

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Bachelor of Science with Honours in Quantity Surveying

Awarding institution	Liverpool John Moores University
Teaching institution	LJMU
UCAS Code	K242
JACS Code	K200
Programme Duration	Full-Time: 3 Years, Sandwich Thick: 4 Years
Language of Programme	All LJMU programmes are delivered and assessed in English
Subject benchmark statement	Construction, Property and Surveying (2008)
Programme accredited by	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE)
Description of accreditation	http://www.ricscourses.org/Course/# Partnership agreement - reviewed annually
Validated target and alternative exit awards	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Quantity Surveying Bachelor of Science with Honours (SW) in Quantity Surveying Diploma of Higher Education in Quantity Surveying Diploma in Higher Education (SW) in Quantity Surveying Certificate of Higher Education in Quantity Surveying
Programme Leader	Dianne Marsh

Educational aims of the programme

To provide fundamental knowledge in and develop an advanced understanding of the theory and practice of construction technology, law, procurement, construction contracts, measurement, construction management, financial management, business management, information technology and project management in the wider business and built environment sectors.

To provide opportunities for the critical appreciation and understanding of the significant factors constraining the effective management and development of the built environment, e.g. physical, legal, economic, sustainable and technological factors.

To provide opportunities for collaborative and individual student-centred study on project tasks that simulate real working practices in order to develop analytical, critical and problem solving skills such that they can define, investigate and analyse problems, form judgements, make decisions and demonstrate the acquisition of such qualities.

To provide a well-balanced education which allows the student to achieve his/her full academic potential at first degree level and in doing so to facilitate the development of independent logical thought and judgement.

To provide the framework within which students can achieve the level of attainment, appropriate to their abilities in the context of the programme of study.

To produce a basis for general professional experience and to encourage a consciousness of the professional, business and commercial environment.

To provide opportunities to work in a multidisciplinary environment to facilitate decision making in the lifecycle of a project.

To prepare students for the transition from Higher Education to employment within a professional context; and develop those transferable, specialist and employability skills that all stakeholders could reasonably expect of students who successfully complete a Quantity Surveying programme.

To encourage students to engage with the development of employability skills by completing a self-awareness statement.

For students undertaking a placement year, the aim is to provide students with an extended period of work experience at an approved partner that will complement their programme of study at LJMU. This will give the students the opportunity to develop professional skills relevant to their programme of study, as well as attitude and behaviours necessary for employment in a diverse and changing environment.

Alternative Exit/ Interim Award Learning Outcomes - Certificate of Higher Education

A student who is eligible for this award will be able to:

Demonstrate knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with Quantity Surveying, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the context of that area of study Demonstrate an ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, in order to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of Quantity Surveying

Alternative Exit/ Interim Award Learning Outcomes - Diploma of Higher Education

A student who is eligible for this award will be able to:

Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the well-established principles of Quantity Surveying, and of the way in which those principles have developed an ability to apply underlying concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the application of those principles in an employment context Demonstrate knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in the subject(s) relevant to the named award, and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in Quantity Surveying Demonstrate an understanding of the limits of their knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge A student who successfully completes a placement year will be eligible for the Sandwich award and will, in addition to the above, be able to demonstrate the professional and personal skills necessary for effective employment within a professional environment.

Target award Learning Outcomes - Bachelor of Science with Honours

A student successfully completing the programme of study will have acquired subject knowledge and understanding as well as skills and other attributes.

Knowledge and understanding

A student who is eligible for this award will be able to:

- A1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the technological, economic, social, environmental and legal framework with regard to quantity surveying.
- A2. Demonstrate knowledge of construction technology and building services, to support the understanding of how building and civil engineering projects are constructed.
- A3. Demonstrate application and knowledge of the principles of management and construction business analysis.
- A4. Demonstrate knowledge of law as it relates to the construction industry.
- A5. Demonstrate application and knowledge of economics and economic principles that impact upon society and the commercial marketplace.
- A6. Demonstrate application and knowledge of project administration relevant to commercial management and quantity surveying.
- A7. Demonstrate application and knowledge of information technology and systems that facilitate the electronic marketplace and the role of the quantity surveyor.
- A8. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of procurement and contract law in relation to quantity surveying.
- A9. Demonstrate application and knowledge of financial management during the building lifecycle process.
- A10. Demonstrate awareness and application for professional practice as a quantity surveyor, including ethical responsibilities and the management and resourcing of organisations and staff
- A11. Demonstrate knowledge and application of research design and methodology, leading to the undertaking of a major independent research project
- A12. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of academic and digital literacy in order to apply academic rigour to all aspects of your study

Teaching, learning and assessment methods used to enable outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated

Lectures, tutorials, problem solving sessions, seminars, workshops, computer sessions, participation in projects.

