community.

**Live online sessions:** Participate in real-time discussions and Q&A sessions with your instructors and classmates.

**24/7 access:** Study at your own pace, anytime and anywhere, from any device.





# Collaborative learning

## Building a Community of Resilient Professionals

We believe learning is most impactful when it's shared. Our MSc Risk Management programme fosters collaboration between students and faculty, creating an engaging online environment where global perspectives meet. Through group projects, peer discussions, and knowledge exchange, you'll build a diverse professional network and gain deeper insight into how risk is managed across industries and sectors.

### Case study approach: merging theory and practice

This programme is built around the practical application of risk management concepts. Real-world case studies and scenarios will challenge you to apply frameworks, evaluate complex risks, and recommend actionable strategies, ensuring you're ready to meet the demands of today's risk landscape with confidence.

Your academic journey is guided and supported at every step, giving you the structure and flexibility to succeed while growing into a resilient, future-ready professional.





Global spending on information security and risk management is projected to exceed \$314 billion by 2028, reflecting the increasing prioritisation of risk management strategies worldwide.

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Information Security and Risk  
Management, Worldwide**



# Assessment methods

The MSc Risk Management (online) programme utilises a variety of assessment techniques to evaluate your comprehension and practical application of course material. These include:

## Self and peer reflections:

Gain a deeper understanding of your approach to managing risk through reflective exercises, peer feedback, and engagement records—supporting both your personal development and professional growth.

## Written work:

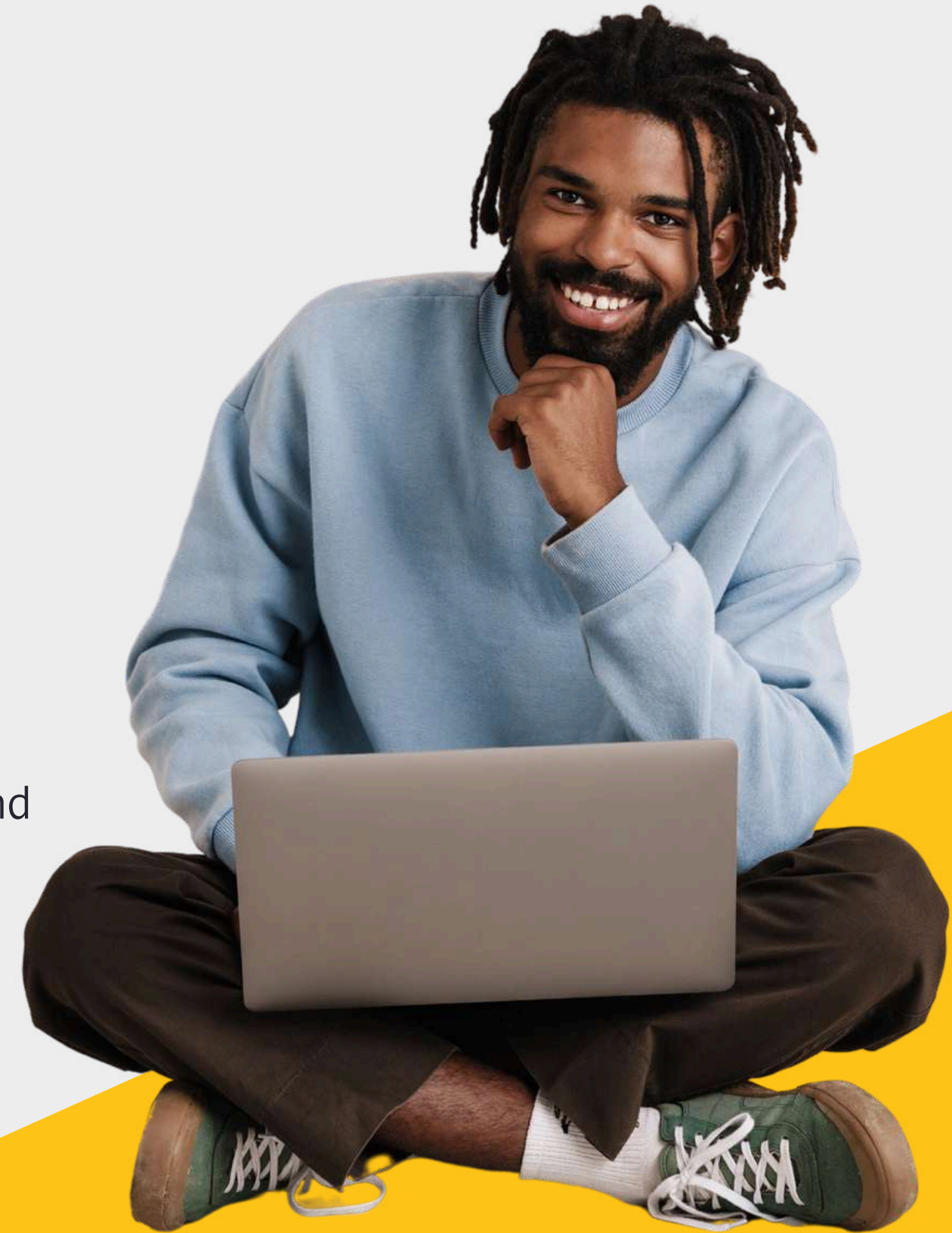
Communicate complex risk management concepts clearly and effectively through reflective essays, analytical reports, and strategy-focused written assessments.

