CONSTRUCTION ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT MSc / 2017/18 ENTRY

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The MSc Construction Economics and Management postgraduate course equips graduates with the skills to become senior managers, policy advisers and decision-makers in any branch of the construction industry. It can also provide teachers and researchers in these subject areas with professional academic development.

Degree summary

This RICS accredited programme aims to develop students' knowledge and skills under two mutually supporting themes for which the School of Construction and Project Management has an international reputation: the economics and finance of construction at project, firm and industry levels the management of construction projects and enterprises. Construction is taken in its widest sense to include design, infrastructure and the supply chain.

Our school is part of the UCL Bartlett which is the UK's largest multidisciplinary Faculty of the Built Environment. It brings together scientific and professional specialisms required to research, understand, finance, design, procure, construct/refurbish and operate the buildings, infrastructure and urban environments of the future.

Outside the faculty we have links within UCL with those involved in engineering, computing and other areas of management.

Located in London, UCL is at the heart of a large cluster of architectural, engineering, surveying, real estate and management consultancies which, together with major construction/infrastructure clients, contractors and financial institutions, are next to the UK's centre of government with all the resources of a world city to hand.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars and group work on case studies, exercises and problems. Lectures include industry guest speakers. Assessment is through written examination, term papers and the dissertation.

Accreditation

Exemption is given for professional examinations. Aspiring members of the RICS will still have to demonstrate their practical application of knowledge through an approved period of experience and a professional interview.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: 2-5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of four core modules (60 credits), four optional/elective modules (60 credits) and a dissertation (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma, four core modules, four optional modules (120 credits, full-time nine months) is offered.

### CORE MODULES
- The Economics of Construction: Economics, Sectors and Industries
- The Economic Institutions of the Construction Industry
- The Management of Construction Projects
- The Management of Construction Enterprises

### OPTIONAL MODULES
- Construction Booms and Slumps**
- Construction Clients and the Market for Contracts**
- Economics of Appraisal of Construction Projects: Leading Issues**
- Economics of Speculative Construction Development**
- Construction Industry Development**
- Managing Professional Practice*
- Relationships between Firms*
- Capturing and Delivering Value*
- The Construction Firm: Contractors and Subcontractors*
- Marketing and Project Business Development*
- Managing Change in Organisations*
- Environmental Sustainability in the Construction Sector
- Integrating Project Information Systems with Building Information Modelling
- Managing Construction

*Students choose at least one
**Students choose at least two

The fourth optional module is selected from the remaining choices displayed above.

### DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All MSc students submit a 10,000-word dissertation related to the main themes of the programme, under the guidance of an individual supervisor.
Your career

The career options for graduates are varied, and many students go on to work for construction, engineering and design enterprises, professional consultants and commercial research organisations, and client enterprises with significant project portfolios such as retailers or banks. Graduates are keenly recruited by many of the UK’s very best construction-sector firms. The MSc can be used as a foundation for MPhil/PhD research.

Employability

The programme offers an understanding of financial and other kinds of management within the context of the project, the project-based firm and the construction industry in its widest sense. There are some elements which can be put to use straight away combined with other elements of a strategic nature which will prove useful as the graduate’s career moves into more senior management. It is thus an excellent graduate qualification to offer employers by those trained in a technical discipline without previous economic training or those trained in economics or finance without previous exposure to construction.
Entry requirements

The normal minimum qualifications are a lower second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Generally, however, we will be looking for a standard close to an upper second unless the applicant can offer professional qualifications or a reasonable period of relevant practical experience.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Standard.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study Construction Economics and Management at graduate level
- why you want to study Construction Economics and Management at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree.

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

Successful applicants to this programme will be required to pay a tuition fee deposit dependent on their mode of study and fee status as given below:

- UK/EU full-time: £2,000
- UK/EU part-time: £1,000
- Overseas full-time: £2,000
- Overseas part-time: £1,000

Further details can be found on the Fees and funding page.

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- UK: £14,100 (FT)
- EU: £14,100 (FT)
- Overseas: £23,050 (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master’s fee taken in an academic session.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Full-time: 26 May 2017
Flexible/Modular: 1 September 2017

*Applicants who require a Tier 4 student visa will not be eligible to apply.

Details on how to apply are available on the website at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

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