Assessment

Examinations, assignments, preparation of reports, essays, technological reports, oral presentations,

workshops, peer review, computer-based exercises, work placement reports (if applicable).

Skills and other attributes

Intellectual Skills

A student who is eligible for this award will be able to:

- B1. Analyse, synthesise, summarise and evaluate information
- B2. Reason, negotiate and discriminate critically
- B3. Produce solutions to problems through the application of subject-specific knowledge and understanding
- B4. Identify and solve problems individually and/or collaboratively
- B5. Integrate lines of evidence from a range of sources to support findings or hypotheses
- B6. Demonstrate and exercise independent thinking
- B7. Demonstrate reflective skills

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Professional practical skills

A student who is eligible for this award will be able to:

- C1. Use of appropriate methods for formulating and solving quantity surveying problems
- C2. Use of appropriate techniques and equipment for undertaking practical activities
- C3. Use of IT tools and systems in quantity surveying projects
- C4. Formulate strategies that focus on international, industry, sector, and organisational standards and/or requirements.
- C5. Develop and select of appropriate procurement and contractual arrangements.
- C6. Use of information and communication technology to generate and manage project information.
- C7. Adopt and select appropriate management and business strategies as appropriate to their role.
- C8. Produce financial management documentation over the life cycle of a project.
- C9. Work collaboratively in groups within project environments
- C10. Research for information to develop and critically appraise idea

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Transferable / key skills

A student who is eligible for this award will be able to:

- D1. Analyse data
- D2. Present data in a variety of ways
- D3. Use scientific evidence based methods in the solution of problems
- D4. Use general and specific ICT tools and systems
- D5. Apply creative problem solving skills
- D6. Communicate effectively, both written and verbal

- D7. Apply self-awareness, reflection and career planning skills
- D8. Apply time and resource management
- D9. Have an awareness of the needs of others, and create good working relationships; teamwork and leadership
- D10. Negotiate and make effective decisions.

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Programme structure - programme rules and modules

Programme rules

The programme will offer the opportunity of 60 credits of study abroad at Level 5. Students will be enrolled on a 360 credit honours with study abroad programme.

A 60 credit Level 5 study abroad module 5300BESAQS will normally replace the semester 2 modules on the standard programme.

This study abroad should cover the same learning outcomes as the modules being replaced. The modules to be studied in the host institution must be agreed in advance.

The Level 5 mean for the final award will be calculated based upon the 120 credits at Level 5.

Students have the option to undertake a placement year. The placement year, module 5200BESWQS, will follow Level 5 and students will be enrolled on a 480 credit Honours Sandwich programme. The Level 5 mean for the final award mark will be calculated based upon the 240 credits at Level 5. Students successfully completing the assessment of the placement year are eligible for the Sandwich award.

Students not undertaking a placement year are registered on the non-Sandwich version of the programme and will have the opportunity of an additional study year abroad following Level 5. Students will be enrolled on a 480 credit honours with study abroad programme. Of those 480 credits, 120 will be taken via a Level 5 study abroad module 5200BESAQS. The modules to be studied in the host institution must be agreed in advance. The Level 5 mean for the final award mark will be calculated based upon the 240 credits at Level 5.

Level 6	Potential Awards on completion	Bachelor of Science with Honours
Core	Option	Award Requirements
6200BEUG RESEARCH PROJECT (30 credits) 6201BEUG COLLABORATIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT 3 (10 credits) 6208BEUG CONTRACT AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGIES (20 credits) 6209BEUG ENGINEERING MEASUREMENT (20 credits) 6210BEUG PROJECT ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT (20 credits) 6211BEUG BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (20 credits)		120 core credits at level 6 0 option credits at level 6
Level 5	Potential Awards on completion	
Core	Option	Award Requirements
5200BEUG CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY 2 (20 credits) 5203BEUG RESEARCH METHODS (10 credits)		120 core credits at level 5 0 option credits at level 5

5204BEUG COLLABORATIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT 2 (10 credits) 5209BEUG CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT LAW (20 credits) 5210BEUG CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT (20 credits) 5211BEUG CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT (20 credits) 5212BEUG ADVANCED MEASUREMENT AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION (20 credits)		
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Level 4	Potential Awards on completion	
Core	Option	Award Requirements
4200BEUG CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY 1 (20 credits) 4201BEUG COLLABORATIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT 1 (10 credits) 4202BEUG INTRODUCTION TO LAW (20 credits) 4203BEUG CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY ECONOMICS (20 credits) 4205BEUG ACADEMIC AND DIGITAL LITERACY (10 credits) 4211BEUG MANAGEMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE (20 credits) 4212BEUG MEASUREMENT AND COSTING (20 credits)		120 core credits at level 4 0 option credits at level 4

Information about assessment regulations

All programmes leading to LJMU awards operate within the University's Academic Framework.
<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/public-information/academic-quality-and-regulations/academic-framework>

Opportunities for work-related learning (location and nature of activities)

Work-related learning is included within this programme, so students will have the opportunity to engage in real world projects and activities or go on a work-based learning placement. In doing so, students will be able to apply and further develop their knowledge and employability skills in a 'world of work' context.

