



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Investigating Structures		
Module Code	UBLLWH-30-1	Level	Level 4
For implementation from	2020-21		
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology	Field	Architecture and the Built Environment
Department	FET Dept of Architecture & Built Environ		
Module Type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co-requisites	None		
Module Entry Requirements	None		
PSRB Requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Educational Aims: In addition to Learning Outcomes, the educational experience may explore, develop, and practise but not formally discretely assess the following:</p> <p>Working as a member of a group and meeting obligations to others within the module cohort.</p> <p>The use of learning resources in support of practical tests, including the use of technical resources and information in support of design decision-making.</p> <p>Professional habits of work, time-keeping and punctuality.</p> <p>Outline Syllabus: This module introduces and investigative approach to construction theory, material selection and building evaluation. The purpose of the module is to understand how buildings are constructed, why they are constructed in a particular way and from what. This is achieved by exploring the following key technical principles:</p> <p>Structural Theoretical Principles - tension / compression / shear / load etc.</p> <p>Traditional Materials and Technologies - brick, stone, timber, glass, steel, concrete</p>

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Energy in Buildings - U Values, Code for Sustainable Homes etc.

Assembly and the Construction Process - work schedules, mobilisation

Measuring Performance - Building Regulations, air tightness, code for sustainable homes etc.

Further exploration is covered by practical investigation:

Condition Appraisal and Report

Detailed Building Survey

Teaching and Learning Methods: The module time will be organised as follows:

80 hours contact time that includes lecture based sessions, workshop sessions exploring theories of construction, small group seminars and technical skills sessions

24 hours using surveying skills on site

18 hours are dedicated to laboratory sessions led by technical support staff

82 hours are scheduled for self directed learning in developing the output from survey work, case study preparation, design project and lab testing

24 hours technical report preparation

72 hours engaged with essential reading

Total = 300 hours

Scheduled learning:

As detailed above the strategy for the module is to introduce concepts and theories of construction, to develop the ability to understand building defects and condition, to undertake detailed site analysis and surveys, to complete a small design exercise and by calculating the required structural elements build and test part of the design. This will be achieved through the following methods: lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork; supervised time in studio/workshop.

Independent learning:

In order to fulfil the requirements of the module a certain amount of independent learning is required. This time is used to support the taught contact sessions and in preparation of the technical assessment. This will be achieved through the following methods: hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. These sessions constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices you make.

The module culminates in a structural design intervention project following a defined project brief. This is designed to demonstrate an awareness of structure and theory. Part of the structure for this design will be modelled to scale in the workshop and tested in the lab as part of a final technical logbook underpinning the four strands of the module: Survey, Structure, Materials, Construction

Technical Report –this major part of the module output is to be an edited account of the student's work that demonstrates the knowledge they have gained from the lecture and seminar series, workshop and lab sessions associated with the module.

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Part 3: Assessment			
<p>25% of the module is assessed by a report on a design project. This assessment type will be utilised to fulfil the learning outcomes from the module with knowledge of the subject matter required for students to apply the key principles, theories and construction methods to a small design project.</p> <p>75% of the module is assessed by a substantial Technical Report submitted at the conclusion of the module in . The report (4000 words) will contain the output from practical sessions including explanations and drawn output of survey work undertaken, design exercises and analysis of these allowing the students to demonstrate a complete grasp of the module requirements.</p> <p>Some formative work is undertaken in small groups where in which set activities, research and reading are discussed in workshop sessions allowing students to get feedback on their work.</p>			
First Sit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Report - Component A		25 %	Report on Design Project
Report - Component B	✓	75 %	Technical report (4000 words)
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Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods																	
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	Construct a structural element to scale and evaluate the structural limits of that element by controlled testing its capacity and potential imperfections; by recording this information technically discuss a refined solution	MO8
Contact Hours	Independent Study Hours:	
	Independent study/self-guided study	178
	Total Independent Study Hours:	178
	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	
	Face-to-face learning	80
	Practical sessions/work	42
	Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	122
	Hours to be allocated	300
	Allocated Hours	300
Reading List	<p><i>The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:</i></p> <p>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubllwh-30-1.html</p>	

Part 5: Contributes Towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Architecture [Sep] [FT] [Frenchay] [3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Architecture {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20