



**Bachelor of Technology  
in  
Quantity Surveying**

**Student Handbook**

**Faculty of Industrial Technology  
University of Vocational Technology**

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## **Rationale for the Quantity Surveying Degree:**

Construction is one of the fastest growing industries in the world as well as in Sri Lanka. Development of new technology and new industrial knowledge give rise to its growing success. Construction offers more job opportunities than most of the other industries for those who seek high profile, lucrative and satisfying career.

The Quantity Surveyor is a highly acclaimed profession within the construction industry and a well-qualified and a well-experienced Quantity Surveyor plays an indispensable role in the Industry and is highly demanded both locally and internationally. Quantity surveyor provide a range of services, including cost advice and forecasting, contractual advice, cost control and financial management of Construction projects from the inception to completion. This type of work provides an excellent basis for progression to management position throughout the industry.

Bachelor of Technology degree in Quantity Surveying offered by UoVT aims to provide practising Quantity Surveyors employed at the middle level with diploma level qualifications, an opportunity to achieve professional advancement through acquisition of higher academic qualifications.

## **Admission Requirements:**

- i. NVQ level 5 or equivalent in Quantity Surveying  
or
- ii. Any other diploma in Quantity Surveying of at least one year full time or equivalent part time offered by a TVEC registered training provider with 01 year of post – diploma Industry / teaching experience in the relevant field  
or
- iii. Any other qualification accepted by Academic Council of University of Vocational Technology

Exemptions may be granted in relevant modules after a proper evaluation for those who have NVQ level 6 or equivalent qualifications. Preference will be given to those applicants having post diploma industrial experience of at least one year.

## **Student Selection:**

Eligible candidates are required to sit for an aptitude test. Selection is done based on the marks obtained by the candidates.

## **Registration:**

Registration is the acceptance of the selected applicant as a student in the University. Prior to registration the applicant is issued with an offer letter for a particular academic programme along with a voucher to pay the relevant course fee, of which following may be the constituents:

- a) Registration fee – To be paid at the first registration and subsequently at re-registrations
- b) Tuition fee
- c) Facility fee
- d) Library deposit (Refundable)
- e) Library fees (nonrefundable)
- f) Laboratory fee if applicable (nonrefundable)

The letter calling for registration will request the applicant to produce the original documents of the following:

- a) School leaving certificate
- b) National Identity Card or Passport
- c) Birth Certificate
- d) Certificates of all educational qualifications
- e) Documents requested to be obtained from the employer
- f) Any other documents depending on the study programme
- g) Documentary evidence for the payment of the Registration fees, course fees, Library fees, etc.

University has no obligations to refund the above fees in case of a disqualification of an applicant for reasons due to lapse/s from the part of the applicant at the registration stage. The applicant who is duly registered for an academic programme shall become a student of the University and will receive a Student number and a Student Identification Card.

The selected candidate shall personally appear before the registration desk for registration, unless the provision is available for online registration.

## **Credit system and the Duration:**

The course structure is based on module system. Each module has been assigned a Credit Value, depending upon the number of notional hours required to achieve the outcome of the module. Notional hours include directed learning as well as self-directed learning. This system is benchmarked with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

Duration of the degree program is 3 academic years. One academic year consists of two semesters. One semester may consist of 15 weeks for weekday programmes and 22 weekends for weekend programmes. Total notional hours per semester, is 750. A total of 25 notional hours is equal to 01 credit. Total number of credits per semester is 30.

B. Tech. in Quantity Surveying degree is a 3 year full time course.

## **Course Structure:**

### **Module Code:**

CT10510	-	CT	-	Department offering the module
		1	-	Semester
		05	-	Number of Credits
		10	-	Serial number of the module

### **Module Type:**

The degree consists of Compulsory (C) modules, Elective (E) modules and Optional (O) modules. Core compulsory modules and Elective modules designated as GPA modules will be used to calculate the grade point averages.