Having experience of the workplace and current issues is incredibly valuable in developing career aims and when applying for graduate jobs.

Work-related learning may take different forms, the most common being: work placements; internships; simulations of workplace activity; and employer-driven case studies.

This programme offers a work placement year, providing a work-based learning opportunity for students studying the programme in sandwich mode.

The programme has active links with industry and involves employers in the industrial projects at each level of the programme. Real world case studies are used wherever possible.

Criteria for admission

A/AS Level

112 points: minimum two A2 levels

BTEC National Diploma

Level 4: 112 UCAS points

AVCE

112 points: minimum two A2 levels

Irish Leaving Certificate

Level 4 : 112 UCAS points; minimum 3 subjects at Higher level

Scottish Higher

Level 4 : 112 UCAS points; minimum 3 subjects at Advanced Higher level

International Baccalaureate

Level 4: 112 UCAS points

Access

Level 4: Pass overall in a QAA recognised Access to HE Diploma in any subject

Higher national diploma

HNC/HND (Non-cognate) Level 4 Entry: Pass

HNC/HND (Cognate) Level 4 Entry: Pass

Level 5 Entry: Pass

Other

Foundation Degree(Cognate)

Level 4: 240 credits, mean less than 60% at Level 2

Level 5 240 credits, mean 60% or more at Level 2

Mature entry

Mature students can be awarded entry if the Programme's Admissions Tutor deems them suitable. The definition of a mature student is not age related but is related to experience in the industry.

In exceptional circumstances, candidates with non-standard qualifications, may qualify for entry to the course on the basis of considerable.

Overseas qualifications

Overseas student applicants must have the equivalent qualifications as UK students. In addition they must have achieved an IELTS score of at least 6 with at least 5.5 in each component for non UK/EU students

External Quality Benchmarks

All programmes leading to LJMU awards have been designed and approved in accordance with the UK Quality Code for Higher Education, including the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in the UK (FHEQ) and subject benchmark statements where applicable.

The University is subject to periodic review of its quality and standards by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) Published review reports are available on the QAA website at www.qaa.ac.uk

Programmes which are professionally accredited are reviewed by professional, statutory and regulatory bodies (PSRBs) and such programmes must meet the competencies/standards of those PSRBs.

Support for students and their learning

The University aims to provide students with access to appropriate and timely information, support and guidance to ensure that they are able to benefit fully from their time at LJMU. All students are assigned a Personal Tutor to provide academic support and when necessary signpost students to the appropriate University support services.

Students are able to access a range of professional services including:

- Advice on practical aspects of study and how to use these opportunities to support and enhance their personal and academic development. This includes support for placements and careers guidance.
- Student Advice and Wellbeing Services provide students with advice, support and information, particularly in the areas of: student funding and financial matters, disability, advice and support to international students, study support, accommodation, health, wellbeing and counselling.
- Students studying for an LJMU award at a partner organisation will have access to local support services

Methods for evaluating and improving the quality and standards of

teaching and learning

Student Feedback and Evaluation

The University uses the results of student feedback from internal and external student surveys (such as module evaluations, the NSS and PTES), module evaluation questionnaires and meetings with student representatives to improve the quality of programmes.

Staff development

The quality of teaching is assured through staff review and staff development in learning, teaching and assessment.

Internal Review

All programmes are reviewed annually and periodically, informed by a range of data and feedback, to ensure quality and standards of programmes and to make improvements to programmes.

External Examining

External examiners are appointed to programmes to assess whether:

- the University is maintaining the threshold academic standards set for awards in accordance with the FHEQ and applicable subject benchmark statements
- the assessment process measures student achievement rigorously and fairly against the intended outcomes of the programme(s) and is conducted in line with University policies and regulations
- the academic standards are comparable with those in other UK higher education institutions of which external examiners have experience
- the achievement of students are comparable with those in other UK higher education institutions of which the external examiners have experience

and to provide informative comment and recommendations on:

- good practice and innovation relating to learning, teaching and assessment observed by external examiners
- opportunities to enhance the quality of the learning opportunities provided to students

Please note:

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content, teaching, learning and assessment methods of each module can be found in module and programme guides.