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# COURSE WELCOME PACK



Welcome to Buckinghamshire New University!

We are looking forward to you joining **MSc Construction Project Management** in April.

In case you need a reminder or have missed anything, here are links to important information you will need before you join us:

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## **YOUR INDUCTION AT BNU**

Your Welcome and Induction activity will take place on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at our High Wycombe Campus. You are expected to attend in-person on both days** so that you can complete your enrolment and have all the information you need before your teaching starts.

**Please arrive no later than 9.30am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April and 9am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April. When you arrive make your way to the desk that will be outside the entrance to Gateway building.** On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April your day will finish by 1.00pm and on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April you will be here until 4.30pm.

Further information will be on the [Welcome Page](#) on our website so please check that regularly.

## **ABOUT YOUR COURSE**

Welcome to the MSc Construction Project Management at Buckinghamshire New University. This programme is designed to develop the advanced skills and knowledge needed to successfully lead and deliver complex construction projects. You will explore essential areas including project planning, procurement, risk management, contract administration, sustainability and digital innovation in construction.

The course emphasises applying theory to practice through case studies, group work and real-world scenarios. You will learn how to balance time, cost, quality and stakeholder expectations while navigating the legal, regulatory and environmental contexts that shape the built environment.

Our experienced lecturers bring industry expertise from across construction and project management, providing insights that bridge academic learning and professional practice. You will also benefit from opportunities to connect with peers and practitioners, developing a network that will support your career.



Modules are delivered through a blend of lectures, seminars, and online learning, enabling flexibility to fit your studies around other commitments. Assessments focus on practical application and critical analysis to build your confidence as a reflective practitioner.

We look forward to welcoming you to BNU and supporting you as you develop into a skilled, forward-thinking construction project leader.

## **YOUR COURSE LEADER**

Your course leader is Shatirah Akib who can be contacted via [shatirah.akib@bnu.ac.uk](mailto:shatirah.akib@bnu.ac.uk).

## **YOUR RECOMMENDED READING**

Details of your full reading list will be made available to you when your teaching starts. There is no need to buy books before you join as all your recommended reading will be available through our [library](#). However, if you would like to do some reading before you join us we recommend the following book to get you thinking about your course:

- [Murdoch, J. & Hughes, W. \(2015\). Construction Contracts: Law and Management.](#)

## **YOUR PRE-JOINING PROJECT**

### **Analysing a Live Construction Project**

*Objective:* To help you start thinking critically about how construction projects are managed in practice.

*Task:* Select a real construction project - it can be local, national, or international. This could be a building, infrastructure, refurbishment, or housing development project. Research publicly available information (company websites, news articles, case studies, planning documents) and prepare a short report (1,000–1,500 words) covering:

1. Project Overview
  - What is being built or delivered?
  - Who are the key stakeholders (client, main contractor, consultants, community)?
2. Key Management Challenges
  - Identify at least three challenges faced by the project (e.g. time constraints, budget pressures, environmental considerations, stakeholder engagement, safety).
3. Approaches and Strategies
  - Summarise how the project team is addressing these challenges or suggest what you would recommend (e.g. risk management techniques, procurement strategies, digital tools like BIM).
4. Your Reflections
  - What have you learned about the realities of managing construction projects?
  - What skills do you think will be most important for you to develop?

*Outcome:* Bring your report to Induction. We will use it to start discussions about construction project management in practice and help you connect theory to real-world contexts from day one.



## YOUR KIT LIST

To make the most of your learning experience, especially in practical workshops, labs, and design sessions, please ensure you have access to the following:

Recommended tech: You will need a laptop with the following minimum specifications:

- Intel I% / Ryzen 5 or higher.
- 8GB RAM (16GB recommended for CAD / simulation work).
- 256GB SSD storage
- Windows 10 or 11 (preferred for compatibility with CAD software).

You will also require:

- A mouse, preferably with a scroll wheel for CAD work.
- Headphones or a headset for online sessions, tutorials and group collaboration.

**Note:** You will have access to University PCs and software in labs, and remote access where available.

BNU will provide access to the following software for the duration of your course:

- AutoDesk AutoCAD.
- SolidWorks.
- LTSpice.
- MATLAB.
- Microsoft 365 Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, etc.