C	-	Compulsory
E	-	Elective
O	-	Optional
G	-	GPA
NG	-	Non GPA

Module Code	Module Title	Type	Credits	Year I		Year II		Year III	
				S-I	S-II	S-I	S-II	S-I	S-II
QS10501	Advanced Building Construction Technology	C/G	5	√					
QS10602	Advanced Building Measurement	C/G	6	√					
QS10603	Civil Engineering Construction Technology	C/G	6	√					
QS10404	Communication Skills	C/G	4	√					
QS10505	Drawing and Design Appreciation	C/G	5	√					
QS10406	Fundamentals of Management	C/G	4	√					
QS20401	Building Materials and Maintenance Management	C/G	4		√				
QS20302	Business Statistics	C/G	3		√				
QS20603	Civil Engineering Measurement	C/G	6		√				
QS20504	Construction Law	C/G	5		√				
QS20305	Economics I	C/G	3		√				
QS20606	Information Technology I	C/G	6		√				
QS20307	Standard Forms of Contract	C/G	3		√				
QS30601	Building Services Technology I	C/G	6			√			
QS30602	Cost Planning and Estimating	C/G	6			√			
QS30603	Information Technology II	C/G	6			√			
QS30504	Price Analysis	C/G	5			√			
QS30305	Specification Writing	C/G	3			√			
QS30406	Tender Procedure	C/G	4			√			
QS40601	Building Services Technology II	C/G	6				√		
QS40602	Commercial Management I	C/G	6				√		
QS40403	Construction Accounting	C/G	4				√		
QS40604	Contract Administration	C/G	6				√		
QS40405	Professional Communication	C/G	4				√		
QS40406	Strategic Procurement	C/G	4				√		
QS50501	Building Services Measurement	C/G	5					√	
QS50302	Development Appraisal	C/G	3					√	
QS50203	Economics II	C/G	2					√	
QS50304	Ethics and Professional Practice	C/G	3					√	
QS50805	Industrial/Work-Based Training	C/G	8					√	
QS50306	Project Management	C/G	3					√	
QS50407	Project Planning and Scheduling	C/G	4					√	
QS50308	Research Methods	C/G	3					√	
QS60601	Construction Claims	C/G	6						√
QS60302	Construction Risk Management	C/G	3						√
QS60303	Entrepreneurship Development	C/G	3						√
QS61204	Final Year Project	C/G	12						√
QS60305	Modern Construction Economics	C/G	3						√
QS60206	Occupational Health and Safety	C/G	2						√

### **Industrial/Work-Based Training:**

Fifth semester of the study programme is dedicated to this component of the degree. Purpose of this module is to enable students to apply competencies acquired through the academic programme to workplace experiences.

Students studying the degree during weekdays will be placed in various industrial establishments/worksites related to their fields of study for a period of six months through National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) under undergraduate in plant training scheme.

Those who are studying during weekends are required to undertake work-based training in their places of work, under the supervision of a senior officer. Work undertaken during this period should be relevant to their field of study and may differ from the normal routine work which he/she is supposed to attend in his/her job.

### **Final Year Project:**

This module is available in the sixth semester. It consists of both individual and group projects which aim to introduce students to the exciting world of research, enabling them to demonstrate an ability focus on selected research problems/key issues/conundrums related to Quantity Surveying and real-life projects; and finally formulate/propose solutions for those by conducting primary/secondary research.

### **Course Assessment System:**

The performance of each student in each module will be evaluated by continuous assessments and a semester-end examination.

The weightings assigned for the continuous assessment component and the semester - end examination of a module will be as follows.

- \* Continuous Assessment      40% - 70%
- \* Semester - End Examination   60% - 30%
- The continuous assessment may consist of assignments, quizzes, laboratory work, practical, tutorials, demonstrations, presentations, projects, oral tests and mid semester tests. Weightings of each of these components used in the determination of the final grade for

each module should be clearly conveyed in writing to the students at the commencement of each module along with the outline of the module.

- The students should maintain 80% of attendance and satisfy the requirements specified in each module descriptor to be eligible to sit for the semester-end examination.
- All Candidates should obtain at least 30% of the marks allocated for continuous assessment to get qualified to sit for the semester - end examination.

