

London South Bank University Course Specification

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	A. Course Infor	mation						
Final award title(s)	Extended Degree Foundation Year	e in the Built E)	Environment	(Built En	vironment			
Intermediate exit award title(s)								
UCAS Code		Course Full-time: Code(s) 3188 Part-time: 3189						
	London South Ba	ank University	/					
School	🗆 ASC 🛛 ACI	🛛 BEA	BUS 🗆	ENG 🗆	HSC 🗆 LSS			
Division	The Built Environ	ment						
Course Director	Carlos Gonzalez							
Delivery site(s) for course(s)	Southwark \Box Other: please s	□ Ha\ specify	vering					
Mode(s) of delivery	⊠Full time ⊠Part time ⊠sandwich							
Length of course/start and finish dates	Mode Length years Start - month Finish - mon							
	Full time	4 years	Septer	nber	July			
	Full time with placement/ sandwich year	5 years	Septer	nber	July			
	Part time	6 years	Septer	nber	July			
	Part time with Placement/ sandwich year							
Is this course generally	Please complete the	International Of	fice questionna	ire				
suitable for students on a Tier 4 visa?	Yes No Students are advised that the structure/nature of the course is suitable for those on a Tier 4 visa but other factors will be taken into account before a CAS number is allocated							
Approval dates:	Course(s) validat	ed	2005					
	Course specification last updated and signed off							
Professional, Statutory & Regulatory Body accreditation								

Reference points:		nternal	Corporate Strategy 2020-2025 Academic Quality and Enhancement Website School Strategy LSBU Academic Regulations			
		External	QAA Quality Code for Higher Education 2018 Framework for Higher Education Qualifications Subject Benchmark Statements (Dated) PSRB Competitions and Markets Authority SEEC Level Descriptors 2021			
		B. Course	Aims and Features			
Distinctive features	Not be a	confused wit	h a Foundation degree this course is designed primarily			
of course	for the r	nature applic	cant who does not satisfy the requirements for entry to			
		urse (when c	completed full-time) where the first year is designed to			
	prepare	students wit	th the necessary knowledge and skills to undertake a			
	degree-	level course	. On successful completion of this preparatory year			
	students	s will natural	ly progress their studies with LSBU in any of its degrees			
	in the built environment.					
Course Aims	 More specifically the Extended Degree in the Built Environment aims to: Produce students with satisfactory knowledge and skills in drawing, design and art portfolio together with further appropriate skills in quantitative methods, scientific principles, and knowledge of the built environment, which, together with other studies, will provide the basis on which to follow an undergraduate course in architecture, architectural technology, or architectural engineering. Produce students with the correct level of academic skills and to basis of the studies of the studies. 					
	methods the built surveyir and env	s, scientific p t environmen ng, construct vironmental p	principles, and those providing a specialist knowledge of at etc. in order to follow pathways into the professions of tion management, public housing management, urban planning.			
	3. I commun counting the gen complet chosen	. Respond to the University's mission for wider access for the local ommunity to the university's courses through an extended course of study ounting as year zero of a degree or HNC Diploma, for students who meet the general entry requirements, pass the diagnostic tests for entry, and omplete the modules of study to an appropriate level for admission to their becap acurac				
	4. I confider	Develop tran nce to study	sferable skills and learning skills together with the at a higher and more demanding level.			
	5. I	Develop the	technical, mental and practical skills required to			
	researc	h, collect, an	alyse and interpret information, solve problems, reach			
	sound ju	udgements a	and communicate information effectively.			
	6. diacialia	Develop kno	wiedge and understanding of the built environment, its			
	usciplines, technology, demands and restraints in order that the student					
	7. I	Develop und	erstanding of the personal discipline, skills and			
	compete	encies requir	red of a professional employed in the built environment			
	arena.	·				
Course Learning Outcomes	a) (Students wi	II have knowledge and understanding of:			

