

# Construction Law & Dispute Resolution MSc 2022-23



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# 1.

## **Introduction**

This prospectus guides you through the structure and content of the MSc programme in Construction Law & Dispute Resolution taught in London by the Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution at King's College London.

The organisation of the MSc is based on four taught modules with nine full days of teaching for each module. These will be divided into three-day blocks, usually Thursday/Friday/Saturday.

There are two or three additional occasions each year which may require students' attendance in London, for example formal enrolment at the start of the programme, revision exercises and examinations and dissertation planning or supervision.

This intensive structure encourages contact and interaction between members of each student group and – a significant benefit – makes it easier for students from outside London to join the programme.

# 2.

## Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution

The King's College London, Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution is part of The Dickson Poon School of Law. The Centre's Director is Professor Renato Nazzini FCI Arb and its founder is Emeritus Professor John Uff QC CBE.

### Our main activities are:

- the MSc programme, taught since 1988 at the Strand Campus
- conferences and public lectures on aspects of construction law
- an active research programme in construction law
- publications on aspects of construction law.

The Centre is interdisciplinary with staff and students drawn from all parts of the construction industry and its professions, including lawyers (barristers and solicitors), engineers, architects, surveyors and other construction professionals, as well as those with dual qualifications in a range of fields.

The Centre's approach is also transnational, encouraging dialogue on construction issues between students and staff from all parts of the world. Our intensive weekend teaching sessions foster participation by students not resident in London.

The Centre has good relations with other bodies active in the field of construction law including the Society of Construction Law (SCL), the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Alliance Steering Group and the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators. The Centre collaborates with the SCL in public seminars and conferences and has the benefit of SCL research funding and annual student prizes.

### Conferences

The Centre hosts regular public conferences with contributions from MSc visiting staff and MSc alumni.

Details of past and upcoming conferences can be found on the Centre's website:

[kcl.ac.uk/law/research/centres/construction/conferences](https://kcl.ac.uk/law/research/centres/construction/conferences)

### Donations

The Centre is grateful to many leading organisations and eminent individuals who offer their time in lecturing, tutoring and supervising the work of our students. These contributions are vital to the worldwide reputation that the Centre has developed.

In 1991 a donation from Bill Brown in memory of his son, a King's engineering graduate, inaugurated the Michael Brown Foundation, a fund whose investment income supports research and teaching at the Centre, as well as a series of public lectures.

Details of the Michael Brown lectures can be found on the Centre's website:

[kcl.ac.uk/law/research/centres/construction/conferences](https://kcl.ac.uk/law/research/centres/construction/conferences)

# 3.

## MSc structure and teaching dates

The core activity of the Centre is the taught MSc programme, which is designed to enable practising lawyers, engineers, architects, surveyors and other construction professionals to gain expertise in a range of studies focusing on construction law and dispute resolution.

The overall aim of the MSc is to provide an academically rigorous and challenging programme, informed by both research and practice, which:

- gives students from a legal background the necessary basic understanding of construction technology and students from a non-legal background the necessary basic understanding of the law
- makes students fully aware of the general law affecting construction, including the law of contract and tort, the law of property, the law on security and insolvency
- critically analyses the processes of construction and project procurement, and the roles of all participants in these processes, from a legal perspective and including new forms of procurement in public and private sectors world-wide
- considers the aims and techniques of the law (both public and private) relating specifically to construction, including standard form contracts and the law concerned with building standards, the environment and health and safety
- considers the prevalence of disputes in construction and methods for avoiding or resolving them, including international arbitration, adjudication, dispute boards and mediation
- gives students an international framework for understanding the legal issues affecting construction

- tests students' ability to apply their knowledge of construction law
- encourages and supports students in demonstrating their ability to choose a topic for research (with an appropriate methodology), to carry out this research and to write it up in a dissertation complying with academic best practice; and
- facilitates dialogue between lawyers and construction professionals.

The MSc has a target entry of 60 new students a year, divided roughly as one third lawyers and two thirds non-lawyers with student ages often ranging between 25 and 55. This Construction Law & Dispute Resolution MSc is the only course of its type in central London. Although many of our students live or work in the United Kingdom, an increasing number travel from further away to take part. We are pleased to welcome overseas students from all around the world (over 20 different countries in the last intake). Usually about half of our new students have some form of financial support from an employer or other source of funding.