### **Grading System and Computation of Grade Point Average (GPA):**

A letter grade shall be awarded to each module. The cut-off marks for each grade and the corresponding grade points are given below.

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Grade Point</b>
A+	90 or above	4.00
A	80 – 89	3.70
B+	70 – 79	3.30
B	60 – 69	3.00
C+	50 – 59	2.70
C	40 – 49	2.00
D	30 – 39	1.00
E	01 – 29	0.00
F	0	0.00

1. Grade D or above is required to earn credits for a module.
2. A minimum 30% should be obtained from continuous assessment for eligibility to sit for the end semester exam.
3. A minimum requirement of 30% should be obtained from the semester - end Examination in order to obtain a grade D or above for a module.
4. A student satisfying continuous assessment requirements and getting between 1 – 29 marks for the semester end examination

receives a symbol as E(ET) while a student getting 0 for the semester end examination receives symbol F(ET). A student satisfying semester end examination requirements and getting between 1 and 29 marks for the continuous assessment receives a symbol as E(CA) a student getting 0 for the continuous assessment receives symbol as F(ET). A student getting between 1 and 29 marks for both the semester end examination & the continuous assessment receives the Grade E while a student getting 0 for both the semester end examination & continuous assessment receives the Grade F. A student must repeat the part of the module examination/complete module examination having Grade E or F & must improve up to Grade D or C. The modules having Grade D are allowed to repeat only when the Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) of a particular semester is less than 2.00. By repeating only the semester end examination/continuous assessment or both, the Grades F, E or D can be improved only up to a C grade and considered for calculating Grade Point Average (GPA). Repeating continuous assessment or semester end examination is considered as repeating the whole module.

### **Academic Concession:**

Academic Concession may be granted to a student with the approval of the Faculty Board, in the event that a student is unable to sit for the semester-end examination due to illness or other compelling reason. In such instances the student must notify the Dean of the faculty within 48 hours of the cause. Further, the student should make an appeal with supporting documents to the Dean for an Academic Concession within one week from the date of the examination. The continuous assessment component can be carried forward to the next examination as the first attempt.



## **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA):**

The calculation of the Semester Grade Point Average will be based on the Grade Points earned for all modules registered in a semester (except those awarded with academic concession) weighted according to number of credits. The SGPA is rounded to the nearest second decimal place. The SGPA is reported on transcripts and Statement of Results that may be issued for each semester.

The formula for calculating SGPA is given below.

$$\text{Semester GPA (SGPA)} = \frac{\Sigma (\text{Number of Credits for a semester module} \times \text{Grade point obtained for the module})}{\text{Total number of credits for the Semester}}$$

## **Final Grade Point Average (FGPA):**

The Final Grade Point Average is the absolute academic standing of the student calculated on the basis of SGPA. The FGPA will be calculated using the following formula.

$$\text{Final GPA (FGPA)} = \frac{\Sigma (\text{Semester GPA})}{\text{Number of Semesters}}$$

## **Unsatisfactory Standing on Academic Performance:**

If the student's SGPA falls between 1.99 and 1.50 the student will be placed on Academic Warning.

A student who falls into one of the following categories of the SGPA will not be permitted to register for a new module until the SGPA is upgraded to 2.00 or more.

- i. SGPA < 1.50 in any two semesters
- ii. SGPA < 1.50 in any semester and  $1.50 \leq \text{SGPA} < 2.00$  in any two semesters
- iii.  $1.50 \leq \text{SGPA} < 2.00$  in any three semesters

## **Graduation Requirements:**

### **Credit Requirements:**

A student should satisfy the following requirements in order to be admitted to the Bachelor of Technology in Quantity Surveying.

- (i) A minimum total of 180 credits from modules specified.
- (ii) A minimum Final Grade Point Average (FGPA) of 2.00
- (iii) Any other mandatory requirement specified by the Academic Council

### **Key to Final Results (FGPA – Final Grade Point Average):**

#### **FGPA**

#### **Final Results**

3.7 or Above	First Class
3.30 – 3.69	Second Upper
2.70 – 3.29	Second Lower
2.00 – 2.69	Ordinary Pass
Below 2.00	Incomplete

