

Module specification

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Module Code	AUR5B2
Module Title	Professional Practice 2 (incl. Placement)
Level	5
Credit value	20
Faculty	Faculty of Art, Computing and Engineering
HECoS Code	100150
Cost Code	GABE

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Is the module core or option for this programme
BSc(Hons) Architectural Design Technology	Core
BSc(Hons) Building Surveying	Core
BSc(Hons) Construction Management	Core
BSc(Hons) Quantity Surveying	Core

Pre-requisites

There are no pre-requisites for this module.

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	10 hrs
Placement tutor support	10 hrs
Supervised learning e.g. practical classes, workshops	10 hrs
Project supervision (level 6 projects and dissertation modules only)	0 hrs
Total active learning and teaching hours	30 hrs
Placement / work based learning	35 hrs
Guided independent study	135 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	200 hrs

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Module aims

The principal aim of 'Professional Practice 2' is to engage students in professional practice within the construction industry, not least because the sector relies so heavily upon inter-disciplinary teamwork and the maintenance of practice standards.

The module will also require students to engage with those professional body organisations that relate to their respective programmes of study, and to encourage active participation in local and regional professional body activities as student members.

Proactive continuing professional development (CPD) will also be required of students, to extend their reflective record and to continue to identify future learning opportunities in response to contemporaneous developments within the construction industry.

The module also requires a compulsory work placement of at least 35 hours duration within an organisation deemed appropriate to their programme of study by the Programme Leader.

Module Learning Outcomes - at the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Maintain a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) record and Learning Plan to identify, participate in, and reflect upon opportunities for learning, to ensure currency with contemporary developments in professional practice.
2	Individually or in collaboration with student peers, and through negotiation with the module tutor, devise and implement themed professional development activities.
3	Undertake an industrial work placement of at least 35 hours total duration in an organisation deemed appropriate to the student's programme of study by the Programme Leader.
4	Prepare and deliver a visual presentation of the work placement 'experience' to the peer group, which explains the organisational structure, evaluates the activities in which the student has engaged, and reflects upon the overall work placement experience in the context of the student's own programme of study.

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

This section outlines the type of assessment tasks the student will be expected to complete as part of the module. More details will be made available in the relevant academic year module handbook.

'Professional Practice 2' will be assessed through a series of individual pieces of coursework and an industrial work placement that combine in aggregate to contribute 75% of the recommended final assessment mark for the subject, and a visual presentation that captures personal reflection, self-development and the overall experience of having undertaken the work placement that is associated with this module.

Coursework will comprise a mixture of individual and group tasks that explore important themes in maintaining high standards of professional practice, and will draw upon typical activities that practitioners regularly engage in within the wider industrial and professional context.

The nature of individual pieces of coursework will vary at the discretion of the module tutor, so that learning outcomes are achieved through the application of a range of personal and interpersonal skill sets including research, teamwork, creative thinking, self-reflection and the effective use of professional body resources and support.

The visual presentation will be delivered to the student group so that personal experiences and insight associated with the work placement can be shared with all of those engaged in the Module.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1 & 2	Coursework	75
2	3 & 4	Presentation	25

Derogations

There are no derogations associated with this module.

Learning and Teaching Strategies

Learning and teaching strategies in the context of 'Professional Practice 2' will accommodate both didactic and experiential learning to ensure that students gain knowledge and understanding through traditional teaching delivery, and through reflective and self-directed personal development in identifying and participating in further opportunities to learn. Delivery will incorporate the principles of the University's Active Learning Framework (ALF), so that learning opportunities are both synchronous and asynchronous, and are supported by an accessible range of material resources.

Whilst personal professional development is central to the success of the module and is largely the responsibility of the student, supervision, guidance and direction on the part of the module tutor through regular individual and group tutorials, and in facilitating resources that support an enthusiastic and collegiate approach is essential. In this respect, the module tutor should carefully supervise student engagement early in the delivery cycle until sufficient ownership of the process is evident on the part of the student. The module tutor will therefore be required to differentiate on this basis and to provide appropriate levels of individual support when and where necessary, so that all students are given the means to develop themselves on an elective basis as they continue to gain confidence in self-managing the learning process.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Including:

- new and emerging technologies
- procurement and process,
- contract management
- legal and regulatory frameworks and systems
- socio-economics
- environmental impact
- professional practice
- health, safety and welfare
- building performance
- digital technologies and software
- conflict avoidance/dispute resolution

Themed professional development activities:

- conferences
- presentations
- seminars

- pamphlets
- short papers
- publications
- site visits
- guest speakers
- journal reading groups

Work placements:

- risk assessments
- personal protective equipment
- personal conduct
- recording activities
- reflection and self-development

Indicative Bibliography:

Please note the essential reads and other indicative reading are subject to annual review and update.

Essential Reads

Watts, G. & Watts, N. (2021), *CPD in the Built Environment*. Abingdon: Taylor & Francis Group.

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