A1 Personal development in disciplined study skills and time keeping,
setting and keeping priorities, team membership and group participation.
A2 The use of English language in both oral and written
communication, essay and report writing, in presentations and in seminar
and group discussion.
A3 The use of quantitative skills in the use of number, simple algebraic
formulae, trigonometry, graphs and statistics.
A4 Knowledge of the built environment, the design- and construction-
related industries, the main participants, their roles, linkages and inter-
relationships and the context within which they work. The fole of
expected standards of personal behaviour: the impact of construction
activity on the environment and on society: the role of planning controls and
relevant legislation.
A5 Fundamental aspects of architecture and an appreciation of design;
basic technical knowledge of construction technology and in surveying; a
basic knowledge of science and materials.
A6 The principles of the English legal system and of economics as
applied to construction and the built environment.
A7 Information and communication technology relevant to technical
functions and learning.
A8 Equip the student with the appropriate knowledge, technical and
personal skills, to select and pursue a suitable course at technician or
b) Students will develop their intellectual skills such that they are
able to:
B1 Assemble information and data from a variety of sources and
establish connections, to communicate information in an appropriate,
effective and cohesive way.
B2 Identify issues with reference to pertinent argument and evidence.
B3 Evaluate current procedures and approaches used by construction
protessionals.
B4 Investigate routine and general problems and apply technical
solutions, balancing factors such as good design, fisk and cost, social
B5 Evaluate aspects of construction design technology and sciences
in preparation of acquiring higher specialist skills in engineering
architecture, urban design, surveying or aspects of management of process.
B6 The use of quantitative methods as a tool to solve technical
problems in practical situations.
c) Students will acquire and develop practical skills such that they
are able to:
C1 Use scale in the interpretation and preparation of mans, plans
drawings and model making
C2 Demonstrate basic competence in engineering and architectural
drawing.
C3 Understand elementary principles of measure, cost, document. and
programme for construction work.
C4 Use software packages that are relevant to the modern built
environment professional.

 C5 Understand the principle use of materials, the nature of forces applied to those materials and their consequent limitations in practical construction situations. C6 Use numbers as a tool in quantifying and solving practical problems.
 d) Students will acquire and develop transferrable skills such that they are able to:
 D1 Communicate effectively by oral, written and visual means in a form appropriate to the intended audience, with appropriate acknowledgement and referencing of sources. D2 Apply statistical and numerical skills at an appropriate level in practical situations. D3 Use information and communication technology (ICT) to locate and access information and communicate information to others. D4 Work effectively as a member of a team. D5 Manage time and work to deadlines. D6 Learn effectively and independently.

C. Teaching and Learning Strategy

- Acquisition of the above is achieved by a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical work, project work, directed reading, and coursework. Laboratory-based practical demonstration and experimentation, together with project workshop exercises contribute to real understanding. Tutor-led seminars and discussion are an important factor in teaching students about the professions, the relevance of law and economics, the role of key contributors in the development of the built environment and its social impact. The use of film and slides is important in portraying the history of building and design. Information technology is taught in Study Skills in Semester 1 to enable students to access the increasing resources on the Web and to use IT in their coursework. Subsequent modules will extend these skills.
- Intellectual and technical skills are developed progressively through the teaching and learning course. Skills are developed through worked examples, through hands-on applications, drawing and model making, laboratory and classroom exercises, discussion in class, both staff and student led, and by formal essay and report writing in coursework and for pin-up presentations subject to critique and public exhibition.
- C1 and C2 are principally taught in practical skills and art subjects and developed in the integrated project. C3 is taught during Integrated Project and partly in Constructing the Built Environment. C4 is taught in Study Skills specifically as elementary computer skills/applications and it is developed progressively by the student throughout the course. C5 is taught through Principles of Construction Science, and it is often used in a practical situation by testing models in the Integrated Project module. D6 is taught primarily through the Construction Mathematics module and developed and applied in applications in the Practical Skills module, the modules containing design and science, and in Integrated Project.
- D1-D6 (with the exception of D2) are taught initially in Study Skills and developed throughout the course. D2 is taught primarily in Construction Mathematics and as a tool in further modules. D1, D5 and D6 are developed in all modules. D3 is developed progressively from the IT component in Study Skills to the more specialist requirements in Integrated Project. The further modules will develop the use of Library and Information Services, the use of online access etc. and Blackboard support. D4 is specifically developed in Integrated Project. D5 is learnt rather than taught through students managing their time to meet coursework deadlines. D6 is required throughout the course and is supported by direction and guidance provided in the module guides.