## Reports and analyses:

Use data and evidence from a range of sources to evaluate risk scenarios, generate insights, and recommend practical, business-focused risk solutions.

## Applied Project in Risk Management:

Complete a substantial final project where you'll integrate and apply the knowledge and skills developed throughout the programme, demonstrating your ability to analyse, manage and communicate risk in real-world contexts.



# Tuition fees

The fee for this programme is £7,950. You pay £795 per module and £1,590 for the final project.

Fees are paid on a modular basis over the duration of the two-year course. The balance for the current module needs to be paid before being able to register for the next module. For your convenience, invoices will be issued as near as possible to the start of each module. UK students pay by credit or debit and international students through our official online payment partner, Flywire.

## Scholarships and financial aid

We are committed to supporting individuals in pursuing their studies. Please consult with the Enrolment Success Team for the latest information on tuition fees: [onlineenquiries@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:onlineenquiries@uwe.ac.uk)

UK (home) students may be eligible for UK postgraduate student loan assistance. Students who receive this funding need to complete the course within two years, otherwise payments will be interrupted or stopped.

Browse our website about postgraduate funding.  
More information available here: [gov.uk/masters-loan](https://gov.uk/masters-loan).





# Entry requirements

To be considered for the **MSc Risk Management (online) programme**, you will need an honours degree (minimum 2:2) or equivalent.

If you do not meet the above requirements but have a minimum of 12-months relevant professional experience and/or equivalent qualifications, we recommend that you apply. All applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## English language requirement

If English is not your first language, you'll be required to meet the University's minimum English language requirements, such as the International English Language Test (IELTS) with an overall score of 6.5 with 5.5 in each component.

\*The university accepts a large number of UK and International qualifications in place of IELTS. To find details of acceptable tests and the required grades, please visit our [English Language Requirements](#) pages.

## Exemption from the English language requirement

A Proof of English Language Proficiency (POE) exemption may be offered to you if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Completed at least three years of high school in an English-speaking country
- Completed an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in English
- Completed an IB diploma in a different language if they obtained a grade of 5 or higher for one of the English courses
- Completed a higher educational or professional qualification in English
- Working in an English-speaking environment and demonstrably working in English
- Passing a [Duolingo test](#)

# Tips for a strong application

By following these tips and submitting a well-prepared application, you'll increase your chances of being accepted into the MSc Risk Management (online) programme.

## **Personal statement:**

In a 300–500 word statement or a 4–5 minute video, you should explain:

