



Module Specification

Introduction to Facade Systems

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Introduction to Facade Systems

Module code: UBLLYS-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2024-25

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

College: College of Arts, Technology and Environment

School: CATE School of Architecture and Environment

Partner institutions: None

Field: Architecture and the Built Environment

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: This unit is an introduction to both the programme and the discipline of façade engineering.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: The syllabus includes:

Introduction to the Programme

What is façade engineering?

The different types of building envelope.

Introducing the terminology used to describe building envelopes and their components.

A visit to a test laboratory provides an introduction to weathertightness testing of façade. It will also give the chance to see examples of different facades types and the tests on view will also relate to other modules in the programme.

The processes of designing and specifying façades.

The context in which façade engineers operate.

The range of performance requirements the façade must satisfy.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module will be delivered by means of:

Lectures and seminars which enable students to support their own independent learning by exploring deeper issues pertaining to Façade Engineering, visiting speakers will be used to provide up to date material and context to the applications of the subject area.

Directed reading examining the key principles and relevant criteria relating to a number of topics of importance to Façade Engineering.

The module is delivered by way of five study days for face to face teaching.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Assess different façade forms, with reference to structural systems, material selection and overall performance criteria.

MO2 Evaluate the various performance characteristics a façade must meet and how those characteristics might be specified by members of the design team.

MO3 Discuss the role of different professionals in the design, manufacture and installation of a contemporary building façades, using current theoretical and practical approaches.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 118 hours

Face-to-face learning = 32 hours

Total = 0

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubllys-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubllys-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Assessment will be via a written assignment

The written assignment will take the form of a Report (2500 words) which promotes the assimilation of taught material, reflecting on theory from literature and examining real world examples. Special attention will be paid to the demonstration of academic writing skills and information literacy, setting the foundation for future assessments in the related programmes.

Resit will be similar format to the first attempt.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Report (2500 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Report (2500 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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