D. Assessment

Assessment is principally by coursework and continuous assessment involving a combination of in-course tests, essays, reports, analytical exercises, use of software, seminar presentations and critiques, individual and group work culminating in full participation in the integrated project. Where provided for in specific modules, by examination also.

All practical skills are assessed through coursework and project work.

Quantitative skills are assessed primarily in Construction Mathematics and then in further modules. Communication skills are assessed through all means of assessment already mentioned. D3, D4, D5 and D6 are continually assessed in Integrated Project, in the presentation standards of the design and project. Teamwork is assessed in all group project work. D5 and D6 are implicitly assessed by all forms of assessment.

E. Academic Regulations

The University's Academic Regulations apply for this course. Any course specific protocols will be identified here.

F. Entry Requirements

The entry requirements are very flexible in keeping with the aims of the scheme to provide entry to HE for candidates lacking standard qualifications. The general expectation is that entrants should have evidence of educational achievement or experience equivalent to five GCSEs at grade C or better, including Mathematics and English. Mature candidates may be admitted on the basis of experience alone and AP(E)L can be applied in some instances, particularly for students in employment. Candidates below the age of 21 need additionally to have studied at least one subject to the equivalent of A-level.

Students will enrol for one of the designated pathways of the Faculty Extended Degree, to be decided with guidance from Admissions Tutors or Course Directors.

Applicants may be asked to attend an interview where there may be some form of assessment to determine their suitability for the course.

G. Course structure(s)

Course overview

The course is delivered on a semester pattern, each semester being 15 weeks in duration. Students take six modules in total on the full-time mode necessary for degree entry level or four modules in total on the part-time mode for a Higher National Certificate entry.

Each module is contained within a semester and assessment occurs at the scheduled assessment dates at the end of each semester.

There is one common module (Study Skills) in Semester 1 and two course-specific modules subject to the chosen degree. Part-time students take two modules in Semester 1.

Full-time students take three modules in Semester 2 and part-time students normally take two modules. There are two core modules in Semester 2 (Integrated Project and Constructing the Built Environment) with the remaining module being pathway specific.

A university credit is the equivalent of 200 student study hours. Each module is a self-contained part of the course of study and carries a single credit value (20 credits).

The maximum time to complete the course is three years and students may therefore take fewer modules per year according to circumstances.

Extended Degree in the Built Environment (Built Environment Foundation Year)- Full time

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Level S	Construction Mathematics (Construction/Surveying) (compulsory)	20	Principles of Construction Science (Construction/Surveying)	20
	Study Skills (common module)	20	Integrated Project (Common Module)	20
	Practical Skills for Construction (Construction/Surveying)	20	Constructing the Built Environment (Common Module)	20
	Practical Skills for Architecture (Architecture)	20	Art and Design (Architecture)	20
	Design Concepts (Architecture)	20		
	Study Skills (common module) Practical Skills for Construction (Construction/Surveying) Practical Skills for Architecture (Architecture) Design Concepts (Architecture)	20 20 20 20) Integrated Project (Common Module) Constructing the Built Environment (Common Module) Art and Design (Architecture)	20 20 20

Extended Degree in the Built Environment (Built Environment Foundation Year – Part time

Part-time students are expected to continue their professional studies by applying for entry on a HNC Diploma course. Full-time students with six complete modules are expected to continue their professional studies by applying for entry to an undergraduate degree course.

HNC Courses supported include:

HNC Construction

Degree pathways supported include:

- BA (Hons) Architecture
- BSc (Hons) Surveying
- BSc (Hons) Construction Management
- BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology
- BSc (Hons) Architectural Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Commercial Management (Quantity Surveying).

The course is not currently offered at a partner institution.

