# General Information:

Name of Course:

Advanced Construction

Management

Course Code: MSM055AN

Semester: 7th/1st

Number of Credits: 3

Allotment of Hours per Week: 1 Lectures and 1 Practical Lessons /Week

Evaluation: Examination grade

Prerequisites: -

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## General Subject Description

The subject of Advanced Construction Management provides theoretical and practical training in the Architect BSc degree program. During the lectures and practical sessions of the semester, students will gain competitive knowledge in the field of construction implementation and construction management. Costing and budgeting, workplace scheduling, organizational deployment make up the tasks of the semester for students.

## Learning Outcomes

The course will focus on:

* Developing engineering thinking
* Learning how to prepare a budget
* The student is able to analyze the organizational and management processes of complex construction projects; is able to develop and evaluate alternative construction schedules and budgets. (Site plan)

## Subject content

During the lectures students will learn about the basic of the project managing, the phases of the construction projects, time scheduling of a project and the cost estimating of them. Besides the lectures, they are going to attend construction site visits where they can learn the practical solution of the managing methods.

During the practical sessions, students will have to make a live site organization plan on a realistic site in the town. They have to find the most effective and efficient solution for the situations.

The Course includes:

* Regular (weekly) supervisions by teacher of the Department of Engineering Studies.
* Continuous consultation and correction of the practical task in the classes
* Preparation for the mid-term paper
* Organizational analysis at the site plan, its presentation and analysis of alternative solutions
* Presentation of organizational plan assignment in class
* Preparing for the Midsemester tests

## Examination and evaluation system

*In all cases. Annex 5 of the Statutes of the University of Pécs, the* ***Code of Studies and Examinations (CSE)******of the University of Pécs*** *shall prevail*

[*https://international.pte.hu/sites/international.pte.hu/files/doc/TVSZ%202022\_06\_23\_ENG.pdf*](https://international.pte.hu/sites/international.pte.hu/files/doc/TVSZ%202022_06_23_ENG.pdf)

Attending is required all classes, and will impact the grade (max. 10%). Unexcused absences will adversely affect the grade, and in case of absence from more than 15% of the total number of lesson (it is max. 30%) will be grounds for failing the class. To be in class at the beginning time and stay until the scheduled end of the lesson is required, tardiness of more than 20 minutes will be counted as an absence. In the case of an illness or family emergency, the student must present a valid excuse, such as a doctor's note.

The highest possible grade on the late project (after Study Period before Exam Period) is ‘2’.

*End-of-semester grade may be given by exam grade which may be defined on the basis of the performance at the exam exclusively or by taken into consideration performance on mid-term tests and the exam jointly. In the latter case the exam shall contribute to the grade by 50% at least and the mid-term tests by 50% at most.*

*Article 50. (2)497 In the case of a student failing to fulfil an obligation which is a condition of entry to exam pursuant to the requirements and may be made up for in the exam period, the student shall be entitled to attempt*

*to satisfy the requirement of the given course on one occasion not later than the end of the second week*

*of the exam period. If the student does not attend this one occasion the lecturer is not obliged to provide*

*the student with a further appointment for making up for the completion.*

**Assessment**

**Mid-term assessments, performance evaluation and their weighting as a pre-requisite for taking the final exam**

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| **Type** | **Assessment** | **Ratio in the final grade** |
| *1. Test* | *max 40 points* | *40%* |
| *2. Site organization plan / on a real construction site* | *max 34 points* | *34%* |
| *3. Attendance at lectures and laboratory practices* | *max 18 points* | *18%* |
| *5. Visiting the construction site tours (lecture)* | *max 8 points* | *8%* |

**Requirements for the end-of-semester signature**

The conditions for successful completion of the semester are active class attendance, attendance at construction site visits in appropriate protective equipment, and successful completion of the mid-semester test and the task.

Certified attendance at practical sessions is done in accordance with the regulations laid down in the topic! The practice leaders keep an attendance sheet/consultation sheet, with published and not attended/didn’t prepare for class. The maximum number of absences allowed during practical classes is 30% according to the Annex 5 of the Statues of the University of Pécs, the Code of Studies and Examinations (CSE) of the University of Pécs shall prevail (<https://english.mik.pte.hu/codes-and-regulations>), 2 occasion.

During the semester, students report on their work and knowledge several times.

Attendance at lectures and laboratory practices are worth a total of 18 points during the semester in a distribution of 7 points each.

During the semester, we organize on-site visits and construction visits, with an educational purpose. Their time and group assignments are determined individually and announced during the first education week. During the semester, the students can confirm his participation in two optional tours of the construction site at a time determined in advance by the instructors by signing the attendance led by the Organizer. Therefore, 4-4 points are awarded

***Re-takes for the end-of-semester signature*** *(PTE TVSz 50§(2))*

The semester closes at the 12th week. Mid-semester tests that do not reach the minimum score can be corrected once during the due diligence period.

*The specific regulations for grade betterment and re-take must be read and applied according to the general Code of Studies and Examinations. E.g.: all the tests and the records to be submitted can be repeated/improved each at least once every semester, and the tests and home assignments can be repeated/improved at least once in the first two weeks of the examination period.*

**Type of examination** (written, oral): written

The exam is successful if the result is minimum 40%.

