

## **Programme Specification**

# Construction Project Management {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs]

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## **Section 1: Key Programme Details**

**Part A: Programme Information** 

Programme title: Construction Project Management (Foundation)

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Highest award: BSc (Hons) Construction Project Management

Interim award: BSc Construction Project Management

Interim award: DipHE Construction Project Management

Interim award: CertHE Construction Project Management

Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

**Affiliated institutions:** Not applicable

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: No

Year abroad: No

Sandwich year: No

Credit recognition: No

Department responsible for the programme: FET Dept of Architecture & Built

Environ, Faculty of Environment & Technology

Contributing departments: Not applicable

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies:

Chartered Institute of Building

Apprenticeship: Not applicable

Mode of delivery: Full-time

**Entry requirements:** For the current entry requirements see the UWE public

website

For implementation from: 01 September 2021

Programme code: K25K13-SEP-SW-FR-K25D

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: The urgent need to support economic development in the south west and

the UK generally is increasing the number of large construction and infrastructure

projects requiring development.

There is growing demand for professionals who understand the business aspects of

running a company, building technology and the Information and Communication

Technologies (ICT) used in the project management of construction.

BSc(Hons) Construction Project Management (CPM) is accredited by the Chartered

Institute of Building (CIOB). It's available for both full and part-time study, so you can

work towards Chartered Builder or Chartered Construction Manager status if you're

already working in the industry.

Learn to effectively manage the construction process to meet client needs within

external constraints. Study the principles of economics, business, law, building

information modelling (BIM), building design and science, and construction

technology and management. Apply your knowledge and skills to real-life scenarios

in a work-based research project or dissertation on a specific topic of interest.

Our construction partner employers provide industry knowledge, placements and

recruitment advice to improve your employability on graduation. You'll get to work in

teams across professional disciplines in a way that reflects industry practice.

Discover new techniques and approaches on site visits and field trips. Test your

skills on a placement, which may qualify as part of the professional development

required to achieve Chartered status.

On graduation, you could work for UK or global construction organisations

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concerned with the management and business of developing and constructing

buildings and other infrastructure.

You'll have opportunities to work in project management, quantity surveying,

property development, facilities and asset management.

**Educational Aims:** The overall aims of the programme are to:

To deliver graduates with the knowledge, skills and behaviours expected to play a leading role as problem solver and decision maker in the construction management profession, which have managerial and legal challenges relating to time, quality and

cost.

To provide all graduates with a deep understanding of the process of development, including the roles and responsibilities of all the stakeholders and the skills required to successfully manage teams of mixed disciplines in the delivery of construction

projects.

To enable graduates to respond to environmental and social challenges, by fully realising the critical role that the CPM profession holds in developing a sustainable built environment, including aspects such as built-to-perform construction, lowcarbon buildings, zero-waste policies, sustainable procurement, quality-of-life impact factors and whole-life-cycle evaluations.

To give graduates the digital skills required to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by an industry being transformed by computerisation (Building Information Modelling), smart procurement processes and modular off-site construction methods.

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A CPM graduate is expected to have an awareness of the issues associated with ethics in the construction industry, and to demonstrate the transformational behaviours associated with developing progressive management cultures, which can take full advantage of the opportunities that inclusive and diverse workplaces offer.

### **Programme Learning Outcomes:**

On successful completion of this programme graduates will achieve the following learning outcomes.

#### **Programme Learning Outcomes**

- PO1. Graduates shall demonstrate the ability to use value judgement in developing solutions relating to complex construction management problems, accounting for risk and monitoring progress / completion using recognised review techniques.
- PO2. Graduates shall demonstrate an ability to use advanced inter-disciplinary communication techniques in areas such as productivity, conflict resolution and motivational leadership.
- PO3. Graduates shall demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate the impact of sustainable initiatives relating to construction project management.
- PO4. Graduates shall demonstrate the ability to evaluate the risks associated with proposed construction technologies relating to supply chain and constructability.
- PO5. Graduates shall demonstrate an ability to identify the opportunities and limitations of computerisation and evaluate their net impact.
- PO6. Graduates shall demonstrate the ability to critically analysis how construction psychology has an impact on the culture of health and safety on construction organisations.
- PO7. Graduates shall demonstrate an ability to reflect critically on their personal approach to ethics and how they can continually improve.
- PO8. Graduates shall demonstrate and ability to conduct independent investigation into innovations and an awareness of enterprise relating to construction environment.

## **Part B: Programme Structure**

#### Year 1

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 1.

## **Year 1 Compulsory Modules**

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

| Module Code | Module Title                                  | Credit |
|-------------|---|--------|
| UBLMMA-15-0 | Building a Professional 2021-22               | 15     |
| UBLM81-30-0 | Built Environment Futures 2021-22             | 30     |
| UBLMLR-30-0 | Context of Design and Development 2021-<br>22 | 30     |
| UBLMWM-15-0 | Foundation Engineering 2021-22                | 15     |
| UBLMPA-30-0 | Foundation Year Project 2021-22               | 30     |

#### Year 2

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 2.

