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# Course Specification

## BSc (Hons) Building Surveying

Course Code: BUISU

2021/22

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## **Award & Title BSc (Hons) Building Surveying (BUISU)**

### **Applicant Facing Course Specification for 2021/22 Undergraduate Entrants**

**Confirmed at 03/2021**

#### **General Information**

<b>Award</b>	Bachelor of Science with Honours Building Surveying
<b>Contained Awards</b>	Bachelor of Science Building Surveying Diploma of Higher Education Building Surveying Certificate of Higher Education Building Surveying
<b>Awarding Body</b>	Leeds Beckett University
<b>Level of Qualification &amp; Credits</b>	Level 6 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications, with 120 credit points at each of Levels 4, 5 and 6 of the UK Credit Framework for Higher Education (360 credits in total)

#### **Course Lengths & Standard Timescales**

Start dates will be notified to students via their offer letter. The length of the course is confirmed below and modes of delivery will be confirmed prior to the start date in line with Government guidance:

- 3 years (full time, campus based)
- 4 years (full time, sandwich, campus based)
- 5 years (part time, campus based)

#### **Part Time Study**

PT delivery is usually at half the intensity of the FT equivalent course, although there may be flexibility to increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration. Some modules may be delivered in a different sequence to that defined within this information set but the modules offered within each level are consistent. Please

note that the work placement option is not generally available to PT students.

### **Location(s) of Delivery**

City Campus, Leeds

Students are responsible for obtaining their own placement, with assistance from the University. The locations will vary, dependant on the opportunity.

### **Entry Requirements**

Admissions criteria are confirmed in your offer letter. Details of how the University recognises prior learning and supports credit transfer are located here:

[www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/recognition-of-prior-learning](http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/recognition-of-prior-learning).

Admissions enquiries may be directed to:

[AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk).

### **Course Fees**

Course fees and any additional course costs are confirmed in your offer letter. Fees enquiries may be directed to

[Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk).

## **Timetable Information**

Timetables will be made available to students during induction week via:

- i) The Student Outlook Calendar
- ii) The Student Portal (MyBeckett)
- iii) The Leeds Beckett app

Any difficulties relating to timetabled sessions may be discussed with your Course Administrator.

### **Policies, Standards and Regulations** ([www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/academicregulations](http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/academicregulations))

The RICS is the governing body for surveyors and as such it also ensures that any degree that is accredited as being of the correct academic standard is delivered in such a way as befitting industry. Consequently the pass marks for the modules and progression onto the following year is somewhat different to other degrees being offered by Leeds Beckett.

In order for you to pass a module you must achieve an overall mark of not less than 40% in the combined assessments with a submission in each component for each module. A component can be an essay, phase tests, exam or any other form of assessment.

**If you do not achieve these marks then you will have to undergo a re-sit of that particular area; if you still fail to achieve the marks you will not be allowed to progress onto the following year until you have completed the module again and achieved the above marks.**

**Failure of your second attempt at a module will result in your withdrawal from the course.**

## Key Contacts

**Your Course Director** Alison Jackson – [Alison.jackson@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:Alison.jackson@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)

**Your Academic Advisor** Each Student will be allocated an Academic Advisor once they commence their studies at the University. The Academic Advisor will be a member of the Surveying, Construction & Project Management Academic Staff.

**Your Course Administrator** Emily Easton - [e.a.easton@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:e.a.easton@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)

## Sandwich or Other 'In Year' Work Placement Information

### Summary

Leeds Beckett is dedicated to improving the employability of our students and one of the ways in which we do this is to support our students to gain valuable work experience through work-based placements. Our placement teams have developed strong links with companies, many of whom repeatedly recruit our students into excellent placement roles and the teams are dedicated to supporting students through every stage of the placement process. More information about the many benefits of undertaking a work placement, along with details about how to contact our placement teams can be found here: <http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/placement-information/>

**Length** 44 weeks, undertaken between year 2 and year 3 (level 5 and Level 6)

### Professional Accreditation or Recognition Associated with the Course

**Professional Body** Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)  
[www.ricscourses.org/Course/#Establishment=Leeds Beckett University/](http://www.ricscourses.org/Course/#Establishment=Leeds%20Beckett%20University/)

### Accreditation/ Recognition Summary

Successful completion of the course provides eligibility to apply for membership of the RICS, this membership enhances the opportunities for employment within the industry.

