

# **Get ready for MSc BIM in Design Construction and Operations Programme**

Welcome to our MSc BIM Programme. We hope that you are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, we warmly welcome you onto our **MSc BIM in Design Construction and Operation**. The instructions for how to register for your course and the details of your induction have been sent to your Welcome website. In the meantime, we have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us in January.

## **Karina Silverio and Ahmed Hagras**

**Programme Leaders** 

## Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 20 January for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the <a href="Starting Block webpage">Starting Block webpage</a> for more details.

Your <u>timetable</u> will be available to you via <u>MYUWE</u> (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the <u>'Understanding your teaching timetable'</u> webpage to find out when your timetable will be published.

## **Preparing and arrival**

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching on our <u>Preparing and Arrival</u> webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the <u>library</u>, <u>study skills</u>, <u>academic support</u>, <u>health and wellbeing support</u> and much more.

You can also explore our support for careers and enterprise. <u>UWE Careers & Enterprise</u> provide a range of workshops, appointments and a huge range of online resources to support students in realising their future ambitions. The <u>Career Toolkit</u> is our online portal to finding vacancies, booking onto events and accessing a range of resources.

## Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the <a href="MYUWE">MYUWE</a> platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Registration website.

## ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to <u>MYUWE</u>. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our <u>student card</u> guidance.

## **Engage with your programme**

To start engaging in the course, you are advised to sign up to the <u>Autodesk educational</u> <u>community</u> and download a free version of Revit software, one of the most used software in the course, if you intend to use your own device for this course. You will need your new UWE email address to register for a free educational license.

If you have not used Revit before, you can have a head start by watching tutorials developed by our technical team, which are available on our website: <u>Technical Support and Learning Resources</u>. However, <u>you are not expected to become proficient in using Revit or any software tool used in this course</u>. The aim of this course is to understand the implementation of BIM as a process of how different software tools can be used for this purpose.

You will receive tutorials throughout the course to help you with the required software skills. You will have access to resources such as <u>LinkedIn Learning</u>, which you can sign up for with your UWE email if you want to take any training that will benefit your course and professional career.

# Be prepared

### **Access support**

Check the information on our <u>Disability web pages</u> so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

### **Get equipped**

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use in your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the <u>Student Money Service</u> for advice and guidance.

See the UWE webpage for detailed information on <u>choosing your IT equipment</u>, including <u>recommended specifications</u>.

You can also check the system requirements of the software you will use in the course to. For instance, you can find the requirements for Revit 2025 on the <u>Autodesk website</u>, (link to 2025 version specs, updated in April 2024):

If you are not sure, you can also look for gaming laptops!

#### **International students**

<u>The Global Student Support Team</u> offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol, and they organise social events to help you adapt to your new environment.

## Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact:

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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