Placements information

H. Course Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Semester	Credit value	Assessment
EBB-S-060	Construction Mathematics	S	1	20	MCT's
EBB-S-010	Study Skills	S	1	20	Multiple elements individual and group
EBB-S-040	Practical Skills for Construction	S	1	20	MCT's
EBB-S-050	Practical Skills for Architecture	S	1	20	Individual project
EBB-S-070	Design Concepts	S	1	20	Project based assignment
EBB-S-080	Principles of Construction Science	S	2	20	MCT's
EBB-S-030	Integrated Project	S	2	20	Group Project
EBB-S-020	Constructing the Built Environment	S	2	20	Essay and report
EBB-S-090	Art and Design	S	2	20	Portfolio of work

I. Timetable information

[indicate:

Provide as much information as possible,

- when students can expect to receive a confirmed timetable for study commitments; and
- if there is a teaching-free afternoon set aside for e.g. sporting/cultural activities.
- Don't specify a day(s) when teaching will take place if it may be changed.
- Prospective students should be kept informed of any changes.]

J. Costs and financial support

Course related costs

- provide information about other course-related costs (explain what is and what is not included in the tuition fees, e.g. such additional expenses as cost of books or other learning materials, specialist equipment, uniforms, clothing required for work placements, field trips, bench fees).

Tuition fees/financial support/accommodation and living costs

- Information on tuition fees/financial support can be found by clicking on the following link <u>http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/fees-and-funding</u> or
- http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/fees-and-funding
- Information on living costs and accommodation can be found by clicking the following linkhttps://my.lsbu.ac.uk/my/portal/Student-Life-Centre/International-Students/Starting-at-LSBU/#expenses

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Appendix A: Curriculum Map

This map provides a design aid to help course teams identify where course outcomes are being developed, taught and assessed within the course. It also provides a checklist for quality assurance purposes and may be used in validation, accreditation and external examining processes. Making the learning outcomes explicit will also help students to monitor their own learning and development as the course progresses.

	Modules		Course outcomes																	
Leve I	Title	Code	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4	A 5	A 6	В 1	B 2	В 3	В 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	D 1	D 2	D 3	D 4
S	Construction Mathematics	EBB-S-060			Х													Х		
S	Study Skills	EBB-S-010	х	х					Х								Х		Х	
S	Practical Skills for Construction	EBB-S-040		Х		Х		Х			Х	Х			Х	Х	Х			
S	Practical Skills for Architecture	EBB-S-050		х		х	х						х	х		х	х			
S	Design Concepts	EBB-S-070	х						Х	Х							Х			
S	Principles of Construction	EBB-S-080			х													х		
	Science																			
S	Integrated Project	EBB-S-030		х					х	х			х		х		х		х	х
S	Constructing the Built	EBB-S-020		Х		Х				Х	Х						х			
	Environment																			
S	Art and Design	EBB-S-090	Х				х										х			
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Appendix B: Embedding the Educational Framework for Undergraduate Courses

The Educational Framework at London South Bank University is a set of principles for curriculum design and the wider student experience that articulate our commitment to the highest standards of academic knowledge and understanding applied to the challenges of the wider world.

The Educational Framework reflects our status as University of the Year for Graduate Employment awarded by *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018* and builds on our 125 year history as a civic university committed to fostering social mobility through employability and enterprise, enabling our students to translate academic achievement into career success.

There are four key characteristics of LSBU's distinctive approach to the undergraduate curriculum and student experience:

- Develop students' professional and vocational skills through application in industrystandard facilities
- Develop our students' graduate attributes, self-awareness and behaviours aligned to our EPIIC values
- Integrate opportunities for students to develop their confidence, skills and networks into the curriculum
- Foster close relationships with employers, industry, and Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies that underpin our provision (including the opportunity for placements, internships and professional opportunities)

The dimensions of the Educational Framework for curriculum design are:

- **informed by employer and industry** needs as well as professional, statutory and regulatory body requirements
- **embedded learning development** for all students to scaffold their learning through the curriculum taking into account the specific writing and thinking requirements of the discipline/profession
- **high impact pedagogies** that enable the development of student professional and vocational learning through application in industry-standard or authentic workplace contexts
- **inclusive teaching, learning and assessment** that enables all students to access and engage the course
- **assessment for learning** that provides timely and formative feedback

All courses should be designed to support these five dimensions of the Educational Framework. Successful embedding of the Educational Framework requires a systematic approach to course design and delivery that conceptualises the student experience of the curriculum as a whole rather than at modular level and promotes the progressive development of understanding over the entire course. It also builds on a well-established evidence base across the sector for the pedagogic and assessment experiences that contribute to high quality learning.