### Course Overview:

#### Aims

The BSc (Hons) Building Surveying course is aimed at a wide range of people as the part time option allows for entry to those already employed within the Building Surveying area. The full time and sandwich course is aimed at school leavers with A Level qualifications and the opportunity of working in the third year offers students a further dimension towards their employability skills.

The course is delivered through lectures, tutorials and practicals to enable the students to have a greater understanding of the wide ranging aspects encompassed by the Building Surveying profession. The course seeks to give the students the identity of a Building Surveyor whilst encouraging the

students to work closely with the other construction students to enable them to carry these relationships on into their workplaces.

As the role of a Building Surveyor is wide and varied the modules have been tailored to provide students with as much experience of the industry as possible. Some of the modules are designed specifically for Building Surveyors and are taught by Chartered Building Surveyors who have many years of industry experience. Where there is expertise within the Building Surveyor lecturers they take on course specific tutorial groups for more generic modules to ensure that the students gain the experienced Building Surveyor's interpretation of the module content.

An important part of the part time course is the recognition and accreditation of learning from the work-place, in the Experiential Learning modules at level 5 and 6, which are core to the part time students who take them in lieu of Inter-Disciplinary Practice (IDP) at Level 5 and Inter-Professional Consultancy (IPC) at Level 6. Both IDP and IPC use a simulated project to replicate work-based experience. Part-time students are already acquiring the work-based experience and these modules recognise and reward them for experience as well as preparing them for Lifelong Learning and the future RICS Assessment of Professional Competence (APC).

Previous records show that students who have completed study on this course are well respected in the industry and many students have gone on to achieve high ranking positions both within industry and the RICS, the surveyors professional body. By working closely with industry representatives throughout the course we are able to offer students connections with industry for them to progress after graduation.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1	Recognise, diagnose and provide professional advice with regard to various building defects, repairs and maintenance issues, understanding the impact of these issues, and the remedial costs involved.
2	Critically appraise situations and understand how to travel through the stages of design to produce a suitable, financially viable solution to a client's brief, applying the appropriate software associated with current industry in order to achieve this.
3	Possess the skills required of a professional in the construction industry such as negotiation, presentation and problem analysis, along with an awareness and understanding of other professional roles and responsibilities within the property development cycle.
4	Apply and analyse the principles of legal and regulatory frameworks relating to the construction industry and how the profession is affected by changes in the law relating to all aspects of the industry.
5	Articulate current social, political, economic and environmental factors influencing the construction industry and the impact of these on the role of the building surveyor.

6	Apply the professional and ethical frameworks associated with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, including an appreciation of areas that are beyond the scope of personal expertise and how to seek professional advice where necessary.
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## Teaching and Learning Activities

### Summary

Self-directed learning through directed reading and research to enable students to become independent thinkers and learners.

Formative exercises and problem-based learning; there are live sites which are used in the course to form scenarios for the students to provide solutions in a real-life situation. Close working with industry representatives on major projects provides the students with live clients and gives them an appreciation of how they and their needs should be addressed.

Practical surveying in the course allows students to have hands on experience of the tools that are used in the surveying industry with their performance being assessed throughout the exercises.

On-line tutorials and phase tests allow the students to develop their digital literacy skills as well as giving immediate feedback to enhance their learning.

### Your Modules

This information is correct for students progressing through the programme within standard timescales. Students who are required to undertake repeat study may be taught alternate modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes. Details of module delivery will be provided in your timetable.