**Calculation of the grade**

The mid-term performance accounts for 50%, the performance at the exam accounts for 50% in the calculation of the final grade.

**Calculation of the final grade based on aggregate performance in percentage**

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| Numeric Grade: | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|  | A, excellent | B, good | C, avarage | D, satisfactory | F, Fail |
| Evaluation in points: | 85-100 | 70-85 | 55-70 | 40-54 | 0-40 |

## Readings and Reference Materials

**Required:**

* + R. Chudley, R. Greeno - Building construction handbook seventh edition (2008)

ISBN: 978-0-7506-86228

**More:**

* + Sidney Levy - Construction process planning and Management (2010)

ISBN : 978-1-85617-548-7

* + Emad Elbeltagi - Lecture notes on construction project management (2009)
  + S.W. Nunnally – Construction Methods and Management (2007)

ISBN 0-13-171685-9

* + Frank R. Dagostino, Steven J. Peterson - Estimating in Building Construction (2011)

ISBN-13: 978-0-13-119952-1

* + Københavns Erhvervsakademi and VIA University College, Horsens(E-BOOK) (2011)

## Methodology

During the training, we provide students with up-to-date information. The tasks are based on real cases and examples. Student works are carried out with constant control, but at the same time the personal aptitude of each student must be revealed.

## Students with Special Needs

Students with a disability and needs to request special accommodations, please, notify the Deans Office. Proper documentation of disability will be required. All attempts to provide an equal learning environment for all will be made.

## Schedule

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| Lecture | | | | |
| week | **Topic** | **Compulsory reading; page number**  **(from … to …)** | **Required tasks (assignments, tests, etc.)** | **Completion date, due date** |
| 1. | Introduction. Basic information on the semester. A phase of the project. | lecture notes | - | 12/09/2025 |
| 2. | The participants of the construction project.  **Case study 01** | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 19/09/2025 |
| 3. | Preparation and planning. Starting of  construction projects, preparation and  planning.  Selecting architect (competition).  **/SITE VISIT** | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 26/09/2025 |
| 4. | MIK Partner’s Day | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 03/10/2025 |
| 5. | Construction and operation. Selecting of the contractor.  **Case study 02** | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 10/10/2025 |
| 6. | PM in general.  **/SITE VISIT** | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 17/10/2025 |
| 7. | National holiday | - | - | 24/10/2025 |
| 8. | **Autumn break** | - | - | 31/10/2025 |
| 9. | PM in details. | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 07/11/2025 |
| 10. | Basics and theory of time planning  **Case study 03** | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 14/11/2025 |
| 11. | Samples. Using computer for time planning. Softwares. | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 21/11/2025 |
| 12. | Site planning. | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 28/11/2025 |
| 13. | Budget, cost estimation.  **Case study 04** | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 05/12/2025 |
| 14. | Cost calculation methods. | lecture notes | preparation from the previous lecture | 12/12/2025 |

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| Practice/Laboratory Practice | | | | |
| week | **Topic** | **Compulsory reading; page number**  **(from … to …)** | **Required tasks (assignments, tests, etc.)** | **Completion date, due date** |
| 1. | Introduction. | practice notes, help documents | - | 11/09/2025 |
| 2. | Visual tools of PM. Mind map. **Presentation of The semi annual TASK** | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 18/09/2025 |
| 3. | Organizations and their operation. The architect’s office.  **/SITE VISIT** | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 25/09/2025 |
| 4. | MIK Partner’s Day | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 02/10/2025 |
| 5. | Planning competitions. | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 09/10/2025 |
| 6. | Functional analyses.  **/SITE VISIT** | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 16/10/2025 |
| 7. | National holiday | - | - | 23/10/2025 |
| 8. | Autumn break | - | - | 30/10/2025 |
| 9. | PM problem solving. | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 06/11/2025 |
| 10. | Communication. Conflict treatment.  **Preparation for the test** | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 13/11/2025 |
| 11. | Scheduling in practice 2. | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 20/11/2025 |
| 12. | Cost estimation. Cost and time.  **Mid-semester test** | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 27/11/2025 |
| 13. | Site planning in detail | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 04/12/2025 |
| 14. | Calculation in practice | practice notes, help documents | preparation from the previous practice | 11/12/2025 |

## Task description

*Each student has to work on an individually selected assignment. The simulations are based on a real construction site, a real building. As part of the implementation, all students will acquire the knowledge required to solve the task at the actual construction sites.*

The project selected depends on the construction process and site. During the classes students will acquire the information regarding the structural system of the buildings to be built, the building materials and the applied construction technology.

You should:

* follow the task assigned for you
* actively participate in consultations
* acquire user-level ArchiCAD / AtoCAD skills
* have basic-level expertise in building structure and technology

We reserve the right to make changes to the details of this course syllabus (date / location / clarifications), which will be communicated to the students. In case of questions and problems that arise during the semester contact the responsible lecturer or the study program coordinator.

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