

Module Details				
Module Title	Management of Project Procurement and Construction Contracts			
Module Code	CSE7017-B			
Academic Year	2024/5			
Credits	20			
School	School of Built Environment, Architecture & Creative Industries			
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7			

Contact Hours					
Туре	Hours				
Directed Study	160				
Supervised time in studio/workshop	10				
Seminars	10				
Lectures	20				

Availability					
Occurrence	Location / Period				
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1				

Module Aims

To provide students with a deep understanding of the nature of construction projects and a holistic view of their context, with the ability to effectively select and tailor project management tools, and appropriately implement mechanisms of standard construction contracts. This will give students the expertise to confidently and successfully contribute to progress meetings and communications within projects. For students to critically compare and reflect on different schools of project management knowledge, Association of Project Management (APM) Body of Knowledge (APM BoK), and ISO 21500:2012, Guidance on Project Management.

Outline Syllabus

The following will be considered in this module:

- 1. Introduction to projects, projects context within the perspective of PMI
- 2. Stakeholder management (Roles and Responsibilities)
- 3. Project risk management
- 4. Project procurement management
- 5. Construction contracts
- 6. New Engineering Contract4 ECC form of contract

Learning Outcomes				
Outcome Number	Description			
O1	Implement effectively project management tools to define roles, distribute responsibilities and allocate risks in the context of a construction project.			
02	Professionally select appropriate project management tools, and tailor them to appropriately suit different construction project contexts.			
03	Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the concepts underpinning standard construction contract clauses (eg NEC4), and implement systematically the mechanisms, procedures and timelines of NEC4 contracts 4. Synthesise the understanding of project management concepts and construction contract terms in creative and effective ways.			

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Theoretical concepts are introduced through practice-based examples. Through exploring, discussing, and reflecting on real-life scenarios, students will develop the holistic mindset necessary for decision-making in the complex context of construction projects, recognise the project management tools that can add value and identify ways in which these tools can be effectively tailored to achieve the strategic objectives. Students systematically implement selected standard construction contract clauses for common real-life scenarios encountered during the progress of construction projects.

Students participate in workshops, allowing them to effectively communicate and negotiate, to define roles, distribute responsibilities and allocate project risks in a contractual construction context. In this way they build their project-management skills and develop implementation capability for the standard contract clauses and experience of managing contractual relations between relevant organisations. This process allows students to thoroughly understand the contract.

Students will critically compare different international schools of project management to consider the strategic view of APM BoK, particularly towards project success criteria and project success factors following the European school. This will enable students to comprehend the project context, and it will further develop the students' capabilities to tailor project management tools

Abilities to select and tailor tools appropriately and to prepare contracts are assessed through a technical report. Systematic implementation of standard contract clauses and conceptual understanding of project-management are assessed through an online open-book examination. Formative quizzes provide interim feedback, while interactive exercises allow them to practice skills of communication, negotiation, planning and contractual implementation.

This module is delivered through lectures, tutorials, mini-workshops and online (Guest lectures) using a series of PowerPoints supported by tutorials, including video presentations and case studies. Learning materials and other documents are available on the Learning Management Platform (Canvas). Guest speakers will be invited to provide further accounts of industrial experience on specific topics.

This module is assessed through coursework (50% weight) and examination (50%). Student groups will be selected by the module leader to encourage teamwork among students. The coursework and exam cover all the learning outcomes of the module.

Mode of Assessment						
Туре	Method	Description	Weighting			
Summative	Examination - Closed Book	Examination - Closed Book	50%			
Summative	Coursework - Written	A Group-based coursework based on a case study project. Each group will have a presentation and written submission.	50%			

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

This module descriptor has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but minor changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.

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