



The next step in your career?

Foundation Degree in Construction and Surveying

What is a Foundation Degree in Construction and Surveying?

The Foundation Degree is a modern, vocational higher education qualification which combines valuable work experience with the academic structure of a degree programme. The course has been developed in consultation with construction industry employers and is suitable if you are currently an employee in the industry. The course is flexible and accessible to those with the ability and motivation to succeed. As well as being a qualification which could increase your career opportunities and earning potential, it can also provide a route onto full honours degree courses.

As a joint collaboration between the University and the College, you will have the flexibility of studying a Liverpool John Moores University Foundation Degree at Wirral Metropolitan College.

Is this Course the next step after your HNC in Construction?

If you have already gained an HNC in Construction but don't want to give up work in order to gain a further qualification, the part time Foundation Degree in Construction and Surveying could be the answer. Your existing HNC will be mapped against the Foundation Degree allowing you advanced entry on to the course. You will be invited for an informal interview to ensure you will be gaining the appropriate modules.

As an HNC entrant you will study a number of the following modules:

CORE MODULES AT LEVEL 1

- Construction Technology 1
- Design Procedures and Economics
- Information Technology
- Law and Contract
- Science, Properties and Performance of Materials
- Site Surveying
- Analytical Methods
- Work Based Learning 1

CORE MODULES AT LEVEL 2

- Construction Technology 2
- Management Principles
- Contract Procedures and Procurement
- Sustainable Building Services
- Health, Safety and Environment
- Industrial Project
- Work Based Learning 2

LEVEL 2 PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

- Measurement and Estimating
- Production Management

LEVEL 2 DESIGN OPTIONS

- Refurbishment and Alteration
- Computer Aided Design



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How long will it take?

If you hold an HNC in Construction, the Foundation Degree is expected to take one year part time although it could take longer depending on the modules you studied on your prior qualification.

What if I don't have an HNC?

Please contact Wirral Metropolitan College for further career advice if you do not hold an HNC as the College offers a wide range of construction related courses that may suit your needs.

Where and when will it be delivered?

The course will be offered one day per week at Wirral Metropolitan College Twelve Quays Campus and will start in September 2009 (subject to numbers).

How will you spend your study time?

During the day at College, the modules you study will cover a broad range of subject areas. A major benefit is the inclusion of Work Based Learning modules which means that you will be able to gain credit whilst working.

How will it be assessed?

You will be assessed through a combination of methods including examinations, coursework (essays, technical reports, reviews, etc), presentations (individual and group) and work based learning portfolios that you will develop in your work place.

What career opportunities are available?

Future pathways into a number of vocational careers could include building and quantity surveying, construction management and architectural technology.

What can it lead to?

If you are successful in completing the Foundation Degree you have the option to progress onto Level 3 of the BSc (Hons) Building Management and Surveying (subject to validation) at Liverpool John Moores University.

The Foundation Degree could however also provide opportunities to progress onto Level 2 of a number of professionally accredited degrees at LJMU including Quantity Surveying and Construction Management (subject to achieving the required standard on the Foundation Degree).

Who can I contact for more information?

For more information about this course, please contact:

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