

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Construction Law and Contract
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	7
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	BNV7127

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p><b>Rationale for the module</b></p> <p>This module seeks to help the students understand and evaluate construction contracts, their application and execution, as well as the legal aspect of construction. The module is designed to make the students develop a systematic understanding of the knowledge and critical awareness of the issues and opportunities for the management of construction projects. It also seeks to make the student aware of and appreciate the conflicting interests within construction projects and the need to manage such interests effectively. To be able to manage such interests, the module prepares the students to be aware of the legal and organisational factors at play in the construction industry and the methods available for managing/resolving disputes that may occur during the execution of projects.</p> <p><b>How it aligns with the Programme Philosophy and Aims</b></p> <p>In line with the programme philosophies for MSc Quantity Surveying and MSc Construction Project Management, this module seeks to give the students a broad yet rigorous grounding in the fundamentals of organising and managing construction projects through critical thinking and problem solving. For the quantity surveying students, this module aligns with the aim of giving students rigorous grounding in the specialist skills in the management and procurement of projects</p> <p>The module aligns with the following aims of the MSc QS and CPM programmes</p> <p><b>Pursuing Excellence</b></p> <p>Enable the student to become a capable, reflective and critical construction project management or quantity surveying professional by developing excellent skills in the application of forward-thinking approaches to identify and apply the best practice to problems in construction projects particularly relating to commercial and contractual aspects.</p> <p><b>Practice-led Knowledge-applied</b></p> <p>Demonstrate in depth subject-specific knowledge in the disciplines of construction contract administration and dispute resolution by cultivating student's problem solving skills.</p>	

### Interdisciplinary

Improve student's awareness and appreciation of the conflicting interests within construction projects and to integrate knowledge from other disciplines within the construction industry and outside the industry in the business world to solve multi-faceted problems.

### Employability Driven

To develop the student's professional competencies and skills to handle real world tasks and develop interpersonal, communication and leadership skills to prepare for managerial roles.

### Internationalisation

Appreciate the complexity of construction in the UK's as well as the global built environment context and apply analytical skill that takes economic and legal aspects of the national and international contexts into account in decision-making.

### How the module will be taught in alignment with the programme level LT&A strategy

To ensure the students are at the centre of learning and teaching, this module adopts a blended LT&A approach to encourage formative learning through seminars, lectures, self-directed learning and group work using real life projects and case studies to ensure students get the right level of professional competencies required. Through the use of group work and presentations, students will be able to build on their team work and collaboration skills which are required for professional practice.

<b>6</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
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This module covers:

Introduction to the English Legal System  
 Contract Formation  
 Procurement and construction Contract selection  
 Contract Administration with emphasis on managing time, cost and quality  
 Delay analysis  
 Dispute resolution with emphasis on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)  
 Tort law (nuisance, occupier's liability and negligence)

<b>7</b>	<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>
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**On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:**

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| <b>1</b> | Critically evaluate legal rules applicable to the construction industry and their impact on contract formation and project execution. |
| <b>2</b> | Examine the administration of different types of construction contracts and their impact on project performance.                      |
| <b>3</b> | Examine and apply legal rules to issues relating to rights and interests within the construction industry.                            |
| <b>4</b> | Critically appraise alternative methods for resolving construction disputes.  |

8 Module Assessment			
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1-4	X		

9 Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours
<b>Scheduled Learning (SL)</b> includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36
<b>Directed Learning (DL)</b> includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	74
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams	90
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	200