

USC SCHOOL	Bovard College		
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT			
GRADUATE PROGRAM	Project Management		
POST CODE	1707		
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Spring 2026		

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

The Master of Science in Project Management program is designed to prepare professionals to advance their careers in the field of project management. Our program emphasizes the strategic role that project management plays in the performance of global organizations, providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to be effective leaders.

In addition to learning core PM principles, students will explore the full spectrum of project management concepts and methodologies, including portfolio and program management, technical project delivery, Agile, and change management. Students will also build business relationship skills, including effective communication, negotiation and conflict resolution, to better understand organizational culture. Students will examine essential management processes such as performance, quality, risk, cost, and budget and apply them to real-world projects. By working with and learning from experienced project professionals, the program encourages immediate application of key concepts to address workplace challenges and opportunities.

Finally, students will explore practical topics that are increasingly important to PM, including managing in a global context, ethical and principled leadership, and social responsibility.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Open to all majors.

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
	NONE		

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	NONE	

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
PJMT 500	Principles of Project Management	2
PJMT 505	Requirements Elicitation and Business Analysis	2
PJMT 510	Schedule Management	2
PJMT 515	Cost Estimation and Forecasting	2
PJMT 520	Risk Management	2
PJMT 525	Agile Project Management Methodologies	2
PJMT 530	Quality and Process Improvement	2
PJMT 535	Specialized Project Management	2
PJMT 540	Organizational Change Management and Business Relationships	2
PJMT 545	Program Management	2
PJMT 550	Portfolio Management	2
PJMT 555	Project Management Capstone	2

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

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TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)

MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

- Students must complete all 24 units of the MSPM program. This is because our program is streamlined and does not have any electives.
- You may take between one course (2 units) per term and four courses (8 units) per term.
- Our program is year-round and therefore you may start in either Spring, Summer, or Fall semester. Please contact pdp@bovardcollege.usc.edu for application dates and deadlines.
- Note that our academic calendar dates differ slightly from the traditional USC calendar.
- All coursework is taught online. There is a 60-minute live Zoom class each week as well as asynchronous work through Canvas.
- Because this program is taught fully online, we are unfortunately unable to accept students who require an F-1 visa.

Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean**Date Approved**

Anthony Bailey

3/12/2026

Authorizing Dean's Title

Dean, USC Bovard College & Vice President for Global and Online Initiatives