## **Year 2 Compulsory Modules**

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

| <b>Module Code</b> | Module Title                                    | Credit |
|--------------------|---|--------|
| UBLMYS-30-1        | Construction Technology and Services 2022-23    | 30     |
| UBLMSS-30-1        | Environmental Physics and Materials 2022-<br>23 | 30     |
| UBLMPC-30-1        | Law, Economics and Management 2022-23           | 30     |
| UBLLWV-30-1        | Principles of Sustainable Design 2022-23        | 30     |

#### Year 3

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 3.

## **Year 3 Compulsory Modules**

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

| <b>Module Code</b> | Module Title  | Credit |
|--------------------|---|--------|
| UBLMYB-30-2        | Construction Technology and Building Services 2023-24   | 30     |
| UBLMRT-30-2        | Procurement and Contract Practice 2023-24               | 30     |
| UBLMGJ-15-2        | Professional Practice for the Built Environment 2023-24 | 15     |
| UBLLYR-30-2        | Project Management Tools and Techniques 2023-24         | 30     |
| UBLLY8-15-2        | Site Management 2023-24                                 | 15     |

#### Year 4

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 4.

## **Year 4 Compulsory Modules**

The student must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

| <b>Module Code</b> | Module Title                                     | Credit |
|--------------------|--|--------|
| UBLMNE-15-3        | Collaborative Practice 2024-25                   | 15     |
| UBLLYV-30-3        | Dissertation A 2024-25                           | 30     |
| UBLMKT-15-3        | People and Financial Management 2024-25          | 15     |
| UBLLXF-30-3        | Strategic and Operational Management 2024-25     | 30     |
| UBLMFQ-30-3        | Technological Innovation and Life Cycles 2024-25 | 30     |

#### Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

The foundation year is common with a number of other construction and property programmes which allows flexibility for students to transfer between programmes in this subject as their subject and/or professional interests develop through the year. Student progression from level 3 is dependent on students meeting minimum levels of attainment determined by the award board. Graduates will be able to effectively manage the construction process to meet client needs within external constraints.

The BSc (Hons) Construction Management degree develops graduates who have the technical and managerial skills, required by the profession and the necessary the breadth of knowledge to see their role in a wider context and work effectively alongside other professionals within the built environment. Graduates will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the contemporary issues faced by the construction industry, such as the sustainability agenda, and play a leading role in the development of appropriate construction solutions to meet the challenges posed.

During the programme there is gradual shift in focus from science, engineering and technology in the first year towards operational and strategic management in the later stages. Graduates will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the entire process of development (whole life cycle), and will have specific knowledge of the 'Production' and 'Use' phases of development. They will be able to apply their knowledge to deliver client and user satisfaction, through the effective assembly, management and development of resources through the context of the site, the project, the construction organisation and the supply network.

Construction Management graduates will have in-depth knowledge of project production management. They will be able to select and use appropriate items of surveying equipment required for the accurate setting out and control of a building. They will be able to develop operational plans, which include the co-ordination of interfaces between different trades, to ensure that projects can be conducted in an economic, safe and sustainable manner. They will also be able to identify the elements of construction contract and the obligations and responsibilities of the parties and the effect on the cost and administration of the project.

Graduates of the Commercial Management pathway will have more in-depth knowledge of the financial, legal and procurement aspects of projects and construction organisations. They will be able to develop, present and analyse with confidence business and legal documentation affecting construction projects. They will be able to advise on the suitability of procurement options and the associated risks that impact on the financial management of project. They will also have the ability to analyse cost, quantities and thereby determine the price for construction works at the design, tendering and final account stages of the works.

All graduates from the programme will be able to gather and critically evaluate evidence and information from a range of sources, enabling them to identify and analyse problems across a range of contexts using appropriate concepts and frameworks. As such, graduates will be able to draw evidence-based conclusions, develop judgements, create and evaluate alternative solutions and make decisions on the application of these solutions. They will be able to communicate information and ideas clearly and coherently through written, graphical and oral means.

Additionally, graduates will have demonstrated that they are able to reflect on and evaluate their own performance and respond positively to feedback. They will be able to demonstrate time management skills through the effective organisation and prioritisation of workloads. They will also be able to negotiate with others and work as a team to achieve specific objectives.

#### Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

The programme draws on the QAA benchmark statements in construction, Property and Surveying as shown in the Learning Outcomes above.

Faculty and University policies on teaching, learning and assessment including a strong emphasis on formative work, skills development and innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

The programme is underpinned by staff consultancy, professional practice and research.

The course team have excellent links with local employers who advise the course team on the content and structure of the programme through the Construction Consortium that meets three times a year.

## Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.

It is the Award Board's responsibility to determine whether the student's attainment at FHEQ Level 3 is sufficient to progress to Level 4.