

This table indicates the modules included in this programme and the structure which they follow.

Should you require further information about the modules, please contact admissions@ucem.ac.uk

5 years (standard route).

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, there may be an opportunity to transfer to our Chartered Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship. You may change your study pattern at any point up until the start of a module.

Please note:

Students can either start in September or March.

Where considered necessary to do so at any stage, UCEM may seek to make variations to programme content, entry requirements and methods of delivery, and to discontinue, merge or combine programmes. This is subject to consultation with relevant students and other stakeholders, setting out the reasons for the proposed amendment(s), and compliance with the requirements of the UCEM Code of Practice on Programme Monitoring, Amendment, Review and Discontinuation. Should such an eventuality occur during the admissions and registration process, applicants will be informed immediately of any change and the alternative arrangements that have been put in place.

Foundation Year		
Yr 1	People & Buildings (20 Credits) Land & Buildings (20 Credits) Materials, Methods & Buildings (20 Credits) Markets & Buildings (20 Credits)	
BSc (Hons)		
Yr	October Semester	April Semester
2	Introduction to the Built Environment (20 Credits) Digital Technologies (20 Credits)	Introduction to Regulatory Frameworks (20 Credits) Construction Technology 1 (20 Credits)
3	Design & Structures (20 credits) Law for the Built Environment (20 credits)	Environmental Science (20 credits) Construction Technology 2 (20 credits)
4	Project & Cost Control (20 Credits) Planning & Conservation (20 Credits)	Integrated Project 1 (20 credits) Integrated Project 2 (20 credits)
5	Building Pathology (20 credits) Professional Surveying Practice (20 credits)	Sustainable Management of Property (20 credits) Construction Project Management (20 credits)
	Project (40 Credits)	

■ Foundation Year Core Modules
 ■ BSc (Hons) Core Modules
Standard route (part-time)

You will study two modules per 26 week semester, in 9 week module blocks

Year 1 (Foundation Year)

People & Buildings (core)

Aims

This module aims to examine the relationships between buildings and the people who create, own and use them. It considers how the external and internal design of buildings fits their purpose and performs different functions for different stakeholder groups. It aims to stress the importance of sustainability in the design and use of buildings. Throughout this module, the core skills needed to succeed when studying in Higher Education are developed to support progression onto a Bachelors programme accredited by Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body(ies) (PSRBs). These skills include:

- classification and presentation of data;
- online research;
- reading and listening comprehension;
- writing descriptions and summaries;
- creating a PowerPoint presentation,
- measuring, drawing and calculating quantities.

Assessment

	Weighting
Assessment 1: ePortfolio	100%
	Pass mark: 40%

Land & Buildings (core)

Aims

This module aims to consider and examine the land on which buildings are constructed. It considers the different types of land, landscape and land use, the demand for, and supply of land. It considers the different types of communities which establish themselves on land. It also stresses the importance of sustainability in the way in which land is developed and used. Throughout this module, the core skills needed to succeed when studying in Higher Education are developed to support progression onto a Bachelors programme accredited by Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body(ies) (PSRBs). These skills include:

- collecting data from multiple sources,
- understanding maps,
- reading and listening comprehension,
- writing descriptions and summaries,
- using simple statistical methods,
- drawing graphs and charts,
- performing calculations on building density and size.

Assessment

	Weighting
Assessment 1: ePortfolio	75%
Assessment 1: Computer Marked Assessment	25%
	Pass mark: 40%

Materials, Methods & Buildings (core)

Aims

This module aims to explore the materials and methods used when creating buildings and the issues concerning these materials and methods. It considers the costs and benefits of creating and improving buildings. It also stresses the sustainable sourcing and use of building materials. Throughout this module the core skills needed to succeed when studying in Higher Education are developed to support progression onto a Bachelors programme accredited by Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body(ies) (PSRBs). These skills include:

- classification and presentation of data,
- online research,
- reading and listening comprehension,
- writing descriptions, summaries and business letters,
- creating a PowerPoint presentation,
- calculating areas and volumes and comparing costs and benefits.

