

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BSc (Hons) Construction Management
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0645 LK12
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)		
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)

6	Course Description
	<p>If your ambition is to gain a senior site management role within the construction industry, our Construction Management BSc will set you on the right path.</p> <p>In the UK, the construction industry employs over two million people and there's never been a better time to gain exposure to every aspect of the built environment in Birmingham, as it is currently undergoing a huge and exciting regeneration period.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>Our Construction Management course matches the needs of the industry, preparing you to be able to manage a construction project from inception and design through to occupation by developing your skills in management to enable you to deliver projects safely, on time, on budget and to the highest possible quality.</p> <p>The complexity of construction projects requires construction professionals who have expertise in construction management and can work effectively with people from different cultural backgrounds and construction disciplines.</p> <p>You will learn about the immediate and long-lasting effect which construction activities have on the environment, and discover sustainable and environmentally sound construction methods and innovative management practices. This course has social innovation embedded in its core. You will learn through creative social problem solving, working with our industrial partners to develop your intellectual and practical competence, as required by professional bodies such as the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).</p> <p>After completing this course, you will have a broad range of knowledge of the legal, technical, managerial, economic, social and environmental aspects of construction projects, and be able to confidently manage both commercial and civil engineering projects.</p>

7 Course Awards			
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Construction Management	6	360
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Construction Management with Professional Placement Year	6	480
7b Exit Awards and Credits Awarded			
	Certificate of Higher Education Construction Management	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Construction Management	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Construction Management	6	300

8 Derogation from the University Regulations	
	Not applicable

9 Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code
Full Time	City Centre	3 years	US0645
With Professional Placement Year	City Centre	4 years	US1130
Part Time	City Centre	5 years	US0647

10 Entry Requirements	
<p>The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.</p>	

11 Course Learning Outcomes	
Technical Knowledge	
1	Examine the principles of building process and design, plan and course construction and related projects, taking into account resource allocation and management, sustainable construction processes and innovative practices towards integrated project delivery.
2	Contrast alternative construction methods, sustainable construction concepts, design innovation construction processes applied to the construction and infrastructure and appraise project delivery and building performance including the use of specialist technologies for building services and civil engineering works.
3	Demonstrate competence in the use of electronic information handling and data processing and analysis software and applications including the use of digital information systems such as BIM and GIS and specialist software for building planning and evaluations.
4	Appreciate and analyse the multidisciplinary and complex nature of the built environment, evaluate the socio-economic, environmental, financial and other management information, political and business contexts influencing the built environment, analyse the impacts of current issues affecting the local, regional and global communities, and develop awareness of risk and a systematic approach to manage it.
5	Demonstrate awareness and understanding of the legal framework that influences the procurement, set up and manage construction and related contracts within the built environment, apply legal principles relating to health and safety and dispute resolution in managing contracts, and exercise appropriate professional integrity in conflicting circumstances.
6	Display generic scholarly and award specific professional and practical competencies and demonstrate the ability to acquire new competencies required for career progression and assess the ethical, equality and inclusion consequences of human activities to optimise community and environmental sustainability by taking into the impact of investigations on environment.
Cognitive	
7	Critically analyse, synthesise, interpret and summarise information from a variety of sources and recognise and use appropriate theories, methodologies, concepts and principles from a range of subjects and collect, analyse and integrate several lines of evidence to develop balanced arguments demonstrating critical thinking and synthesis.
8	Plan and design an experiment, investigation, survey or other means to test a hypothesis or proposition and apply knowledge and understanding to address multidisciplinary problems within a local and global context.
9	Demonstrate creativity and innovation and demonstrate awareness of the provisional nature of the facts and principles associated with a field of study with those based on opinion and not supported by sound evidence.
10	Evaluate the importance of entrepreneurship and innovation including the role of intellectual property within the innovation process and awareness of risks of exploitation and the requirement for sustainable processes and outcomes and consideration of rapid and continuing change and development of the subjects and their context and its underlying foundations and principles.
11	Devise, plan and undertake field, laboratory or other investigations including those using secondary data in a responsible, sensitive and safe manner, paying due diligence to risk assessment, ethical and data protection issues, rights of access, and relevant health and safety issues.
12	Examine issues of sample selection, accuracy, precision and uncertainty during collection, recording and analysis of data in the field, in the laboratory or collated from secondary sources

