

HNC Construction and the Built Environment

Qualification: HNC **Subject Area:** Construction **Level:** 4 **Duration:** 2 years
Attendance details: Part Time, Higher Education **Location:** City Campus
Regulatory Body: Sunderland College

Course Information

Who is this course for?

The HNC in Construction and The Built Environment (Construction) is aimed at students wanting to continue their education through applied learning.

The course provides a wide-ranging study of the construction and the built environment sector and is designed for students who wish to pursue or advance their career in construction and the built environment.

In addition to the knowledge, understanding and skills that underpin the course, students will experience the breadth and depth of the sector that will prepare them for further study, training or advancement in their current workplace.

What do you need to apply for the course?

You will need to have a BTEC National Certificate/Diploma in Construction or related subject area; or an NVQ Level 3 in a Construction Craft and/or site experience.

If you are a mature student, you will be interviewed and accepted onto the course depending on work experience, enthusiasm, and a range of professional qualifications in your work sector.

For further information please contact the College's admissions team on admissions@sunderlandcollege.ac.uk

What are the key things you'll learn?

The course covers key areas, of which some are mandatory:

Mandatory Core Units:

- Individual Project (Set by awarding body))
- Construction Technology
- Science & Materials
- Construction Practice & Management

Other Units that make up the qualification:

- Legal and Statutory Responsibilities in Construction
- Construction Information (Drawing, Detailing, Specification)
- Principles of Alternative Energy
- Principles of Refurbishment

How will you learn?

Teaching

This course is classroom and theory based, with the assessment carried out via a varied series of formal assignments, and individual and group based presentations.

Other methods used to deliver the course:

- Lectures
- Workshops
- Tutorials
- Use of VLE
- Guest speakers
- Fields trips (where appropriate)

Independent learning

When not attending lectures you will be expected to continue learning independently through self-study. Typically, this will involve reading journal articles and books, working on individual and group projects, undertaking research, preparing coursework assignment and presentations, and preparing for any examinations. Your independent learning is supported by a range of facilities including the learning centre and the facilities available to you at Sunderland College.

Teaching Staff

You will be taught by an experienced teaching team whose expertise and knowledge are closely matched to the content of the modules on the course.

The team includes lecturers and professional practitioners with industry experience.

Our teaching is informed by the relevant practice within the sector and all of our lecturers have relevant teaching qualifications.

Assessment

The course provides you with opportunities to test your understanding of the subject informally before you complete the formal assessments that count towards your final mark.

There is a formal or 'summative' assessment at the end of each module. Assessment methods could include; formal written reports; collaborative group presentations and individual presentations; independent learning; extensive research and enquiry; debated Issues;

Percentage of the course assessed by coursework

The percentage of the course assessed by coursework is 100%.

Feedback

You will receive written feedback on all assessments undertaken. Feedback is intended to help you learn and you are encouraged to discuss it with your course lecturer

Where could this course take you?

After successfully completing the course, you could move onto the Higher National Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment or a degree programme at university. You could also go on to find employment within the professional levels of the construction industry.

What costs will you incur?

Course fees for 2018 entry: £2300 per year for 2 years part-time.

Printing for your course – you will receive £30 credit for printing which will be paid in three instalments of £10 per term. Any printing requirements in excess of this can be purchased.

You may choose to purchase books from the recommended reading lists however the College Learning Centre have an excellent range of all books suggested within your units studied – hard copies and/or online.

Students are expected to provide own pens, paper, and folders. Students are expected to arrange own travel, including to placements.

It is not possible to confirm fees for future academic years but the maximum increase each year will not exceed the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Financial support

For more information on Student Finance please go to our HE Finance page