

# Get ready for BSc (Hons) Real Estate

I hope that you are enjoying your summer holiday and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto our BSc. (Hons) Real Estate programme. I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us at UWE. I look forward to meeting you and the rest of your cohort in September.

**Nalumino Akakandelwa**

Programme Leader

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## Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 15 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to 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 [Starting Block website](#) with more details.

Your [timetable](#) will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' website 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 [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

You can also explore our support for careers and enterprise. [UWE Careers & Enterprise](#) provide a range of workshops, appointments and a huge range of online resources to support students in realising their future ambitions. The [Careers Toolkit](#) 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 [MYUWE](#) 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 [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

## Engage with your programme

### Start your learning

We want you to enjoy your summer, so we are not going to ask you to do too many things in preparation for studying here at UWE, but you will benefit from doing some preparation. We would suggest the following:

- Go on to [CoStar Suite](#) and [EGI Radius](#) and sign up for their free news feed. If you take a look at that each week, you will start to build up a picture of what is happening in the world of property.
- [Watch this video](#) prepared by my colleague Chris Mason, a senior lecturer and programme leader at UWE. Look at the buildings around you. Think about the points Chris makes in the video above and reflect on them. You may wish to consider questions such as:
  - a. Why has that building been put there? Why not elsewhere?
  - b. What is its purpose? What is the space used for? Has it changed over time?
  - c. Who owns it? Who uses it? If they are different, how and why?
  - d. How can we add value to the property or what could be done with the land when the building reaches the end of its life?
- Do a bit of research into your local high street, or the nearest high street if you are a country dweller. Take one street and think about:
  - a. The types of businesses that are being run there, i.e.: balance between local and national.
  - b. What is being traded?
  - c. How many charity shops are there?
  - d. How many vacant properties are there?
  - e. Would you describe that high street as 'thriving'?

### Start reading around the subject

To succeed within your chosen programme, you will need to think critically about key issues and practices. Here are some books and resources to help you to understand the scope of your programme:

- Once a week over the summer read a decent newspaper (The Times, Telegraph, Guardian, Washington Post, New York Times, South China Morning Post or the like). You only need to read the business section of its online version. Think about how the issues relate to property.
- Every week over the summer read an article that interests you from Property Week (google "property week")
- Familiarise yourself with property valuation, read Blackledge, Michael, *Introducing property valuation*. Routledge.

Many of your reading materials will be made available via the online virtual learning environment 'Blackboard', which you will be attached to as soon as you arrive. Other materials will be available through the UWE library. A large number of our materials are available as E books, and UWE has access to a very wide range of materials. You will

never be short of things to read.

## **Connect with others**

There is a range of clubs and teams you can join at UWE Bristol that organise a number of social events and activities throughout the year.

Visit our [Students' Union at UWE Bristol](#) pages for more details.

## **Be prepared**

### **Access support**

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) 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 during 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 [Student Money Service](#) team for advice and guidance.

The core software used in your course includes:

- **ARGUS Valuation software**

These packages will run on Windows devices but not on MacBook. We recommend that you have access to a Window device with minimum **Core specification**.

See the UWE website for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#)

### **International students**

[The Global Student Support Team](#) 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 to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

## Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the programme, please contact me: **Nalumino Akakandelwa** via email at [Nalumino.Akakandelwa@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Nalumino.Akakandelwa@uwe.ac.uk)

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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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