

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Construction Contracts Management

Key Features:

- Blended Learning
- Two days per week minimum will be delivered on campus
- Unemployed: €0
Employed: €700



- Work Placement
- Level 8 – 60 credits
- Begins January 2022



Programme Overview

This is a conversion course to allow those from a range of construction backgrounds to focus their skills and knowledge into much needed expertise in Construction Contracts Management.

The construction industry has in recent years embraced the new forms of government contract PWC, RIAI, Design /Build contracts and on-line procurement methods, creating a need for expertise in the administration and management of contracts.

Professionals and returners to the construction industry are offered the opportunity to update and expand their knowledge in construction contracts management by covering a dynamic mix of modules.

This course aims to give construction professionals the competencies to administer and manage the relevant contracts used in the industry today and is complemented by modules which deal specifically with financial management within the construction industry and relevant construction law issues. Pre and post contract management skills will be developed in a financial, legal and ethical context.

Minimum Entry Requirements:



- ❖ A construction related honours degree (Level 7) or equivalent
- ❖ Non cognate Level 8 graduates with work experience in the construction industry are eligible to apply
- ❖ LYIT has a comprehensive Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) policy, recognising life and work experience. [LYIT RPL information](#)

Please provide a CV with your application and an electronic copy of your highest qualification.

Course Structure

Semester One

- ❖ **Construction Management 1** (Mandatory - 10 credits): (Building Contracts GCCC, RIAI, NEC, JCT, Design/Build). An 100% Continuous Assessment module, reflecting real life project/professional submissions, focussing primarily on the pre-contract project phases.
- ❖ **Statutory Approvals** (Mandatory – 5 credits): Construction related legislation of Planning, Building control and Health & Safety; the roles and responsibilities from the Tender Stage to the completion of the Building Contract.
- ❖ **Research Report** (Mandatory – 5 credits): Identifies the issues related to research within the construction/property sector, extends the learner's research capability and provides the tools and techniques of research.
- ❖ **Construction Law and Professional Ethics** (Mandatory – 5 credits): The sources of law and the legal framework in Ireland and the legislation relating to the construction industry. Professional ethics covers the ethical and societal issues pertaining to the construction profession.

Semester Two

- ❖ **Construction Management 2** (Mandatory – 10 credits): (Procurement & Contract Management) Builds on knowledge of construction management principles. Focuses primarily on the post-contract stage of a project however certain pre-contract stages will also be addressed.
- ❖ **Dispute Resolution & Mitigation** (Mandatory – 5 credits): Dispute management in the construction industry. Learners will develop skills in dispute mitigation and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes.
- ❖ **Industry Case Study** (Mandatory – 5 credits): Engage in a case study opportunity with construction businesses locally and regionally. And develop further the skills utilised in the Research Report.
- ❖ **Financial Information & Decision Making in Construction** (Mandatory – 5 credits): The various concepts, principles and techniques from the disciplines of management and business finance as they apply to the construction industry
- ❖ **Work Placement** (Mandatory – 10 credits): Covering careers, work-related issues and professional standards in the business environment where the learner can apply the knowledge, skills and competencies gained through formal study.

Timetables will be issued early to mid-September from the Department via timetables.lyit.ie. The course will be delivered by a combination of online and classroom-based teaching. It is expected that two days per week minimum will be delivered on campus. An induction programme will be offered as required at the commencement of the course to learners to facilitate a successful return to education. Safe Pass training will be offered to learners.



Assessment will be a mix of problem based learning and written examinations. **The course also includes a 200-hour minimum work placement which learners will source throughout Ireland.** Learners will attend classes up to two and a half days per week between 9.30am and 5.30pm over two 13-week semesters (September – December and January – May).

Delivery Notes

- ❖ LYIT online facilities include the virtual learning environment (VLE) Blackboard and LYIT's Virtual Desktop Service, 'LYIT Connect', used to provide learner access to software applications on any device from home without the need to install the software on their own devices. This enables access to all software required to complete projects remotely. Project files are saved to cloud based servers allowing collaboration between students, lecturers and multiple software applications. Live on-line practicals and recorded demonstrations provide learners with the resources and support to successfully complete the modules.
- ❖ Students should have access to a home computer (or laptop) and broadband. We recommend that students have a headset with mic and use Chrome browser for online classes.



Application Process

Course Fees

Springboard will cover 90% of the course fees for students who are currently in employment and 100% of the fees for students who are currently unemployed. The student contribution of 10% is €700.

Application Form

Applications can be made via the Springboard website

www.springboardcourses.ie

All applicants are required to provide a copy of their C.V., a copy of their higher education qualification certificate and documentary evidence of their eligibility for Springboard including residency (i.e. that they have been ordinarily resident in Ireland or the state EEA/EU/UK/Switzerland for 3 out of the last 5 years).

Eligibility criteria for Springboard is available on the Springboard website as springboardcourses.ie/eligibility

Registration

Registration with LYIT will begin in January 2022 through the Admissions Office. The course will start in January 2022.

Student Testimonial from Previous Iteration of the Course

- *“A very interesting informative course with a broad spectrum of relevant modules.”*
- *“For anyone not sure in which direction to pursue your career in construction, this course will definitely help.”*
- *“The course is aimed at a career in Site/Project/Contracts management. It can also open doors towards a Masters in Project Management at Queens University.”*
- *“The year flew in with interesting assignments and lecturers with great experience in the construction sector.”*
- *“This degree definitely boosted my CV and I now work as Contracts Manager.”*
- *“The relevance of this course is evident in my everyday use of Microsoft Project, Excel, dispute resolution / avoidance and general construction site management.”*

Why choose LYIT?

Outside of the classroom there are a number of learner supports available at LYIT. Services provided by the Communication Learning Centre (CLC) and Mathematics Learning Centre (MLC) support learners with additional needs, with one-to-one / small groups consultations and technology assistance where needed. A broad range of in-class and drop-in workshops are organised to assist learners with academic writing and research, mathematics and personal development. Overall student supports are provided by:

- ❖ A Counselling Service
- ❖ A Chaplaincy

Learners have access to student support services which include:

- ❖ A Medical and Health Service
- ❖ A Childcare Support Service
- ❖ A Careers Service

Targeted Academic Support is provided by:

- ❖ An Access Office (The Curve) which takes care of the special needs of 3 groups of learners: mature, those with physical or learning disabilities and those from low socio-economic backgrounds.
- ❖ Students may also avail of additional academic support in the areas of mathematics, physical science and communications via the online learning platform Studiosity.

Contact Details



For further information on the course, contact Anne Boner, Head of Department of Civil Engineering and Construction on E-Mail: anne.boner@lyit.ie

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