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## COURSE SPECIFICATION

# MSc in Construction Project Management

**Academic Standards, Quality and Partnerships  
Department of Student and Academic Administration**

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Please refer to the [Course Specification Guidance Notes](#) for guidance on completing this document.

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| <b>Course Title</b>   | <b>Construction Project Management</b>  |
| Final Award   | MSc (180 credits)   |
| Exit Awards   | CertHE (60 credits) or DipHE (120 credits).   |
| Course Code / UCAS code (if applicable)   | C1659F/P  |
| Mode of study   | Full time/Part time   |
| Mode of delivery  | Campus  |
| Normal length of course   | 1 year/ 2 years   |
| Cohort(s) to which this course specification applies  | September 2019 intake onwards   |
| Awarding Body   | University of Portsmouth  |
| Teaching Institution  | University of Portsmouth  |
| Faculty   | Faculty of Technology   |
| School/Department/Subject Group   | School of Civil Engineering and Surveying   |
| School/Department/Subject Group webpage   | <a href="http://www.port.ac.uk/school-of-civil-engineering-and-surveying/">http://www.port.ac.uk/school-of-civil-engineering-and-surveying/</a>   |
| Course webpage including entry criteria   | <a href="http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/architecture-property-and-surveying/msc-construction-project-management/">http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/architecture-property-and-surveying/msc-construction-project-management/</a> |
| Professional and/or Statutory Regulatory Body accreditations  | Joint Board of Moderators: The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and The Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE)  |
| <a href="#">Quality Assurance Agency Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) Level</a> | Level 7   |

This course specification provides a summary of the main features of the course, identifies the aims and learning outcomes of the course, the teaching, learning and assessment methods used by teaching staff, and the reference points used to inform the curriculum.

This information is therefore useful to potential students to help them choose the right course of study, to current students on the course and to staff teaching and administering the course.

Further detailed information on the individual modules within the course may be found in the relevant module descriptors and the Course Handbook provided to students on enrolment.

Please refer to the [Module Web Search](#) for further information on the course structure and modules.

## Educational aims of the course

- To broaden and extend the undergraduate construction project management knowledge, understanding and skill base to a level M, Masters qualification
- To provide an advanced educational experience that develops intellectual and practical skills.
- To provide an opportunity for students to develop as critically reflective practitioners in their chosen specialism.
- To provide students with the opportunity to develop research in a critical perspective.
- To provide students with the opportunity to develop key and professional skills.

## Course Learning Outcomes and Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategies

The [Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education \(QAA\)](#) sets out a national framework of qualification levels, and the associated standards of achievement are found in their [Framework for Higher Education Qualifications](#) document.

The Course Learning Outcomes for this course are outlined in the tables below.

### A. Knowledge and understanding of:

| LO number | Learning outcome  | Learning and Teaching methods   | Assessment methods  |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| A1        | Ideas, concepts, research methodologies and arguments at an advanced level of study | Lectures, tutorials and seminars as appropriate and directed reading and guided research. | Examinations, group and individual coursework, oral presentations and individual reports. |
| A2        | Critical evaluation of current research   |   |   |
| A3        | Legal strategies in project management  |   |   |
| A4        | Strategic management policies for successful project management                     |   |   |
| A5        | Project management tools and techniques and effective project management processes  |   |   |

### B. Cognitive (Intellectual or Thinking) skills, able to:

| LO number | Learning outcome  | Learning and Teaching methods | Assessment methods |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| B1        | Analyse and critically examine different forms of discourse and synthesise projects that integrate technical, environmental and legal requirements.   | As for section A              | As for section A   |
| B2        | Conceptualise, investigate and develop project management techniques, utilising knowledge from the forefront and limits of the discipline.  |                               |                    |
| B3        | Exercise informed and reflective judgement in the research and formulation of briefs as relevant to specific contexts and circumstances in the development project management approaches.               |                               |                    |
| B4        | Gather, integrate and synthesise material, critically evaluate its significance within appropriate intellectual frameworks and apply in self-directed and original ways as part of autonomous research. |                               |                    |

| LO number | Learning outcome  | Learning and Teaching methods | Assessment methods |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| B5        | Apply knowledge and skills in resolving conflicting requirements within projects in the built environment |                               |                    |

**C. Practical (Professional or Subject) skills, able to:**

| LO number | Learning outcome   | Learning and Teaching methods | Assessment methods |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| C1        | Demonstrate expertise in the utilisation of managerial concepts, processes, tools and techniques.  | As for section A              | As for section A   |
| C2        | Develop ideas in ways which demonstrate adaptability and imagination and apply them to new situations.   |                               |                    |
| C3        | Confidently and competently use skills appropriate to professional communications and use management software similar to that used in professional practice. |                               |                    |
| C4        | Initiate, develop and implement distinctive management solutions.  |                               |                    |
| C5        | Apply scholarly conventions of academic writing consistently and accurately.   |                               |                    |

**D. Transferrable (Graduate and Employability) skills, able to:**

| LO number | Learning outcome   | Learning and Teaching methods | Assessment methods |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| D1        | Demonstrate advanced communication skills in appropriate formats.  | As for section A              | As for section A   |
| D2        | Advance the ability to present an effective, coherent and sustained argument and attend to the critical responses of others. |                               |                    |
| D3        | Use IT effectively and appropriately to select, analyse, present and communicate information from a variety of sources       |                               |                    |
| D4        | Work autonomously and in groups, prioritising and exercising management of workload.   |                               |                    |

*Add additional rows as required.*

## Academic Regulations

The current University of Portsmouth [Academic Regulations](#) will apply to this course.

## Support for Student Learning

The University of Portsmouth provides a comprehensive range of support services for students throughout their course, details of which are available at the [MyPort](#) student portal.

## Evaluation and Enhancement of Standards and Quality in Learning and Teaching

The University of Portsmouth undertakes comprehensive monitoring, review and evaluation of courses within clearly assigned staff responsibilities. Student feedback is a key feature in these evaluations, as represented in our [Policy for Listening to and Responding to the Student Voice](#) where you can also find further information.

## Reference Points

The course and outcomes have been developed taking account of:

*Insert additional reference points or delete as required*

- [University of Portsmouth Curriculum Framework Specification](#)
- [University of Portsmouth Education Strategy 2016 - 2020](#)
- [University of Portsmouth Code of Practice for Work-based and Placement Learning](#)
- [Quality Assurance Agency UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#)
- [Quality Assurance Agency Characteristic Statements \(Master's Degree\)](#)
- [Quality Assurance Agency Subject Benchmark Statement](#) for **Land, Construction, Real Estate and Surveying**
- [Quality Assurance Agency Framework for Higher Education Qualifications](#)
- Requirements of Professional and/or Statutory Regulatory Bodies: Accredited by: Joint Board of Moderators: The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and The Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE) and accreditations are planned for The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) Vocational and professional experience, scholarship and research expertise of the University of Portsmouth's academic members of staff
- National Occupational Standards

## Disclaimer

The University of Portsmouth has checked the information provided in this Course Specification and will endeavour to deliver this course in keeping with this Course Specification. However, changes to the course may sometimes be required arising from annual monitoring, student feedback, and the review and update of modules and courses.

Where this activity leads to significant changes to modules and courses there will be prior consultation with students and others, wherever possible, and the University of Portsmouth will take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to students.

It is also possible that the University of Portsmouth may not be able to offer a module or course for reasons outside of its control, for example, due to the absence of a member of staff or low student registration numbers. Where this is the case, the University of Portsmouth will endeavour to inform applicants and students as soon as possible, and where appropriate, will facilitate the transfer of affected students to another suitable course.

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