CONSTRUCTION ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT:
ANNOUNCEMENT OF PART-TIME COURSES AT WITS UNIVERSITY

1. INTRODUCTION
The School of Construction Economics and Management is happy to announce that it will be offering credit-bearing courses towards its SACPCMP-accredited BSc Honours Degree in Construction Management on a PART-TIME basis in 2020.

This model was introduced to address an industry need where many graduates in the built environment sector, from Wits and other universities, who were previously unable to complete honours level study, or who undertook BTech qualifications, are finding it difficult to achieve professional registration with the South African Council for the Construction and Project Management Professions (SACMP) due to the lack of a level 8 HEQF qualification. This follows a successful model that has been introduced to enable the SACQSP-accredited Honours degree in Quantity Surveying. Since this model was introduced in 2016 some 50+ students graduated with their degrees in 2018 and 2019. A further 30 are expected to complete at the end of the 2019 academic year.

These courses are also available for those who want to register for personal / professional development and who meet the relevant entrance requirements.

2. HOW DOES IT WORK?
The School of Construction Economics at Wits University, in partnership with Wits Plus, the Centre for Part-Time Studies, runs a number of short courses that are credit-bearing towards the Honours degree. Students who complete any of these courses will receive a fully accredited Wits Certificate of Competence for that course.

In order to make the course accessible and affordable for part-time students who may have to travel to Wits from other centres, the courses are offered over weekends. These weekends are approximately four weeks apart with lectures taking place on Saturdays and Sundays. Students will sit for the same exam and undertake the same assessments as the
full-time students and in many cases the courses are taught by the same lecturing staff within the School.

Offering these courses as short courses enables students to plan their studies taking factors such as work load, personal circumstances and affordability into consideration.

The following should be noted:

- Admission to the Honours programme will be dependent on academic performance in these short courses. Successful completion of these courses does NOT guarantee acceptance into Honours.
- All students will be required to register for the Research and Professional Skills course, completion of which is a pre-requisite for admission to the Honours programme.
- The model allows for students to complete the Honours degree in a minimum period of two years. However, students will be able to spread the five short courses over a longer period.
- Each weekend session will typically be a full Saturday but will finish by midday on Sunday.
- **A further three courses need to be completed in order to be awarded an Honours degree:** Advanced Building Science, Simulated Project (CM) and Research Report. These courses will not be available as short courses and will be registered for as part of the Honours degree but are also taught using weekend contact sessions and thus can only be done in 2021.
- The remaining three courses must be completed while a student is registered on the full-time Honours degree and thus students who are non-SA permanent residents or non-SA nationals will need to apply for study permits as if this was a full-time programme.
- While the Honours degree is accredited by the SACPCMP, there is no guarantee that applicants will meet all the requirements for registration upon completion of the Honours degree.

3. **COURSE DETAILS AND PROGRAMME**

The following courses will be offered:
RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS (BUQS0084)

- **Boot Camp:** 27 to 29 January
- **Session 1:** 15/16 February
- **Session 2:** 16/17 May
- **Session 3:** 11/12 July
- **Session 4:** 19 September

CONSTRUCTION LAW (BUQS0074)

- **Session 1:** 29 February /01 March
- **Session 2:** 4/5 April

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT (BUQS0078)

- **Session 1:** 14/15 March
- **Session 2:** 18/19 April

ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (BUQS00XX)

- **Session 1:** 25/26 July
- **Session 2:** 5/6 September

CIVIL ENGINEERING IN CONSTRUCTION (BUQS00XX)

- **Session 1:** 22/23 August
- **Session 2:** 3/4 October
4. **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Prospective students will need to have an undergraduate qualification in Construction Studies, Construction Management Studies or related field, or a relevant B.Tech in Construction Management combined with a period of relevant post-qualification work experience.

5. **COSTS**

The course fee PER course is **R 15 250**. A non-refundable application fee of **R 250** per course is required. This is NOT an additional fee and will be deducted from the course fee.

As per the Wits short course policy, short course fees are payable upfront.

6. **HOW TO APPLY**

- The application form must be completed and returned to Wits Plus together with the following supporting documentation:
  1. Copy of your ID document (if card ID – copies of front and back)
  2. Copy of the academic transcript/record and certificate of your undergraduate qualification(s)
  3. Brief CV that clearly illustrates your suitability for the course
  4. Proof of payment of the application fee of **R 250** (per course you are applying for)
  5. If your employer is paying for your studies, we need a written confirmation of this on a formal company letterhead.

- Application form, including the required documentation and proof of payment of the application fee) may be emailed to the address provided on the application form. It should be noted that certified copies will be required on the day of registration.
- Registration will be done on the first day of each course at Wits. There is no need to come in before that time.
- Applications will be collated by Wits Plus but the final decisions will be made by the School of Construction Economics and Management.
- The closing dates for applications for the various courses are provided on the application form. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.