## PLEASE SEND US A PHOTO!

You will need to email us a head and shoulders photograph of yourself before you start at BNU. This photo should be in a JPEG format and sent to [students@bnu.ac.uk](mailto:students@bnu.ac.uk) with the subject line "Student ID." Please include the following information in your email:

- Your student ID (if you know it)
- Your full name (include all forenames and surname)
- Your date of birth
- The name of the course you will be starting

## ACCOMMODATION

### Looking for accommodation?

We still have a few limited spaces available in our halls, don't miss out! Spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and please note that at this time of year, we cannot guarantee accommodation availability.

### Need help with private sector housing?

We can guide you through the process and even offer contract checking for your peace of mind.

For any accommodation enquiries, please email us at [accommodation@bnu.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@bnu.ac.uk).



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## **FIND YOUR WAY AROUND CAMPUS!**

Use **MazeMap**, our campus wayfinding app for High Wycombe, to quickly get to your classroom, the library, workshops, and more. Download the MazeMap mobile app from your app store, then [click this URL](#) to access BNU profile to start navigating.

If you have any general questions before you start please contact [welcome@bnu.ac.uk](mailto:welcome@bnu.ac.uk), or for course specific questions please get in touch with me via [shatirah.akib@bnu.ac.uk](mailto:shatirah.akib@bnu.ac.uk).

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

**Dr Shatirah Akib**  
**Course Leader, MSc Construction Project Management**

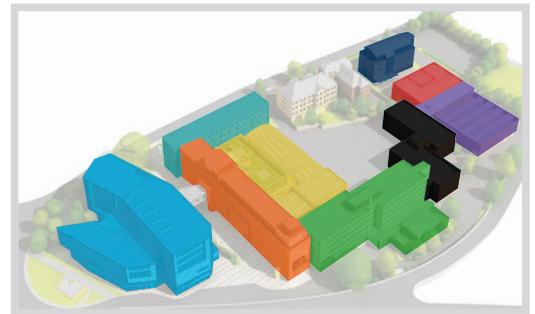
We will consider any request for accessible formats that may be required. Please send your request to [welcome@bnu.ac.uk](mailto:welcome@bnu.ac.uk).



# High Wycombe Campus



- Gateway Building (e.g. G.1.01)
- East Wing (e.g. E.1.01)
- Dove
- South Wing (e.g. S.1.01)
- North Wing (e.g. N.1.01)
- Timberlake (e.g. T.1.01)
- West Wing (e.g. WW.1.01)
- Red Shed
- Owen Harris (e.g. OH.1.01)



## Key locations on campus

### Gateway Building (e.g. G.1.01)

- + Security and First Aid Hub
- + School of Business and Law
- + School of Creative and Digital Industries
- + Dance Studio / Drame Studio
- + Events Hall
- + Garden Cafe
- + Gateway Gym
- + Gateway Lecture Theatre

### East Wing (e.g. E.1.01)

- + Main Reception Entrance
- + Apprenticeships Hub
- + Dance Studios

### Dove

- + School of Engineering and the Built Environment
- + A&E Simulation Centre
- + Atrium / Student Hub
- + Beeches Cafe
- + Radiography Lab
- + Roof Garden
- + Winter Garden

### South Wing (e.g. S.1.01)

- + School of Health and Social Care Professions
- + School of Human and Social Sciences
- + Health Hub
- + Running Track
- + Sports Clinic

### North Wing (e.g. N.1.01)

- + Students' Union
- + Accommodation Hub
- + Counselling Service
- + Teaching Rooms

### Timberlake (e.g. T.1.01)

- + Graphic Design Suites
- + Workshops

### West Wing (e.g. WW.1.01)

- + Dance Studios
- + Acting and Theatre
- + Teaching rooms

### Red Shed

- + School of Art, Design and Performance
- + Art Studios
- + Textile Studios

### Owen Harris (e.g. OH.1.01)

- + Lecture Theatres

**In you require further assistance please visit the main reception**

[bnu.ac.uk](http://bnu.ac.uk)





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