



Pre-Master Studies

In all Brunel University London postgraduate degrees, students develop a range of skills valued by employers such as communication, critical thinking, analysis, research and project management skills. Each programme has a strong contemporary feel and relates theory and concepts to the practical issues facing employers and employees in the 21st Century. Successful completion of the postgraduate degree can lead to career opportunities in IT, computing, social networking and project management. In this Pre-Masters you will take the following four core modules:

In Semester one you will study:

- Interactive Learning Skills & Communication for PG Study
- Critical & Creative Thinking
- Research Methods for PG Study
- Applied Concepts for PG Study (Generic)

Module overview

Applied Concepts

This module block has been designed to guide students through the key activities and concepts, which need to be undertaken and applied in the production of a written report at postgraduate level. The students are encouraged to reflect upon their approach whilst constructing their report, through continual feedback in tutorials, developing skills that will help in the re-evaluation of the decisions they make, drawing upon theory and its relation to practice. Students will produce a short appraisal of their self-reflection to accompany the completed report. This module will enable students to apply concepts which they have studied in the complementary modules on the Generic Pre Masters programme element.

Critical and Creative Thinking

The Critical and Creative Thinking module has been designed to assist learners in developing a range of critical and analytical thinking skills necessary for successful study at postgraduate level. This will be achieved by learners gaining an understanding of concepts used in critical thinking; interpreting the arguments of others and developing effective arguments of their own whether in spoken or written form.

Interactive Learning Skills and Communication 5

To develop: a range of academic and communication skills necessary for successful study at postgraduate level; a range of transferable communication skills (written and oral) to prepare students for professional life; independent learning tactics and strategies and, encourage students to take responsibility for their personal, academic and professional development.

Research Methods

The Research Methods module has been specifically designed for students who are required to demonstrate appropriate research and study skills at Masters level at the University. Successful completion of this module indicates that students have obtained a good understanding of and ability to apply the requisite skills involved in demonstrating their understanding of, and ability to evaluate, conduct and report research findings.