Assessment

	Weighting
Assessment 1: ePortfolio	100%
	Pass mark: 40%

Markets & Buildings (core)

Aims

This module aims to investigate the markets in which residential and commercial buildings are bought and sold, leased and rented. It considers the responsibilities of owning and managing buildings and briefly outlines how buildings are valued for investment purposes. It stresses economic and social sustainability in housing markets. The core skills needed to succeed when studying in Higher Education are developed to support progression onto a Bachelors programme accredited by Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body(ies) (PSRBs). These skills include:

- explaining cause and effect relationships,
- collecting data from multiple sources,
- performing calculations on data and drawing graphical representations,
- planning and writing a formal report,
- comparing advantages and disadvantages and performing interest rate calculations.

Assessment

	Weighting
Assessment 1: ePortfolio	75%
Assessment 1: Computer Marked Assessment	25%
	Pass mark: 40%

The assessment methods for the following modules, which will be delivered from October 2020, are currently in design and will be confirmed closer to the time. The assessments will consist of a variety of methods including:

- assessed coursework (such as essays, reports, portfolios, reflections, problem or short questions or video presentations)
- computer marked assessments
- project submissions

Year 2

Introduction to the Built Environment (core)

Aims

This module covers the core skills needed to succeed when studying in Higher Education, and when progressing toward accreditation with a Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB). This module provides an introduction to the different roles within the surveying, real estate and architectural technology professions. The main emphasis of the learning focuses on the student's ability to communicate information in clear and concise terms.

Digital Technologies (core)

Aims

The Digital Technologies module takes the R.A.T. model (Replacement, Amplification, Transformation) (Hughes, 2005) and applies it to the use of technology specific to surveying, construction management and architectural technology professions. This enables the student to begin defining what role technology plays in their studies and in the workplace, and to evaluate the worth of each piece for that digital world.

Introduction to Regulatory Frameworks (core)

Aims

This module provides an introduction to the fundamental legislative and regulatory frameworks under the law in England and Wales, as it affects built environment professionals.

It focuses on regulatory frameworks relating to building regulations and planning controls, inclusivity, sustainability, health and safety, hazardous materials and the role of the professional accrediting bodies such as the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT).

Construction Technology 1 (core)

Aims

This module covers the construction aspects of simple low-rise buildings. It explores the ways in which low rise buildings can be built, and the materials and details that are most commonly used. Technologies that are used in the UK and in other parts of the world are considered in the provision of housing and buildings for other uses.

Year 3

Design & Structures (core)

Aims

This module covers key aspects of the theory and practice of design for buildings and building structures. It applies building technology theory and practice to straightforward design situations. The main study topics include the nature and relevance of design, design parameters, information and data, site analysis, spatial considerations, technology of fabric and services, building aesthetics. In addition, structural elements of design are introduced, looking at the theory and principles of structural calculation, and the requirements for building approval.

Law for the Built Environment (core)

Aims

This module enables the student to develop a basic understanding of aspects of the law in as much as they relate to the property and construction sectors in England and Wales as well as in Scotland. This will include an understanding of terminology used and the relevant principles of tort (delict in Scotland) and contract law. This module provides the underpinning legal knowledge for further legal studies later in the programme.

Environmental Science (core)

Aims

Environmental Science can cover many academic subjects related to the study of the environment: this module focuses on the understanding of how a building is affected both by its environment and its occupants, and vice versa: what effect that building has on the environment and people living in and around it. The relationship is a complex one, which is addressed here by using 'human comfort' as the overarching theme, and breaking that down into individual factors of heat, air, moisture, sound and light. These studies are designed to give some insight into the interaction between people, policies and perceptions regarding the natural and built environments.

Construction Technology 2 (core)

Aims

This module covers the construction technology and environmental control of long span and high rise framed structures. It aims to enable the student to respond effectively and professionally to the following series of questions:

- What is the purpose of a building?
- What statutory & voluntary regulation applies?
- What are appropriate building performance criteria?
- How is the building constructed?
- Why is it constructed that way?