This appendix to the course specification document enables course teams to evidence how their courses meet minimum expectations, at what level where appropriate, as the basis for embedding the Educational Framework in all undergraduate provision at LSBU.

Dimension of	Minimum expectations and rationale	How this is achieved in the
the		course
Educational		
Framework		
Curricula	Outcomes focus and	
informed by	professional/employer links	
employer and	All LSBU courses will evidence the	
industry need	involvement of external stakeholders in	
	the curriculum design process as well as	
	plan for the participation of employers	
	and/or alumni through guest lectures or	
	Q&A sessions, employer panels,	
	employer-generated case studies or other	
	input of expertise into the delivery of the	
	course provide students with access to	
	current workplace examples and role	
	models. Students should have access to	
	employers and/or alumni in at least one	
	module at level 4.	
Embedded	Support for transition and academic	
learning	<u>preparedness</u>	
development	At least two modules at level 4 should	
	include embedded learning development	
	in the curriculum to support student	
	understanding of, and familiarity with,	
	disciplinary ways of thinking and	
	practising (e.g. analytical thinking,	
	academic writing, critical reading,	
	reflection). Where possible, learning	
	development will be normally integrated	
	into content modules rather than as	
	standalone modules. Other level 4	
	modules should reference and reinforce	
	the learning development to aid in the	
	transfer of learning.	
High impact	Group-based learning experiences	
pedagogies	The capacity to work effectively in teams	
	enhances learning through working with	
	peers and develops student outcomes,	
	including communication, networking and	
	respect for diversity of perspectives	
	relevant to professionalism and	
	inclusivity. At least one module at level 4	
	snould include an opportunity for group	
	working. Group-based learning can also	
	de linked to assessment at level 4 if	

	appropriate. Consideration should be	
	given to how students are allocated to	
	groups to foster experience of diverse	
	perspectives and values.	
Inclusive	Accessible materials, resources and	
teaching,	activities	
learning and	All course materials and resources,	
assessment	including course guides, PowerPoint	
	presentations, handouts and Moodle	
	should be provided in an accessible	
	format. For example, font type and size,	
	layout and colour as well as captioning or	
	transcripts for audio-visual materials.	
	Consideration should also be given to	
	accessibility and the availability of	
	alternative formats for reading lists.	
Assessment	Assessment and feedback to support	
for learning	attainment, progression and retention	
	Assessment is recognised as a critical	
	point for at risk students as well as	
	integral to the learning of all students.	
	Formative feedback is essential during	
	transition into university. All first semester	
	modules at level 4 should include a	
	formative or low-stakes summative	
	assessment (e.g. low weighted in final	
	outcome for the module) to provide an	
	early opportunity for students to check	
	progress and receive prompt and useable	
	feedback that can feed-forward into future	
	learning and assessment. Assessment	
	and feedback communicates high	
	expectations and develops a commitment	
	to excellence .	
High impact	Research and enquiry experiences	
nedanonies	Opportunities for students to undertake	
pouugogioo	small-scale independent enquiry enable	
	students to understand how knowledge is	
	generated and tested in the discipline as	
	well as prepare them to engage in	
	enquiry as a highly sought after outcome	
	of university study. In preparation for an	
	undergraduate dissertation at level 6.	
	courses should provide opportunities for	
	students to develop research skills at	
	level 4 and 5 and should engage with	
	open-ended problems with appropriate	
	support. Research opportunities should	

