LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

Course Specification

MSc Construction Management

Course Code:MCONM

2021/22

MSc Construction Management (MCONM)

Material Information Summary for 2021/22 Postgraduate Applicants

Confirmed at 05/2021

Award	Master of Sciences Construction Management
Contained Awards	Post Graduate Certificate Construction Management Post Graduate Diploma Construction Management
Awarding Body	Leeds Beckett University
Level of Qualification & Credits	Level 7 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications, with 180 credit points at Level 7 of the Higher Education Credit Framework for England

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:

- 1 year (full time, campus based)
- 2 years (part time, campus based)

Location(s) of Delivery	City Campus, Leeds
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. Admissions enquiries may be directed to: 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.

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/public-information)

There are no additional or non-standard regulations which relate to your course.

Key Contacts

Your Course Director	Hadi Kazemi - h.kazemi@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	Thom Day – t.day@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Professional Accreditation or Recognition Associated with the Course

N/A

Course Overview:

Aims

This course has been designed to provide a Master's programme of studies for those who wish to develop and/or enhance their skills and knowledge in the field of Construction Management.

The course intends to develop and provide the following learning aims:

- To provide an effective, coherent and intellectually challenging postgraduate education in Construction Management;
- To enhance students' abilities in the identification and evaluation of appropriate decision-making strategies;
- To develop research capability and cognitive skills which enable students to analyse problems and identify effective solutions in their professional context.

Course Learning Outcomes

1.	Critically evaluate current approaches to the management of the construction business and construction projects.
2.	Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of specific tools and techniques used in the management of construction and their impact on the effective performance of the construction business and project.
3.	Have advanced state-of-the-art knowledge in research in at least one specialist area within Construction Management
4.	Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the theory and techniques applied at the forefront of professional practice in the discipline.
5.	Critically evaluate advanced practices in the management of construction and, where appropriate, propose new alternatives.

Teaching and Learning Activities

The course exercises the students' understanding through interpretation and application of the principles learned, encouraging their critical appraisal of the developing knowledge in the subject, and fostering a degree of self-reliance appropriate for students at postgraduate level. Coursework and group project works are important components of the scheme, and are intended to emphasise practicalities and develop the necessary working skills.

The dissertation project involves students in a research related to the subject area of the programme. Students have considerable freedom to choose their own topics, which they do by negotiation with their dissertation supervisor. Several workshops will be provided throughout the year to introduce the students to research methods, research tools, and the use of relevant data analysis methods and software. The supervisor will undertake further individual tutorials and meetings with the student. The resultant paper is owned by the University and may be published in the joint names of the supervisor and the student and by engaging in the course the student agrees to such publication.
Students are expected to undertake background reading each week, both to enhance knowledge and critical awareness and to inform class discussions. Module tutors will emphasise the importance of the student taking responsibility for acquiring the necessary knowledge. The move to increasing levels of student independence is progressive through the course with students expected to demonstrate a substantial degree of initiative and self-reliance in the Dissertation module.

There are many opportunities for students to consider research papers across the entire course. The online library contains numerous excellent data bases which give access to a number of high level research papers in this sphere of study.

Course Structure (1 Year FT): All modules are 20 credit

Level 7

MSc Construction Management – Year 1 (2 year PT route)

Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Managing Smart Construction Projects	Y	Commercial and Financial Management	Y
Managing Projects for Innovation	Y	Construction Procurement Strategy and Contracts Law	Y
Module options from the list below	N	Module options from the list below	N
Dissertation (60 credit module)	Y	Dissertation (60 credit module)	Y

Level 7
MSc Construction Management – Year 1 (2 year PT route)
Course Structure (2 Year PT): All modules are 20 credit

Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Managing Smart Construction Projects	Y	Commercial and Financial Management	Y
Managing Projects for Innovation	Y	Construction Procurement Strategy and Contracts Law	Y

MSc Construction Management – Year 2 (2 year PT route)

Semester 1	Core (Y/N)	Semester 2	Core (Y/N)
Module options from the list below	N	Module options from the list below	N
Dissertation (60 credit module)	Y	Dissertation (60 credit module)	Y

Module Options (All modules are 20 credit)

Semester 1	**Semester 2**
Project Organisation and Strategy	Programme and Portfolio Management
Risk and Value Management	Project Planning and Control
Adjudication: Law and Practice	Construction Law Principles
Commercial Mediation	Law and Practice of Claims
Sustainable Construction	Construction Technological Innovations
BIM for Design Construction & Operations	

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

The course is delivered in a blended format. All core modules and a number of optional modules are delivered via face-to-face and/or interactive live sessions. Some optional modules are distance learning units.

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 a sample of Option Module choices undertaken by a typical student. They have been reviewed and confirmed as representative by the Course Director.

A standard module equates to 200 notional learning hours, which may be comprised of teaching, learning and assessment, and independent study. Modules may have more than 1 component of assessment.

Level 7 is assessed through a mix of coursework, exams and presentations (dependant on the Option Modules chosen). There is a 60-credit Masters Project/Dissertation module which includes Research Skills and will require the production of a 3000/4000 word Research proposal and a dissertation with a maximum word count of 25000 words.

Overall Workload	**Level 7**
Teaching, Learning and Assessment	260 hours
Independent Study	1540 hours

Learning Support Arrangements

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.

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.