

# Building Surveying PgCert/PgDip/MSc



Faculty of  
**Technology, Engineering  
and the Environment**

## COURSE FACTS

Faculty	Technology, Engineering and the Environment
School	Birmingham School of the Built Environment
Application	For details on how to make an application visit <a href="http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/how-to-apply">www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/how-to-apply</a>
Location	City Centre Campus, Millennium Point
Duration	Full time: one year, part time: two years



## KEY FACTS

- The programme is delivered by Building Surveying professionals with practical experience in the field.
- The course addresses student awareness and appreciation of the conflicting interests within the built environment and the political, social, cultural, economic, technological, environmental, legal and organisational factors involved.
- Our staff use a practical approach to assessment which will not only address student knowledge, but also develop students' problem-solving skills, inter-personal and communication skills and other competences giving them a positive advantage in the job market.
- The course has a strong focus on enabling students to become more capable, creative, reflective and critical built environment professionals.

## WHY CHOOSE US?

- The course is drawn from industry experience and targeted at the next generation of professional Building Surveyors.
- The programme allows you to further your skills in property through a series of real case studies and projects.
- Benefit from our strong links with industry, and course input from leading practitioners.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The global built environment is a dynamic marketplace offering challenging opportunities in both existing and developing economies. The increasing complexity of buildings coming under the remit of the Building Surveyor means that they must become a more reflective and proactive practitioner if they are to manage, maintain and develop these buildings and ensure they continue as successful buildings into the future.

This programme responds to this changing employment market. Its aim is to give you a broad yet rigorous grounding in the fundamentals of organising and managing existing buildings. It seeks to provide you with the knowledge and skills that will meet the challenges in the globally evolving marketplace.

The course focuses on furthering the knowledge and understanding of existing practitioners and will require you to challenge your existing ideas and experiences. You will also be able to add value to your decisions through a thorough analytical approach and be able to better implement them as a competent project manager. The programme will develop your abilities to be innovative and creative in solving unique problems; and is designed to promote critical thinking; encouraging you to engage in life-long learning and become an independent professional learner.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

Throughout all the modules the course tutors make good use of live case studies and projects to allow you to apply skills to real life situations. The course structure enables you to develop subject knowledge and transferable skills in Building Surveying at the local level, and to link theory with practice through critical reflection in particular for Building Surveying and Practical Studies and Facilities Management.

All teaching is delivered using a mixture of learning and teaching styles that include lectures and small group seminars; workshops based on case studies; action learning sets based on student-centred research; and directed learning using internet based forums. Much emphasis is placed on current developments and is supported by guest lecturers and seminars as appropriate.

Semester 1			
Postgraduate Certificate – 60 Credits			
Construction Law and Contract 15 Credits	Business Management 15 Credits	Building Surveying and Practical Studies 15 Credits	Commercial Surveying Studies 15 Credits
Semester 2			
Postgraduate Diploma – 120 Credits			
People and Organisation 15 Credits	Innovation in Construction 15 Credits	Facilities Management 15 Credits	Project and Maintenance Management 15 Credits
Semester 3			
MSc Award – 180 Credits			
Dissertation 60 Credits			

## ASSESSMENT

A wide variety of assessment methods are employed to provide both a challenging and stimulating experience and are tailored to the learning outcomes of each module. These include group reports and presentations; time constrained or role playing exercises, literature reviews, portfolios and reflection on the learning experience.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We would normally expect you to hold at least an Upper Second Class Honours degree or equivalent in an appropriate discipline. You will also need to be proficient in written and spoken English as well as numerate and IT literate. We will also consider other qualifications and suitable work based experience on an individual basis. You may be asked to attend a selection interview.

## EMPLOYABILITY

This course will allow the qualified Building Surveyor access to a wide range of opportunities in senior positions in organisations, or facilitate independent and smaller specialist practice opportunities within the broader Building Surveying field.

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