

## 2020/21 Postgraduate MSc Building Surveying

Realising your potential in the Built Environment



# Help shape the future of the Built Environment

**Building Surveying** is a growing, international, professional discipline dealing with the inspection, maintenance and refurbishment of existing buildings.

With an industry-recognised UCEM Building Surveying postgraduate degree, you will be well prepared for a successful and exciting career as a Chartered Surveyor.

UCEM's accredited postgraduate programmes are designed for those who have expertise in property or construction and are looking to reach the next level of their career; as well as those entering the built environment.



# Welcome

UCEM is the leading provider of supported online learning for the Built Environment

Thank you for considering studying with UCEM. We are dedicated to ensuring your success and providing the best possible learning experience for all our students.

Since 1919, when we were founded as the College of Estate Management, we have supported around 150,000 students worldwide.

With 100 years' experience of providing specialist and innovative training globally, we are here to support you through your studies and ensure you join the path to a rewarding career.

We are steadfast in our aspiration to be the centre of excellence for Built Environment education.



**Ashley Wheaton**  
UCEM Principal



**UCEM Patron**  
His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales

## Five reasons to choose UCEM

**01** You'll be **fully supported** every step of the way by our Tutors, who are experienced practitioners in their respective fields

**03** You'll be joining our vibrant international community spanning **100+ countries**

**04** UCEM programmes offer a range of modules that allow you to choose a specialism to support your career path

**05** Designed for busy working professionals, we offer the flexibility to study at your own pace at a speed suitable for you, while our programmes can be studied wherever you are in the world!

**02** Our programmes are recognised and accredited by professional bodies including:



# Employability

## Where could your UCEM degree take you?

As a graduate from UCEM with an accredited degree, you'll join the ranks of a highly employable workforce within the Built Environment. From there, your career prospects are as exciting as they are diverse.



Roles

### Building Surveying

Building Surveyor

Construction Manager

Graduate Building Surveyor

Project Manager

Trainee Building Surveyor



Professional Qualifications



Top Employers

Atkins

Clarion Housing Group

NHS

Earnings



Starting salary

£18,000 - £28,000



Experienced salary

£35,000 - £50,000



Senior salary

£60,000 +



£38,000

Median salary of UCEM  
graduates after 15 months

\*These statistics are from the 2018/19 HESA Graduate Outcome Survey and apply to UK domiciled graduates only. Please see footnote on page 22 for more details.

From the moment you begin your degree and up to three years after you graduate, our dedicated careers team are here to help you progress your career.

**98%**



UCEM graduates are working in the property and construction industry 15 months after graduation



**70%**

of our students pass their APC and become MRICS within 6 months of graduating

Here for you now

Here for you tomorrow

careers@ucem.ac.uk

# Say hello, **sannu**, گیل ع مالس لا, 哈囉 to your new community

Joining UCEM means being part of a vibrant international community of students from over 100 countries and six continents.



“ Distance learning is a great way to **build network connections** in your major and to build your **communication and interpersonal skills** with other classmates. ”

Ajumoke Orike  
**MBA Real Estate and Construction**



Join our ever-growing community

Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Botswana British Virgin Islands, Cambodia, Canada, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, China, Cyprus (Greek, EU), Czech Republic, Egypt, England, Eswatini

Ethiopia, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greece, Grenada, Guernsey, Guyana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Isle of Man, Israel, Jamaica, Jersey, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao, Malawi, Malaysia

Maldives, Mauritius, Mongolia, Monserrat, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Réunion, Russia, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia

Scotland, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, St Kitts Nevis, Sudan, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States, Vietnam, Wales, Zambia, Zimbabwe



“ The VLE provided me with the flexibility to strike a balance between work and study. It also provided an excellent platform for me to **communicate and discuss course-work** with international cases with my **class-mates all over the world**. ”

Chan Sui Kai  
**MSc Real Estate**

# MSc Building Surveying

Step into the world of Building Surveying with this online postgraduate conversion programme. UCEM's industry-recognised programme provides a rigorous understanding of the core technical disciplines of the building surveying specialism and their role within the wider context of Built Environment professional disciplines.

This programme benefits from a range of contemporary, well-supported teaching and learning techniques, including practical project work to improve your career prospects in the public and commercial sectors throughout the UK and overseas.



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## Award

MSc Building Surveying

## Duration

2 years

## Dates

	Apply by	Start date
Autumn	<b>17 Aug 2020</b>	28 Sept 2020
Spring	<b>15 Feb 2021</b>	29 Mar 2021

## Fees

£1,150 per module for students commencing in the 2020/21 academic year x 8 modules.