Year 3

Project & Cost Control (core)

Aims

This module aims to provide the student with an understanding of the activities relating to project cost control, within the scope of the building surveyor. The approach is to move chronologically through the pre-contract stage, involving the preparation of an outline cost plan and approximate estimates, through to the contract and post contract stage of a project. The importance of considering lifecycle costs and the maintenance management of a building are covered, along with sustainability in relation to its impact on cost. Contract documentation and contract administration are then considered, together with post-contract cost control issues.

Planning & Conservation (core)

Aims

This module provides a brief introduction to the evolution of buildings from the 18th to the 20th century. It also provides a brief introduction to the UK planning system. It comprises the dating of buildings through the evolution of materials and architectural styles from the 18th to 20th century; planning policy and plan making; the regulations affecting development; contemporary planning issues. The overall emphasis is on a practical approach to the subject.

Integrated Project 1 (core)

Aims

This module enables students to consolidate their knowledge and skills gained from previous studies, and to work collaboratively in multi-disciplinary groups, within a project scenario.

The scenario will focus on preparation of a feasibility study for a client which provides reasoned advice on the potential for reconstruction or adaption of an existing commercial or industrial property for a new use. It provides the context for the further development of the study into Integrated Project 2.

Whilst BS and ADT students will have studied many of the same modules in their respective programmes, the scenario presents opportunities to demonstrate how each discipline can contribute to different elements of a feasibility study and for students to appreciate the strengths of each other's disciplines. Critically, this module provides an opportunity for elements of collaboration and personal reflection.

Integrated Project 2 (core)

Aims

This module enables students to consolidate their knowledge and skills gained from the previous module, working collaboratively in multi-disciplinary groups, within a project scenario.

The context of the project was set in the Integrated Project 1 module whereby students undertook due diligence work for a commercial or industrial building and provided feasibility advice to a client on the options available in terms of reconstruction or adaption of the property for a new use.

This second stage of the project is to identify procedures required for the adaption and refurbishment of the building based on a client's brief and to produce a scheme design for this and other associated data and documentation.

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Year 5

Building Pathology (core)

Aims

This module is concerned with the pathology of buildings. It will develop students' ability to effectively diagnose and evaluate a range of commonly encountered building defects through a process of inspection, testing, survey and analysis.

This module aims to:

- explain and analyse key mechanisms, symptoms and impacts of a range of common building defects;
- develop a critical, rational and well-informed approach to the diagnosis of a range of common building defects and their remediation;
- critically appraise issues relating to professional liability and defects analysis;
- develop critical thinking and excellence in communication skills related to the reporting of building defects and their remediation.

Professional Surveying Practice (core)

Aims

This module focuses on professional surveying practice relating to building surveying. It comprises the following fields of practice; issues relating to boundaries and neighbour disputes, including the Party Wall etc. Act 1996, access to neighbouring land, dilapidations, dispute resolution, and ethics and professional standards. The module builds on previous modules of law and construction technology, providing students with a greater level of academic and practical awareness within the context of global professional ethical standards.

Sustainable Management of Property (core)

Aims

This module aims to provide students with an appreciation of the essential link between the management of property – in terms of both utility and investment – and the business objectives of the client organisation. It considers the broader context of property management, in relation to clients, sustainability, legislation and the lifecycle of property. It also examines the nature of data required for an asset management plan and the collection of this.

Construction Project Management (core)

Aims

This module builds upon subjects studied in the earlier on the programme, and allows the exploration of a range of strategic and operational issues in construction project management. The construction project manager (CPM) plays a key role at all stages of the construction process, for diverse clients' and organisations that operate in a dynamic environment. The fundamental need for clients to enhance added value in their construction projects, and increasingly now to also improve the stakeholder utility, means that the CPM has a critical contribution to make in such a venture. This module therefore provides an opportunity to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills required to operate as a CPM in the context of the property and construction industries. Furthermore, the paramount need of a holistic combination of knowledge, understanding, skills, techniques, maturity of scholarship and commercial vocational acumen is emphasised in this level 6 module.

Project (core)

Aims

This module aims to:

- recognise the knowledge and skills developed throughout the programme through a self-directed investigation into a chosen project;
- develop self-reflection;
- develop and apply research techniques to the detailed examination of an issue or activity within a project in either the workplace or the public domain.