Most students are part-time, but a significant number of full-time students now enter the programme each year. The course duration is normally 12 months for lawyers with a high level of competence in English, and 20 months for all others.

### 3. MSc structure and teaching dates

#### Structure of MSc

The programme is designed primarily for study part-time over two years commencing in late September.

Its structure involves following two taught modules each year and writing a supervised dissertation (five modules in total):

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
Mid-September	Online enrolment	September to December	<b>Term 1</b>
September to December	<b>Term 1</b> MODULE A: <b>INTRODUCTION TO LAW</b> For construction professionals and lawyers from outside the UK <i>Includes assessed coursework</i>  <i>or</i> MODULE AL: <b>INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY</b> For lawyers <i>Includes assessed coursework</i>	October/November	MODULE D: <b>ARBITRATION &amp; DISPUTE RESOLUTION</b> <i>Includes assessed coursework</i>
January to March	<b>Term 2</b> MODULE B: <b>CONSTRUCTION LAW I</b> <i>Includes assessed coursework and mock exams for Modules A/AL</i>	November/December	Dissertation Day
April/May	Revision and examinations	January to March	<b>Term 2</b> MODULE C: <b>CONSTRUCTION LAW II</b> <i>Includes assessed coursework</i>
July	Examination results available via Student Records	April/May	Revision and examinations
August	Resit/Deferred examinations	June	Optional Award-writing examination (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators) <i>See section 5</i>
October	Start developing ideas for dissertation topic; submit draft synopsis	July	Examination results available via Student Records
		August	Resit/Deferred examinations
		September	Submit dissertation <i>Deadline is mid-September</i>
		December	Dissertation & MSc final results available via Student Records

Students are required to pass both first-year modules before continuing to the second year. MSc students who do not pass both the first-year taught modules are given a second and final chance in August of the same year.

An MSc student who does not pass both the second-year taught modules or the dissertation is normally given a second and final chance to do so in August of the same year. Few second-year students need a second attempt at one or both exams; and few students who submit a dissertation by the deadline get failing marks for it. The MSc degree is classified on a Pass-Merit-Distinction basis. Students who fail to get passing marks in any module or in their dissertation at the second attempt are ineligible to receive the MSc.

A student who follows the MSc on a full-time basis may follow all four taught modules in the first year, but 20-month students will be examined on only the first-year modules at the end of the first year, will be required to submit the dissertation at the end of the first year, and will then be examined on any remaining taught module/s at the end of the second year.

### 3. MSc structure and teaching dates

#### Organisation of teaching

Each taught module has nine teaching days on Thursday/Friday/Saturday. Revision sessions for all taught modules are held during April.

In addition to attending lectures, all taught modules require students to complete formative written coursework, which may be discussed at a feedback session with a member of staff or MSc alumnus. A second piece of coursework in each module is assessed and counts towards the final mark.

For specific information regarding course dates, please visit our webpages: [kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/courses/construction-law-and-dispute-resolution-msc](https://kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/courses/construction-law-and-dispute-resolution-msc)

#### Time and commitment needed

It takes both time and effort to prepare for classes, to attend them and to do the necessary reading around the course subjects and the prescribed written coursework. The part-time two-year structure makes it possible for you to combine the programme with your existing occupational responsibilities, especially if you have a supportive employer.

Students report that they spend 10-15 hours a week in term-time in reading, writing and preparing for classes, in addition to attending lectures and tutorials at King's. They also spend a significant part of the break between Terms 1 and 2 (the Christmas vacation) in consolidating the first term's material and in writing coursework. Many choose to take leave for revision in the period before each year's examinations.

The Centre knows that occasionally students' work commitments make it difficult to attend classes regularly. A student whose attendance or time for study is seriously disrupted by work or illness may find it necessary to interrupt his/her registration on the programme or to ask for a deferral before taking examinations or completing the dissertation.

Students wishing to defer must submit a Mitigating Circumstances Form (MCF) which can be downloaded from the College website ([kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/quality/academic/assessment/mitigating-circumstances](https://kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/quality/academic/assessment/mitigating-circumstances)). Deferrals need approval by the Board of Examiners and will be granted only if a good case is made to the Centre. Normally, only one deferral will be allowed for business/professional reasons; the College normally requires part-time postgraduate degrees to be completed within six academic years, including the year of first registration. An interruption or deferral may also require the student to pay higher or additional annual fees for his/her last year: see section 6.