	taking due care to mitigate the difficulties of having incomplete information on which to base decisions.
Communication	
12	Listen and observe attentively, record, evaluate and respond and/or communicate using a wide variety of information sources for example electronic, textual, numerical, verbal, visual/graphical, digital and practical field (site and building) survey based.
14	Communicate (individually or as a group) effectively, constructively, and confidently to a variety of audiences using a range of formats and employing appropriate scientific and/or professional discipline specific language.
15	Use the internet in a context, which recognises its limitations as a means of communication and a source of information.
16	Demonstrate an awareness of legal, effective and safe use of digital and social media and use and interpret digital data and information to inform decision-making.
Interpersonal	
17	Perform in a manner appropriate to allocated roles and responsibilities and recognise and respect the views and opinions of other team members, participate effectively in a team, set realistic targets and demonstrate willingness to resolve conflict.
18	Develop the skills necessary for self-managed lifelong learning and engagement including for example working independently, effective time management and organisational skills and appreciate the need for professional codes of conduct.
19	Recognise the moral, ethical, social and equality and inclusion issues related to the course and take up responsibility for their own actions and identify and work towards targets for personal, academic and career development.
20	Develop an adaptable and flexible approach to study and work, be able to identify individual and collective goals and demonstrate the competence, behaviour and attitude required in academic and professional working life, including initiative, reflection, leadership, resilience and team skills.

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Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
BNV6119	Contract Practice	20
BNV6204	Sustainable Building Design and Construction	20
BNV6200	Individual Honours Project	40
BNV6120	Project Management	20
BNV6205	Bid Strategy and Professional Practice	20

12b Structure Diagram
Year 1 Level 4 Full Time

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BNV4103: Built Environment Technology 1 (20 credits) BNV4106: Introduction to the Built Environment (20 credits) BNV4108: Law (20 credits)	Core BNV4121: Innovation in the Built Environment (20 credits) BNV4104: Integrated Digital Design (20 credits) BNV4xxx: Construction Site Management Practice (20 credits)

Year 2 Level 5 Full Time

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BNV5119: Procurement (20 credits) BNV5129: Built Environment Commercial Technology (20 credits) BNV5118: Civil Engineering (20 credits)	Core BNV5136: Money Matters in Construction (20 credits) BNV5135: Operational Management (20 credits) BNV5120: Integrated Digital Design for Complex Structures (20 credits)

Professional Placement Year 3 (optional)
Professional Placement Module (120 credits)
Year 3/4 Level 6 Full Time

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BNV6205: Bid Strategy and Professional Practice (20 credits) BNV6120: Project Management (20 credits)	Core BNV6204: Sustainable Building Design and Construction (20 credits) BNV6119: Contract Practice (20 credits)
BNV6200: Individual Honours Project (40 credits)	

Year 1 Level 4 Part Time 1

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BNV4106: Introduction to the Built Environment (20 credits) BNV4108: Law (20 credits)	Core BNV4104: Integrated Digital Design (20 credits)

Year 1 Level 4 Part Time 2

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BNV4103: Built Environment Technology 1 (20 credits)	Core BNV4121: Innovation in the Built Environment (20 credits) BNV4xxx: Construction Site Management Practice (20 credits)

Year 2 Level 5 Part Time 3

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BNV5119: Procurement (20 credits) BNV5129: Built Environment Commercial Technology (20 credits)	Core BNV5136: Money Matters in Construction (20 credits) BNV5135: Operational Management (20 credits)

Year 2 Level 5 Part Time 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BNV5118: Civil Engineering (20 credits) BNV6120: Project Management (20 credits)	Core BNV6204: Sustainable Building Design and Construction (20 credits) BNV5120: Integrated Digital Design for Complex Structures (20 credits)

Year 3 Level 6 Part Time 5

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core BNV6205 Bid Strategy and Professional Practice (20 credits)	Core BNV6119: Contract Practice (20 credits)
BNV6200: Individual Honours Project (40 credits)	

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

25% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	300
Directed Learning	402
Private Study	498
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	69%
Exam	0
In-Person	31%

Level 5

Workload

24% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	288
Directed Learning	372
Private Study	540
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	91%
Exam	0
In-Person	9%

Level 6

Workload

22% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	264
Directed Learning	354
Private Study	582
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	88%
Exam	0
In-Person	12%