**Total programme fee: £9,200**

## Time Commitment

15-20 hours a week for 42 weeks per annum.

Each 20-credit module equates to a total of 200 study hours broken down between directed online learning, self-directed learning and assessment. The breakdown between these three types of activity may vary between modules but on average is as follows:

Directed online learning	(50%)
Self-directed reading	(17%)
Assessment	(33%)

Yr	Smtr	Autumn (UK) entry	Spring (UK) entry
1	smtr 1	Sustainable and Innovative Construction	Sustainable and Innovative Construction
		Costing and Contracts	Planning and Development
	smtr 2	Law for Surveyors	Law for Surveyors
		Planning and Development	Costing and Contracts
2	smtr 1	Building Pathology and Maintenance	Analysis and Adaptation of Buildings
		<b>Elective modules (choose one from):</b> Management of Construction or Property Management	<b>Elective modules (choose one from):</b> Management of Construction or Property Management
	smtr 2	Postgraduate Project	Postgraduate Project
		Analysis and Adaptation of Buildings	Building Pathology and Maintenance
	smtr 2	Postgraduate Project (continued)	Postgraduate Project (continued)

A photograph of a young woman in a black graduation gown and cap with a blue and red academic hood, smiling and shaking hands with a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and striped tie. They are in a room with wooden paneling and a large window in the background.

“ I chose to study at UCEM because of its esteemed reputation in the industry. UCEM’s degrees are recognised by HKIS and RICS which means I am qualified to become Chartered.

All the Module Leaders and Tutors were very willing to help and I never felt alone during my studies. The VLE platform is very user-friendly so it makes studying more efficient which is very important for those who have little time to study each day after work.”

Billy Diec  
(Assistant Quantity Surveyor,  
Arcadis Hong Kong Limited)

# Study Online



Just because you're studying online, it doesn't mean you're studying alone. You'll study alongside a vibrant student community, with access to our experienced tutors and a wealth of learning resources, all at your fingertips.

## Virtual Learning Environment

- Induction resources to prepare you for online learning experience
- Online assignment submission, feedback and results
- A network of discussion forums shared by fellow students and Tutors
- Comprehensive study skills to guide your academic journey

## Flexible learning

- Earn while you learn. Our programmes will fit around your work and personal commitments
- Conveniently catch up on scheduled learning materials you may have missed
- Access to your learning materials to study wherever you are with an internet connection

## State of the art learning

- Rich resources and tools to support your education and build your knowledge and skills
- Learn through online seminars, briefings, tutorials and drop-in sessions
- You'll also have access to our fantastic e-Library service, which hosts a rich collection of e-books, journals, articles and other online resources, enabling you to access a wealth of subject-specific and credible information to support you throughout your studies

## Need more information?



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# Support



UCEM offers the best possible support and guidance to facilitate the student experience. From the moment you enrol, there are a range of services to guide you through your online learning experience.

## Student Services



### Academic support tutors

This team will help you navigate the world of online learning. Whether you need help using the VLE, the e-Library, understanding how to submit assignments, or managing your workload, these tutors are here to help you in a variety of ways throughout your studies.



### Academic support

Our academic staff are experts in their fields and are here to make your studies with UCEM both stimulating and inspiring, whilst offering vital support and guidance along the way.



### Student Engagement Team

Your first point of contact as a student. They will support you in your studies and queries, ensuring you're put in touch with all of the right teams and services within UCEM.



### Module tutors

Your module leader is assisted by a team of module tutors who provide additional support via the weekly discussion forums and through webinars.



### Disability & Wellbeing

The Disability & Wellbeing Team offers the best possible support for students with disabilities or wellbeing concerns. Get in touch with our team of advisors who are ready to offer you guidance, support and assistance during your studies.

### Need more information?



[disabilitysupport@ucem.ac.uk](mailto:disabilitysupport@ucem.ac.uk)

# Programme Information



## MSc entry requirements

Entrants onto our MSc programmes are normally required to have attained one of the following:

- A Bachelor's degree with honours at lower second standard (2:2), or equivalent
- A Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, plus experience in a relevant field
- A Level 5 qualification as defined by the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications for England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ), plus five years' relevant experience
- A professional qualification plus five years' relevant experience

For more information on entry requirements please [visit the programme page](#).