	build student autonomy and are likely to	
	encourage creativity and problem-	
	solving. Dissemination of student	
	research outcomes, for example via	
	posters, presentations and reports with	
	peer review, should also be considered.	
Curricula	Authentic learning and assessment tasks	
informed by	Live briefs, projects or equivalent	
emplover and	authentic workplace learning experiences	
industry need /	and/or assessments enable students. for	
Assessment	example, to engage with external clients.	
for learning	develop their understanding through	
	situated and experiential learning in real	
	or simulated workplace contexts and	
	deliver outputs to an agreed specification	
	and deadline. Engagement with live briefs	
	creates the opportunity for the	
	development of student outcomes	
	including excellence professionalism	
	integrity and creativity. A live brief is	
	likely to develop research and enquiry	
	ekille and can be linked to assessment if	
	annronriata	
Inclusive	Course content and teaching methods	
teaching	acknowledge the diversity of the student	
learning,	cohort	
assessment	An inclusive curriculum incorporates	
43353311011	images examples case studies and	
	other resources from a broad range of	
	cultural and social views reflecting	
	diversity of the student cohort in terms of	
	for example gender ethnicity sexuality	
	religious belief, socio economic	
	hackground ato. This commitment to	
	inclusivity enables students to recognise	
	themselves and their experiences in the	
	curriculum as well as faster	
	understanding of other viewpoints and	
Curriculo	Work based loarning	
	Opportunition for logrning that is relevant	
amployer and	to future employment or undertaken in a	
inductry pood	to future employment of undertaken in a	
industry need	developing student explicit knowledge es	
	developing student applied knowledge as	
	weil as developing work-relevant student	
	outcomes such as networking,	
	protessionalism and integrity. work-	
	based learning can take the form of work	
	experience, internships or placements as	

	well as, for example, case studies,	
	simulations and role-play in industry-	l
	standards settings as relevant to the	
	course. Work-based learning can be	
	linked to assessment if appropriate.	
Embedded	Writing in the disciplines: Alternative	
learning	formats	
development	The development of student awareness.	
	understanding and mastery of the specific	
	thinking and communication practices in	
	the discipline is fundamental to applied	
	subject knowledge. This involves	
	explicitly defining the features of	
	disciplinary thinking and practices, finding	
	opportunities to scaffold student attempts	
	to adopt these ways of thinking and	
	practising and providing opportunities to	
	receive formative feedback on this. A	
	writing in the disciplines approach	
	recognises that writing is not a discrete	
	representation of knowledge but integral	
	to the process of knowing and	
	understanding in the discipline. It is	
	expected that assessment utilises formats	
	that are recognisable and applicable to	
	those working in the profession. For	
	example, project report, presentation,	
	poster, lab or field report, journal or	
	professional article, position paper, case	
	report, handbook, exhibition guide.	
High impact	Multi-disciplinary, interdisciplinary or	
pedagogies	interprofessional group-based learning	
	experiences	
	Building on experience of group working	
	at level 4, at level 5 students should be	
	provided with the opportunity to work and	
	manage more complex tasks in groups	
	that work across traditional disciplinary	
	and professional boundaries and	
	reflecting interprofessional work-place	
	settings. Learning in multi- or	
	interdisciplinary groups creates the	
	opportunity for the development of	
	student outcomes including inclusivity,	
	communication and networking.	
Assessment	Variation of assessment	
for learning	An inclusive approach to curriculum	
	recognises diversity and seeks to create	

	a learning environment that enables	
	equal opportunities for learning for all	
	students and does not give those with a	
	particular prior qualification (e.g. A-level	
	or BTEC) an advantage or disadvantage.	
	An holistic assessment strategy should	
	provide opportunities for all students to be	
	able to demonstrate achievement of	
	learning outcomes in different ways	
	throughout the course. This may be by	
	offering alternate assessment tasks at the	
	same assessment point, for example	
	either a written or oral assessment, or by	
	offering a range of different assessment	
	tasks across the curriculum.	
Curricula	Career management skills	
informed by	Courses should provide support for the	
employer and	development of career management skills	
industry need	that enable student to be familiar with and	
	understand relevant industries or	
	professions, be able to build on Work-	
	the role of self-appraisal and planning for	
	lifelong learning in career development	
	develop resilience and manage the	
	career building process. This should be	
	designed to inform the development of	
	excellence and professionalism.	
Curricula	Capstone project/dissertation	
informed by	The level 6 project or dissertation is a	
employer and	critical point for the integration and	
industry need /	synthesis of knowledge and skills from	
Assessment	across the course. It also provides an	
for learning /	important transition into employment if the	
High impact	assessment is authentic, industry-facing	
pedagogies	or client-driven. It is recommended that	
	this is a capstone experience, bringing	
	together all learning across the course	
	and creates the opportunity for the	
	development of student outcomes	
	including professionalism, integrity and	
	creativity.	