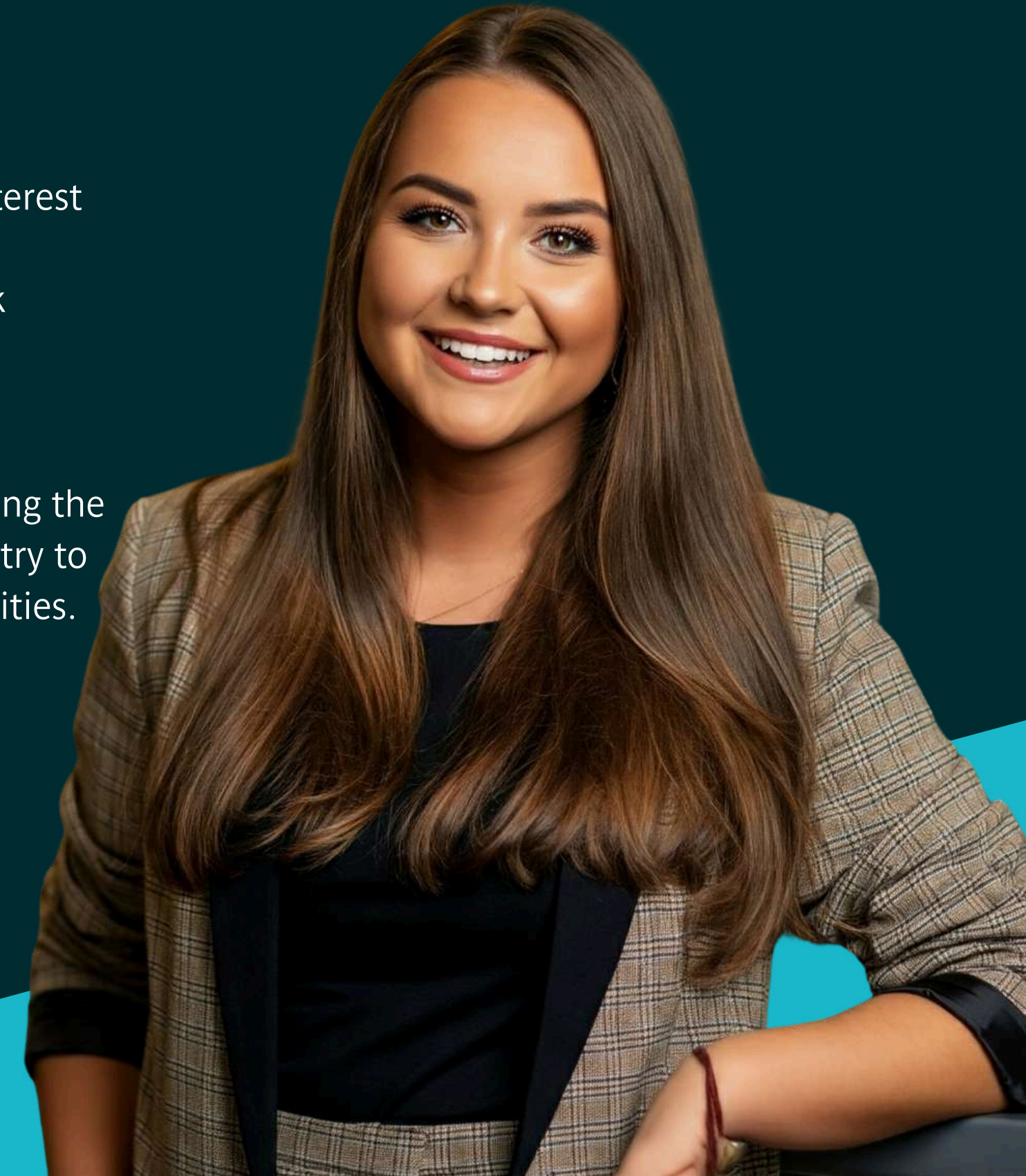
- Why you're interested in a career in risk management and what aspects are of particular interest to you
- What personal attributes and experience you have which make you suited to a career in risk management
- An overview of your intended career path

Wherever possible, your statement should draw on relevant personal experience. When describing the personal attributes and qualities which you believe equip you for a career in risk management, try to give actual, brief examples from your experience where you displayed those attributes and qualities.

## **CV/resume:**

If you are applying based on experience, ensure that you complete the employment section of the application form, clearly highlighting examples of responsibilities you've held and that have relevance to this programme.

Ensure your CV/resume or LinkedIn profile is up-to-date and showcases your skills and experience.







**"We're all about equipping people for great careers. These courses are not just about the knowledge that students will leave us with but also about the skills, capabilities and the mindset that they need to lead in those industries for the future."**

Jo Midgley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, UWE Bristol

**Our MSc Risk Management offers a flexible path to career advancement, you'll gain in-demand knowledge and skills from the comfort of home.**

**[Apply today.](#)**

