

# MODULE SPECIFICATION

| Part 1: Information       |                                     |  |                    |   |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Module Title              | Approaches to Construction Law      |  |                    |   |  |  |  |
| Module Code               | UBLMDR-15-M                         |  | Level              | Level 7                                   |  |  |  |
| For implementation from   | 2019-                               | 2019-20                                |                    |   |  |  |  |
| UWE Credit Rating         | 15                                  |  | ECTS Credit Rating | 7.5                                       |  |  |  |
| Faculty                   | Faculty of Environment & Technology |  | Field              | Architecture and the Built<br>Environment |  |  |  |
| Department                | FET [                               | T Dept of Architecture & Built Environ |                    |   |  |  |  |
| Module type:              | Proje                               | Project                                |                    |   |  |  |  |
| Pre-requisites            |                                     | None                                   |                    |   |  |  |  |
| Excluded Combinations     |                                     | None                                   |                    |   |  |  |  |
| Co- requisites            |                                     | None                                   |                    |   |  |  |  |
| Module Entry requirements |                                     | None                                   |                    |   |  |  |  |

#### Part 2: Description

Educational Aims: See Learning Outcomes

Outline Syllabus: Multi-Party Arrangements:

The Wider Contractual Network with a Typical Construction Project

Bonds and Insurances in the United Kingdom and International Standards

Insurances and Liabilities to Third Parties

Multi Party Agreements

Professional Development:

Defining the Role of the Project Manager

The Consolidation of the New Profession

## STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

Professional Appointments and Standard Forms

The Performance of Management Based Approach to Contract Administration

Loss and Liability:

Consequential Loss and Attempts to Limit Liability

A Review of Case Law on Limitation Clauses

The Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977

European Regulation and Promotion of Best Practice

Claims and Entitlements:

The Nature of Claims within the Construction and Engineering Industries

The Exportation of the Claims Culture

The Formulation of Claims and their Presentation

Causation in Construction Contracts

**Teaching and Learning Methods:** The study hours for the module credit is based on the following:

Face-to-face /Online lectures: 15 hours

Online tutorials: 5 hours

Reading pre and post sessions: 40 hours

Accessing recorded lectures: 20 hours

Studying work file and related activities: 50 hours

Preparation and participation in Assessment: 25 hours

This course is studied as a distance learning course. Students can expect a range of teaching and learning methods to include on-line lectures, seminars, and discussion groups using case study materials. In addition expect to have regular on line attendance through tutorials conducted via the university's virtual learning environment. Use will also be made of the discussion facilities in Blackboard to ensure that distance learning students are actively engaged in their learning.

The module is delivered by way of a blended learning approach using live time collaborate online lectures as the centre piece for study and around which other student centred learning activities are employed including group work, recorded lectures, tutor hours and formative exercises. The live contact commitment is five fortnightly two hour sessions, Email discussion groups and virtual learning environments (VLEs) and other technology-aided means are also employed. It can also take place in a work-based setting.

The module will be delivered by means of a series of lectures and directed reading examining the key principles and relevant legal criteria relating to a number of topics of importance to construction professionals by bringing together the contractual and strategic aspects of construction and commercial law. Face-to-face and/or On-line Lectures will be used to enable students to support their own independent learning by exploring deeper practical and legal issues and receiving formative feedback. Occasional speakers will be used to provide up to date material and context to the applications of the subject area.

### Part 3: Assessment

The assessment strategy adopted by this module involves the student choosing from a range of follow-up tasks and submitting these in a report format online via blackboard.

The student has some flexibility in choosing which of the topics covered are of particular interest to the student and focusing on the same.

The other requirement in the field is for the student to be able to explain the theory behind the law and put it across it layman's terms.

The design of the coursework will be such as to prevent plagiarism as it will involve reflection on student's practice and experience.

The Report is a 3000 word report suitable for dissemination to senior management.

| First Sit Components | Final<br>Assessment | Element<br>weighting | Description                    |
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| Report - Component A | ~                   | 100 %                | Report (3000 words/equivalent) |
| Resit Components     | Final<br>Assessment | Element<br>weighting | Description                    |
| Report - Component A | ~                   | 100 %                | Report (3000 words/equivalent) |

| Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods |  |               |           |  |  |  |
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| Learning<br>Outcomes                  | On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes:   |               |           |  |  |  |
|                                       | Module Learning Outcomes   |               | Reference |  |  |  |
|                                       | Analyse complex legal scenarios arising out of a range of specialist a<br>the law involving the inter-play with third parties including insurers, fur<br>contractors, Public/Private Partnerships, suppliers and professionals           |               | MO1       |  |  |  |
|                                       | Judge legal roles and relationships and assess probable outcomes in<br>commonly arising situations including professional negligence, the av<br>professional indemnity insurance and the nexus of contracts required<br>PFI arrangements | ailability of | MO2       |  |  |  |
|                                       | Justify the legal basis for recommending a course of action in relation to contractual dealings with third parties including a critique of the available standard forms  |               | MO3       |  |  |  |
|                                       | Evaluate and demonstrate a deep understanding of the law relating t areas, and confidently apply legal knowledge   | o these       | MO4       |  |  |  |
|                                       | Write reports and provide advice on liability issues for clients and sen management  | ior           | MO5       |  |  |  |
| Contact<br>Hours                      | Independent Study Hours:   |               |           |  |  |  |
|                                       | Independent study/self-guided study  | 13            | 5         |  |  |  |

|                 | Total Independent Study Hours:           Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:                                 | 135      |
|-----------------|---|----------|
|                 | Face-to-face learning Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:  | 15<br>15 |
|                 | Hours to be allocated Allocated Hours   | 150      |
| Reading<br>List | The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:<br>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html | 130      |

### Part 5: Contributes Towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: