



## Department of Civil and Building Engineering

### MSc Construction Management / MSc Construction Project Management Programmes

#### PART TIME PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The MSc course consists of 180 credits. Of those 120 (12 modules of 10 credits each) are from taught modules and 60 for a research dissertation. Attendance is therefore required for the 120 credits. You can take the MSc in a minimum of 2 years but some students stretch it to 3 years. Let's say that you choose to take 2 years for the programme, then you will be looking at taking 60 credits (or 6 modules) a year or 30 credits per semester. There are 2 types of modules - most Semester 1 modules (end Sept to end Jan) take place half-day, once a week for 12 weeks. For example, you can attend every half day to collect 10 credits. During Semester 1 there are also some 'Professional Development' modules that do not incur regular, formal contact time. This is a great way to collect credits without attending classes. Semester 2 modules (Feb to June) take place in one-week blocks so you can opt for say 3 modules spread over the Feb to May period. You can then repeat the same pattern for the second year. In summary:

#### **EXAMPLE FOR TWO YEAR PROGRAMME (with minimum attendance)**

**Year 1:** 60 credits consisting of 30 credits in each semester as follows:

*Semester 1:* one half-day a week over 12 wks (10 credits) + week 6 one week module (10 credits) + 1st Professional Development module (10 credits but no regular attendance)

*Semester 2:* 3 one-week modules (30 credits)

YEAR 1 TOTAL = 60 credits

**Year 2:** 60 credits consisting of 30 credits each semester as follows:

*Semester 1:* one full day a week over 12 wks (20 credits) + 2nd Professional Development module (10 credits but no regular attendance)

*Semester 2:* 3 one-week modules (30 credits)

*Semester 2 and Summer period:* Research Dissertation (60 credits)

YEAR 2 TOTAL = 120 credits

This is a rough outline, there are some anomalies e.g. there is a pre-requisite module for the research dissertation that runs in semester 1 only for a full day every other week (i.e. wks 2, 4, 8 and 10) but by and large this is what you will need to do. If you stretch it over 3 years then there will be less attendance required in a given year.

#### **EXAMPLE FOR THREE YEAR PROGRAMME (with minimum attendance)**

**Year 1:** 40 credits consisting of 20 credits in each semester as follows:

*Semester 1:* one day a week over 12 wks (20 credits)

*Semester 2:* 2 one-week modules (20 credits)

**Year 2:** 40 credits consisting of 20 credits in each semester as follows:

*Semester 1:* one-half day a week over 12 wks (10 credits) + 1st Professional Development module (10 credits but no regular attendance)

*Semester 2:* 2 one-week modules (20 credits)

**Year 3:** 40 credits consisting of 20 credits in each semester as follows:

*Semester 1:* one-half day a week over 12 wks (10 credits) + 2nd Professional Development module (10 credits but no regular attendance)

*Semester 2:* 2 one-week modules (20 credits)

*Semester 2 and Summer period:* Research Dissertation (60 credits)