# 4.

## MSc syllabus

All the taught modules and the dissertation are compulsory. The programme involves attending the classes (lectures and tutorials), doing the prescribed or suggested reading, writing the prescribed coursework during the year and sitting the end-of-year examinations. Modules are generally examined by a combination of coursework and exams.

Following are guides to the content of each module, but please note that every module varies in detail each year, as do the lecturers, the students taking the course and the law itself.

### First year

Module A (non-lawyers and lawyers from outside the UK)

#### **INTRODUCTION TO LAW**

Sources and nature of law; the courts, common law and equity; law of contract, formation and terms; vitiated contracts and restitution; breach of contract and discharge; construction and rectification, assignment and novation; particular contracts and agency; multi-party contracts; negligence and other torts; vicarious liability; damages and other remedies; law of limitation; special position of public authorities; real property; status of parties; civil procedure; consumer law; EU law; company law; legal skills.

Module AL (lawyers only)

#### **CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY FOR LAWYERS**

The project cycle; construction in context; philosophy of design; loading; behaviour of soils and materials; principles of structural analysis; elements of buildings and civil engineering structures; construction methods; testing and investigation; project management; defects and their causes; environmental engineering.

Module B (all students)

#### **CONSTRUCTION LAW I**

Principles of construction contracts; procurement and relationships; functions of the engineer, architect and quantity surveyor; performance and right to payment; cost models; time, completion and liquidated damages; types of construction contract; multi-stage contracts; variations, extras and adjustment of rates; sub-contracts; tort in construction; design liability in construction; warranties and third party rights; claims and settlement of disputes; regulation of construction; planning and environmental law; property law in construction.

### Second year

Module D (all students)

#### **ARBITRATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Principles of the law of arbitration; sources of arbitration law; international arbitration conventions and institutional rules; arbitration in practice: powers and jurisdiction of the arbitrators, multi-party disputes, procedure, management of hearings; remedies for dissatisfaction; enforcement of arbitral awards; mediation and other alternative dispute resolution; adjudication law and practice; dispute boards, in particular DABs and DAABs under the FIDIC forms.

Module C (all students)

#### **CONSTRUCTION LAW II**

Concepts and processes in construction law including procurement, contracts, finance and management; public works procurement and tendering procedures; new and emerging procurement and contract options; public private partnerships and joint ventures; early contractor involvement and collaborative working; frameworks and alliances; design, supply and construction responsibilities; health and safety law and regulation; risk management and related remedies; insurance; insolvency, bonds and other indemnities; comparative law and practice under major foreign law systems.

#### **DISSERTATION** (all students)

Each student submits a final version of a proposed synopsis for a dissertation. Once the synopsis is approved, the Centre appoints a supervisor (a member of academic staff or a practitioner), who will offer guidance in the preparation of the dissertation. Dissertations are between 12,000-15,000 words; the Centre gives both students and supervisors extensive guidance on the whole process.



# 5.

## MSc, CPD and CIArb Fellowship

### The Law Society

Modules AL and B together qualify for 16 CPD hours. Modules C and D together also qualify for 16 CPD hours. A student obtaining the MSc degree can therefore earn 32 CPD hours over two years, completing the annual CPD requirement for those two years.

### General Council of the Bar

The MSc programme is worth 33 CPD hours for New Practitioners and 12 CPD hours per year for Established Practitioners.

### Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Successful completion of the MSc programme, together with passing the optional Award-Writing examination (partly pre-prepared and partly written under examination conditions) gives exemption from the Construction Adjudication & International Arbitration Modules 1, 2 and 3 Fellowship examinations of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. The Centre expects to continue to offer this qualifying award-writing examination for second-year students, usually held in June. There is an additional fee for this. Those students who do not take Module A but have a qualifying law degree or a certificate of exemption from Module A (provided by the Centre) would need to present either proof of their degree or the certificate of exemption in order to take CIArb Module 2 Exemption test. They would then need to present the MSc and award writing results in order to qualify for CIArb Fellowship.

