



Module Specification

Construction Procurement and Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Construction Procurement and Law

Module code: UBLM41-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2021-22

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Environment & Technology

Department: FET Dept of Architecture & Built Environ

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Frenchay Campus

Field: CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY

Module type: Standard

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: Yes

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Construction Procurement involves a consideration of the traditional time, cost and quality aspects in a client's brief. A focus on best practice and innovation is included here. Many of the components of construction procurement have an underpinning in construction contract law and the twin emphasis of the module allows for coverage in the detail required for construction professionals.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: At the completion of this module, the student will be able to make informed decisions about risk apportionment, procurement method and contract strategy. In addition, students will be able to understand the legislative context of contracts, the framework and impact of other areas of law (including some international aspects) and the various means for resolving disputes.

Outline syllabus: The syllabus includes:

Historical Background, International Context and General Principles

Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties

Procurement and Contract Choice - What Does the Client Want?

Standard Forms of Contracts Compared and Contrasted: JCT, NEC, FIDIC

Risk Allocation and Legal Risk Management

Introduction to Procurement and its Contexts

Procuring Complex Projects

Procurement in the Narrow and Wider Senses

Whole Life Uses of Buildings and Procurement

Design Responsibility

Collateral Warranties and Novation of Professionals

Obligations under Tort

Recent Developments in Standard Form Contracting

Partnering type initiatives

Best Practice within Procurement in the Wider Sense

Future Directions within Procurement and Construction Law

Issues for the Supply Community and their Involvement

Obstacles to Progress within the International Context

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: This course can be studied either with attendance, or as a distance learning course. Students who attend can expect a range of teaching and learning methods to include lectures, seminars, and discussion groups using case study materials. Those taking this by distance learning will receive the same learning materials, and will, 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.

In the alternative to face-to-face, the module is delivered by way of a blended learning approach using live time collaborate on-line 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 online 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.

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

MO1 Critically evaluate current practice and the legal framework within which construction procurement operates

MO2 Critically examine new business processes, new ways of working and collaborative arrangements in the construction industry

MO3 Analyse and critically reflect on the importance of law to the operation of the construction industry including the inter-connected aspects of socio-economic and legal outcomes

MO4 Use and apply clauses from construction contracts to effectively manage risk in key aspects of building projects

MO5 Critically evaluate the effectiveness of the different procurement strategies and methods available in meeting current challenges and customer needs

MO6 Draw conclusions based on key literature and make appropriate recommendations fully based on the literature and teaching material on the appropriate tools and techniques to support the successful delivery of effective procurement

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 128 hours

Face-to-face learning = 22 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/5E2548E5-8F01-6575-D6A0-10F564993EF9.html?lang=en-GB&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/5E2548E5-8F01-6575-D6A0-10F564993EF9.html?lang=en-GB&login=1>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy adopted by this module involves the student preparing a report requiring a detailed knowledge of construction contract practice in the fields of construction law and procurement.

It is important for the student to appreciate the depth of detail required in which construction contracts operate. There are formative tasks where the students are able to practice the core academic skills required.

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.

Assessment components:

Report - Component A (First Sit)

Description: Report (3000 words/equivalent)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Report - Component A (Resit)

Description: Report (3,000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Construction Project Management [Sep][FT][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

BIM in Design, Construction and Operation [Jan][FT][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][AustonSingapore][2yrs] MSc 2021-22

Quantity Surveying [Sep][PT][Frenchay][2yrs] MSc 2021-22

BIM in Design, Construction and Operation [Sep][PT][Frenchay][3yrs] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [May][PT][AustonSingapore][2yrs] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Jan][DL][Frenchay][2yrs] MSc 2021-22

BIM in Design, Construction and Operation [Jan][PT][Frenchay][3yrs] MSc 2021-22

Quantity Surveying [Sep][FT][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

BIM in Design, Construction and Operation [Sep][FT][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Feb][FT][AustonSingapore][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][DL][Frenchay][2yrs] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Feb][PT][AustonSingapore][2yrs] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Jan][DL][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][DL][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Jan][PT][Frenchay][2yrs] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Jan][FT][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [May][FT][AustonSingapore][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][PT][Frenchay][2yrs] MSc 2021-22

Construction Project Management [Sep][FT][AustonSingapore][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Building Surveying [Sep][FT][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Quantity Surveying [Sep][FT][Frenchay][2yrs] GradDip 2020-21

Quantity Surveying [Sep][PT][Frenchay][3yrs] GradDip 2019-20