Appendix C: Terminology

[Please provide a selection of definitions according to your own course and context to help prospective students who may not be familiar with terms used in higher education. Some examples are listed below]

awarding body	a UK higher education provider (typically a university) with the power to award higher education qualifications such as degrees
bursary	a financial award made to students to support their studies; sometimes used interchangeably with 'scholarship'
collaborative provision	a formal arrangement between a degree-awarding body and a partner organisation, allowing for the latter to provide higher education on behalf of the former
compulsory module	a module that students are required to take
contact hours	the time allocated to direct contact between a student and a member of staff through, for example, timetabled lectures, seminars and tutorials
coursework	student work that contributes towards the final result but is not assessed by written examination
current students	students enrolled on a course who have not yet completed their studies or been awarded their qualification
delivery organisation	an organisation that delivers learning opportunities on behalf of a degree-awarding body
distance-learning course	a course of study that does not involve face-to-face contact between students and tutors
extracurricular	activities undertaken by students outside their studies
feedback (on assessment)	advice to students following their completion of a piece of assessed or examined work
formative assessment	a type of assessment designed to help students learn more effectively, to progress in their studies and to prepare for summative assessment; formative assessment does not contribute to the final mark, grade or class of degree awarded to students

higher education provider	organisations that deliver higher education
independent learning	learning that occurs outside the classroom that might include preparation for scheduled sessions, follow-up work, wider reading or practice, completion of assessment tasks, or revision
intensity of study	the time taken to complete a part-time course compared to the equivalent full-time version: for example, half-time study would equate to 0.5 intensity of study
lecture	a presentation or talk on a particular topic; in general lectures involve larger groups of students than seminars and tutorials
learning zone	a flexible student space that supports independent and social earning
material information	information students need to make an informed decision, such as about what and where to study
mode of study	different ways of studying, such as full-time, part-time, e-learning or work-based learning
modular course	a course delivered using modules
module	a self-contained, formally structured unit of study, with a coherent and explicit set of learning outcomes and assessment criteria; some providers use the word 'course' or 'course unit' to refer to individual modules
national teaching fellowship	a national award for individuals who have made an outstanding impact on student learning and the teaching profession
navigability (of websites)	the ease with which users can obtain the information they require from a website
optional module	a module or course unit that students choose to take
performance (examinations)	a type of examination used in performance- based subjects such as drama and music
professional body	an organisation that oversees the activities of a particular profession and represents the interests of its members
prospective student	those applying or considering applying for any programme, at any level and employing any mode of study, with a higher education provider

regulated course	a course that is regulated by a regulatory body
regulatory body	an organisation recognised by government as being responsible for the regulation or approval of a particular range of issues and activities
scholarship	a type of bursary that recognises academic achievement and potential, and which is sometimes used interchangeably with 'bursary'
semester	either of the parts of an academic year that is divided into two for purposes of teaching and assessment (in contrast to division into terms)
seminar	seminars generally involve smaller numbers than lectures and enable students to engage in discussion of a particular topic and/or to explore it in more detail than might be covered in a lecture
summative assessment	formal assessment of students' work, contributing to the final result
term	any of the parts of an academic year that is divided into three or more for purposes of teaching and assessment (in contrast to division into semesters)
total study time	the total time required to study a module, unit or course, including all class contact, independent learning, revision and assessment
tutorial	one-to-one or small group supervision, feedback or detailed discussion on a particular topic or project
work/study placement	a planned period of experience outside the institution (for example, in a workplace or at another higher education institution) to help students develop particular skills, knowledge or understanding as part of their course
workload	see 'total study time'
written examination	a question or set of questions relating to a particular area of study to which candidates write answers usually (but not always) under timed conditions