# 6.

## Fees

For specific information regarding tuition fees, please visit our webpages:

[kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/courses/construction-law-and-dispute-resolution-msc](http://kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/courses/construction-law-and-dispute-resolution-msc)

### Method of invoicing

The university's finance department has responsibility for invoicing and collecting student fees. Fees will normally be payable in two equal instalments, by 31 October and 31 January. If you are being sponsored, you must provide a valid sponsor letter at the time of enrolment so that the invoice can be sent direct to the sponsoring organisation. In the event of non-payment of part or all of the fees by the sponsor, the outstanding amount will be invoiced to the student.

Further information is available at:

[kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/orgstructure/ps/finance/fees/fees-tandc](http://kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/orgstructure/ps/finance/fees/fees-tandc)

# 7.

## Financial assistance

### Queen's Jubilee Scholarship Trust (QUEST)

The Institution of Civil Engineers makes awards for MSc programmes. To be eligible you must be an ICE graduate and professionally qualified member with at least two years' work experience.

For more detailed information and application forms, visit the ICE website at:

[ice.org.uk/careers-and-training/quest-scholarships](http://ice.org.uk/careers-and-training/quest-scholarships) or contact:

The Institution of Civil Engineers  
One Great George Street  
London SW1P 3AA  
[quest.awards@ice.org.uk](mailto:quest.awards@ice.org.uk)

+44 (0)20 7665 2193

### The Panasonic Trust Fellowship

Applicants for the Panasonic Trust Fellowship must be UK citizens and qualified to degree level in engineering or a closely related discipline. They should have a membership at any grade of a professional engineering institution accredited by the Engineering Council. They must also have some industrial experience. This can be from a sandwich course work placement or a year-out before commencing university. The student must not be in receipt of an EPSRC or any other award.

For more information visit:

[european-funding-guide.eu/scholarship/13204-panasonic-trust-fellowship](http://european-funding-guide.eu/scholarship/13204-panasonic-trust-fellowship)

### Additional sources of help

The College Postgraduate Prospectus includes a section on finance, hardship and sources of help.

# 8.

## Centre staff

### Academic staff

#### Professor Renato Nazzini

- Appointed Director of the Centre with effect from January 2021.
- Joined the Centre as Professor of Law and Director of Research in March 2013, also Module Coordinator for Module D of the MSc and lead on the Award Writing Examination.
- Arbitrator and counsel in complex commercial and construction disputes in arbitration, both ad hoc and institutional (ICC Rules, LCIA Rules, UNCITRAL Rules, etc.), and in court proceedings and adviser to clients in construction projects around the world.
- Member of the Italian ICC ADR and Arbitration Commission, of the Board of the International Construction Law Association, of the Board of Africa Construction Law, and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
- Previously Professor of Competition Law and Arbitration at the University of Southampton, Senior Research Fellow at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and Visiting Professor at the University of Turin, at the University of Zurich and at the FGV School of Law of Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- 2003 to 2006, Senior Adviser and then Deputy Director of the Legal and Policy Department at the UK Competition Authority and led or advised on major areas of enforcement and policy, including construction, financial services, damages actions and litigation, and the review of the policy on abuse of dominance under Article 102 TFEU.
- Editor of leading construction dispute books *Transnational Construction Arbitration: Key Themes in the Resolution of Construction Disputes* (Informa, 2018) and *Construction Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice Around the World* (Informa, 2021).
- More than 100 articles and book chapters on international arbitration and competition law, three single-authored books and five edited books.
- Doctorates from the Universities of Milan and London.
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales and Italian advocate with rights of audience before the Supreme Court.

#### Professor David Mosey PhD

- Director of the Centre from 2013–20.
- Appointed Professor of Law from June 2013.
- Qualified as a solicitor in 1980.
- Legal adviser to Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain 1980 to 1984.
- Head of Trowers & Hamlins office in Sultanate of Oman 1988 to 1991.
- Head of the Projects and Construction Group at Trowers & Hamlins 1992 to 2013.
- Principal author of the Association of Consultant Architects' PPC2000 and TPC2005 suite of contracts and the FAC-1 and TAC-1 Alliance Contracts.
- Completed doctorate at the Centre in 2007, now published as 'Early Contractor in Building Procurement – contracts, partnering and project management' (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009).
- Awarded Constructing Excellence 'Achiever of the Year' award 2009.
- Co-led UK Government 'National Change Agent' programme 2005 to 2011.
- Member of Cabinet Office/Infrastructure UK Trial Project Delivery Group 2012 to 2016, exploring the potential to realise savings and other benefits pursuant to the UK Government Construction Strategy.
- Author of the King's College London 'Project Procurement and Delivery Guidance Using Two-Stage Open Book & Supply Chain Collaboration' published by the Cabinet Office in July 2014.
- Awarded Association of Consultant Architects medal for services to the practice and profession of architecture 2015.
- Author of 'Collaborative Construction Procurement and Improved Value' (Wiley, 2019).

