Get ready for BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying & Commercial Management

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) Quantity Surveying & Commercial Management Degree. I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us.

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Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 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 enrolment 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 enrolment, 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.

Our study skills workbook introduces you to essential services as well as key skills.

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.

Enrolment

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 enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website.

Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment 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

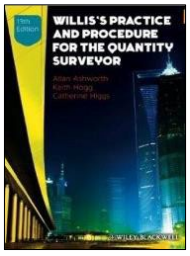
Have a look at the websites listed below and identify the pathways and options available to the Quantity Surveyor:

- RICS
- CICES
- CIOB

This will be developed further during Semester 1 in the module QS Practice & Procedures.

Read around your subject

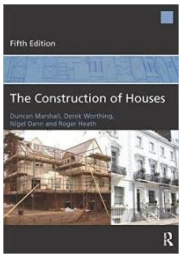
To succeed within your chosen programme, you will need to think critically about key issues and practices. Here are some books and resources to help you to understand the scope of your programme:



Willis's Practice and Procedure for the Quantity Surveyor by Allan Ashworth, Keith Hogg and Catherine Higgs

Publication Date: 17 May 2013 | ISBN-10: 0470672196 | ISBN-13: 978-0470672198 | Edition: 13th Edition

You will find that you will be able to use this book on all three years of the course. Initially, Chapters 1, 2 and 3 are particularly informative about the skills, knowledge and education of quantity surveyors. Chapters 6, 10 - 14 will prepare you for the lectures that you will attend in the first year.



The Construction of Houses by Duncan Marshall (Author), Derek Worthing (Author), NigelDann (Author), Roger Heath (Author)

Publication Date: 31 March 2021: ISBN-13: 978-0-08-0971001405188548: Edition 6th
This book will be used as the core text for the first year Construction
Technology module. It will follow the lecture and tutorial sessions throughout the year.

Please note that during your studies at UWE, you will have access to copies in the library along with e-versions of these books and you are therefore not required to purchase them,

but your own copy is always a useful and immediate resource.

Connect with others

You will be joining a scholarly community of academics andstudents with a passion for learning about your subject. There is a range of opportunities for you get involved in the community. For example, you may wish to research the support provided by RICS Matrics for new members entering the profession.

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.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

A Chromebook or similar device may suffice for most basic tasks but may not run the specialist software the course uses.

You will also need some specific equipment for your studies. The essential items are:

- Scale Rule: 1:1:5:10:20:50:100:200:500
- A non-programmable calculator/UWE approved (Casio fx83 or similar)
- Pens, pencils, colour pens/highlighters

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: **Jason Southan** via email at jason.southan@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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