### Course Structure

#### Full time

##### Level 4

Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Introduction to Construction Measurement and Estimating	Y	Building Design Through the Ages	Y
Introduction to Construction Technology	Y	Building Science and Services	Y
Law in the Built Environment	Y	Built Environment Economics	Y

##### Level 5

Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Building Pathology	Y	Building Surveying Commercial Management	Y
Construction Communications and Application	Y	Contract Practice	Y
Interdisciplinary Practice	Y	Construction Technology	Y

**Level 6**

Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Commercial Construction Management	Y	Inter-professional Consultancy	Y
Refurbishment and Conservation	Y	Facilities Maintenance Management	Y
Dissertation	Y	Dissertation	Y

**Part time****Level 4**

<b>Year 1</b>			
Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Introduction to Construction Technology	Y	Building Science and Services	Y
Introduction to Construction Measurement and Estimating	Y	Building Design Through the Ages	Y
<b>Year 2</b>			
Semester 1	Core (Y/N)		
Law in the Built Environment	Y		
Built Environment Economics	Y		

**Level 5**

<b>Year 2</b>			
		Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
		Contract Practice	Y
		Building Surveying Commercial Management	Y
<b>Year 3</b>			
Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Construction Communications and Application	Y	Construction Technology	Y
Building Pathology	Y	Experiential Learning (PT)	Y

**Level 6**

<b>Year 4</b>			
Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Commercial Construction Management	Y	Facilities Maintenance Management	Y
Refurbishment and Conservation	Y	Experiential Learning (PT)	Y
<b>Year 5</b>			
Semester 1	Core (Y/N)		
Dissertation	Y		

The option modules listed are indicative of a typical year. There may be some variance in the availability of option modules.

## Assessment Balance and Scheduled Learning and Teaching Activities by Level

The assessment balance and overall workload associated with this course are calculated from core modules and typical option module choices undertaken by students on the course. They have been reviewed and confirmed as representative by the Course Director but applicants should note that the specific option choices students make may influence both assessment and workload balance.

A standard module equates to 200 notional learning hours, which may be comprised of teaching, learning and assessment, any embedded placement activities and independent study. Modules may have more than one component of assessment.

Level 4 is assessed by a broadly even mix of coursework and examinations, with some practical assessments

Level 5 is assessed by coursework predominantly, with some practical assessments and examinations

Level 6 is assessed by coursework predominantly, with some practical assessments and examinations

### Workload

Overall Workload	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Teaching, Learning and Assessment	240 hours	240 hours	240 hours
Independent Study	960 hours	960 hours	960 hours
Placement (optional)		44 weeks	

### Learning Support

If you have a question or a problem relating to your course, your Course Administrator is there to help you. Course Administrators work closely with academic staff and can make referrals to teaching staff or to specialist professional services as appropriate. They can give you a confirmation of attendance letter, and a transcript. You may also like to contact your Course Rep or the Students' Union Advice team for additional support with course-related questions.

If you have any questions about life at our University in general, call into or contact the Student Advice Hub on either campus. This team, consisting of recent graduates and permanent staff, are available to support you throughout your time here. They will make sure you have access to and are aware of the support, specialist services, and opportunities our University provides. There is a Student Advice Hub on the ground floor of the Rose Bowl at City Campus and one in Campus Central at Headingley. You can also find the team in the Gateway in the Leslie Silver Building at City Campus. Email enquiries may be directed to [studentadvicehub@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvicehub@leedsbeckett.ac.uk).

Within MyBeckett you will see two tabs (Support and Opportunities) where you can find online information and resources for yourselves. The Support tab gives you access to details of services available to give you academic and personal support. These include Library Services, the Students' Union, Money advice, Disability advice and support, Wellbeing, International Student Services and Accommodation. There is also an A-Z of Support Services, and access to online appointments/registration.



The Opportunities tab is the place to explore the options you have for jobs, work placements, volunteering, and a wide range of other opportunities. For example, you can find out here how to get help with your CV, prepare for an interview, get a part-time job or voluntary role, take part in an international project, or join societies closer to home.