All UCEM programmes are taught and assessed in English. Therefore entrants need to demonstrate adequate proficiency in the language before being admitted:

- GCSE - Grade C (or 4) or above in English Language or English Literature, or an equivalent qualification
- IELTS - Grade 6.0 or above, with at least

6.0 in the reading and writing modules, in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test administered by the British Council in the academic test

For further information on equivalent qualifications please visit: [ucem.ac.uk/study-with-ucem/international-students/language-requirements](http://ucem.ac.uk/study-with-ucem/international-students/language-requirements)

## Assessment

Modules are assessed through a variety of assessments. Combinations of module assessment vary across programmes and from module to module. In line with the supported online education offering at UCEM, online resources will be made available in preparation of, and in conjunction with, assessments. Assessments no longer features examinations, which means no travel to exam centres.

## Access and Participation Plan

UCEM is committed to widening access and participation by providing education that is accessible to all, to enable students to achieve and develop in their careers. For more information about this, please visit [ucem.ac.uk/about-ucem/ucem-policies](http://ucem.ac.uk/about-ucem/ucem-policies)

# Fees and Funding



## Flexible payment options

Like with our method of learning we also offer flexibility when it comes to paying for your programme. You can choose to make a one-off payment at the beginning of each semester or we also offer an instalment plan to allow students to pay for each semester in five monthly installments to spread the cost.

If your employer is sponsoring you, we can invoice them directly for all or part of the cost, you will need to complete a sponsorship found on our website.

For more information about payment options and to access sponsorship forms please visit [ucem.ac.uk/fees-and-funding](http://ucem.ac.uk/fees-and-funding)

## Additional fees

If you do not pass a module at the first attempt, you will normally be offered a resubmission free of charge. If you fail the resubmission, you will normally be required to pay the full module fee when you retake the module. If you suspend or defer a module you will be able to return to study that module at the next available opportunity

free of charge (except for any project module where you will be charged 50% of the module fee). If you do not return to study the module at the next available opportunity, the full module fee will be charged when you do return.

## Centenary Fund

To celebrate our centenary year in 2019, UCEM launched the UCEM Centenary Fund.

The UCEM Centenary Fund is designed to enable students who may not otherwise have access to a career in the built environment, or who may not be able to progress their career in the built environment, to embark on a programme of academic study with us.

For further details please go to:

[ucem.ac.uk/fees-and-funding](http://ucem.ac.uk/fees-and-funding)

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# Always a part of UCEM

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Graduation is just the beginning of your journey with UCEM. Upon graduating, you'll be an UCEM Alumnus, which means gaining access to fantastic benefits.



**15% discount** on all online CPD with UCEM Online Academy



**15% discount** on courses designed to provide a route to chartered membership of CIOB



Invitations to all Alumni Association CPD and networking events



Careers advice for three years following your graduation



Access to our mentoring programme

With over **150,000**

UCEM Alumni and counting, you'll join a vast and growing community



# Sustainability



Sustainability is as much about our future as what we do today. The Built Environment encourages sustainable thinking and UCEM is leading the way in educating the sector's future leaders.

## Educating sustainability

Realising UCEM's sustainability potential goes beyond addressing day to day operations, to recognising our position to influence and educate industry professionals who design, develop and manage the Built Environment. Delivering academic excellence is one of UCEM's primary goals.

## UCEM's sustainability commitment

"UCEM fully accepts its responsibilities to the natural environment and the global society. We are committed to driving forward the sustainability agenda and will play a positive and transformative role that will contribute to securing an economically, politically, environmentally and socially sustainable future."

## Environment

UCEM is proud to have been the first alternative provider to be awarded the Responsible Futures accreditation by

the NUS (National Union of Students).

This highlights UCEM's commitment to promoting sustainability and social responsibility. UCEM was also recognised with a 'Highly Commended' accolade at the Green Gown Awards.

## UN sustainability goals

The United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals outline 17 interconnected objectives in order to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. These goals address the challenges we face as a planet, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

The UN sets out to achieve these wide reaching goals by 2030, and UCEM is working institutionally to achieve these goals where possible, as well as striving to incorporate them into our curriculum. We are currently in the process of mapping our curriculum to these goals, so check our website in the future for more information.

# United Nations Sustainability Goals



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## Our programmes at a glance

Our degree programmes allow our students to meet the academic requirements to progress to professional membership and gain Chartered status. Please see our website for specific accreditation details for each degree.

### Our Undergraduate Programmes:

- BSc (Hons) Building Control
- BSc (Hons) Building Surveying
- BSc (Hons) Construction Management
- BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying
- BSc (Hons) Real Estate Management
- BSc Access Module

### Postgraduate Conversion Programmes:

- MSc Building Surveying
- MSc Construction Management
- MSc Quantity Surveying
- MSc Real Estate

### Specialist Programmes:

- MBA Construction and Real Estate

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