



# Get ready for MSc Facade Engineering

I very much hope that you are enjoying your summer break and are looking forward to starting study with us here at UWE Bristol.

This programme is delivered in collaboration with the Centre for Windows and Cladding Technology who has an established history in supporting the technical content and teaching of the programme over the last 18 years. Founded in 1989, the CWCT is the national and international resource for anything and everything related to the contemporary building envelope. The CWCT is supported by over 330 member companies from a broad spectrum of the facade industry, including clients and architects to contractors and manufacturers.

The UWE-CWCT team warmly welcome you onto our MSc Facade Engineering programme. I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us, which I hope you find helpful. Please, if you are a part-time student, make sure to select your modules long before starting your Master.

I look forward to seeing you for the Introduction Module. Please do feel free to contact me directly with any questions not answered in this letter.

**Owen Gray**

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**

### **Read around your subject**

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive.

Once the course begins you will be advised of which reading material is relevant to that particular module. In the meantime, we have put together a reading list for the summer: There are also a number of journals/conference proceedings offering more in-depth reading on many aspects of façade engineering.

Please visit the [online UWE reading list](#)

- [Journal of façade design and engineering](#) – open access
- **Structural glass facades and enclosures by Michael Patterson (2011)**  
Open access through the UWE reading list
- **Basic Structures by Philip Garrison (2016)**  
Open access through the UWE reading list

## 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.

See the UWE website for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#). We recommend that you have access to a device with core specification.

### 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 delivery, please contact me: **Owen Gray** via email at [owen.gray@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:owen.gray@uwe.ac.uk)

For any questions about the course content, please contact: **David Metcalfe** via email at [david.metcalfe@cwct.co.uk](mailto:david.metcalfe@cwct.co.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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