#### John Barber MA LLB CEng FICE FCI Arb

- Michael Brown lecturer and Module Coordinator for Module AL of the MSc, chair of the Sub-Assessment Board of Examiners.
- Director of Centre from 2009 to 2013.
- Graduated in 1969 with a degree in Mechanical Sciences from Cambridge University and then working for four years with a major contractor on heavy civil engineering works followed by four years specialising in forensic investigation work, before joining a firm of consulting engineers specialising in ports and harbours.
- LLB in 1980 and then completed the Bar Finals.
- Consulting engineer, working in Hong Kong, Cameroon and the UK.
- Since 1986 has practised as independent consultant, adjudicator and arbitrator.
- Publications include *Quality Management in Construction—Contractual Aspects* (CIRIA, 1992) and *Building and Civil Engineering Claims in Perspective* (3rd ed jointly, 1992), and papers on the role of the engineer, health and safety, dispute resolution, procurement and risk.
- Has served on various committees of the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Standing Committee on Structural Safety, the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Hazards Forum.

## 8. Centre staff

### **Professor Phillip Capper MA BA FCI Arb**

- Partner and Head of International Arbitration, White & Case.
- Recognised by legal directories as a 'leading individual' in both these fields, and in the rail industry.
- Formerly Chairman of the Faculty of Law at Oxford University.
- Nash Professor of Engineering Law at King's College.
- Fellow of Keble College, Oxford for over 20 years, and formerly Lecturer at the University of Durham.
- Member of ICC Commission on International Arbitration in Paris - Honorary Member of Society of Construction Law (in the UK and in Malaysia).
- Past member of European Advisory Committee of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution, based in New York.
- Has chaired ICC and LCIA arbitral tribunals, and has served as sole arbitrator and party-appointed arbitrator in ICC and LCIA arbitrations
- Has been involved in countless international disputes (as arbitrator, mediator, legal assessor, advocate, or adviser).
- Drafted the disputes clauses in the NEC 2nd ed and ICE 7th and engaged as expert by French Association of International Contractors (SEFI) to evaluate FIDIC's EPC Silver Book.
- Founding Editor of the Construction Industry Law Letter and former General Editor of Emden's Construction Law.
- Recent publications include Construction Industry Arbitrations in Sweet & Maxwell's Handbook of Arbitration Practice 3rd edition, and editor of the third edition of the International Arbitration: A Handbook.
- Has worked on projects for defence, highways, rail, transportation, power, oil and gas, process plant and construction procurement in many countries worldwide and has advised state electricity generator/distributors, national gas distributors, high-speed rail authorities and suppliers, metro and light rail projects, and privately financed infrastructure projects.
- Joint Series Editor (with Philip Britton) of Informa's construction law library.

### **Emeritus Professor John Uff QC PhD FEng FICE FCI Arb**

- Founding Director of the Centre and Nash Professor of Engineering Law, retired from the Nash chair in 2003 and became Professor Emeritus.
- Fellow of King's College London.
- Practising barrister and arbitrator and former Head of Keating Chambers.
- Graduated in engineering at King's and called to the Bar in 1970.
- Publications include Construction Law (10th ed, 2009); contributor to Keating's Building Contracts (8th ed, 2006); ICE Arbitration Practice 1986 (jointly); Methods of Procurement in the Ground Investigation Industry 1986 (jointly); Construction Law Yearbook (editor, vols 1-4); chapter on construction contracts in Chitty on Contracts (30th ed, 2008) (jointly); and numerous papers in civil engineering, engineering law and arbitration.
- Principal editor of many of the Centre's publications between 1989 and 1999.
- Published his report into aspects of rail safety linked to the Southall accident in 2000 and his joint report with Lord Cullen on railway safety systems in 2001; awarded CBE for services to rail safety in the New Year's Honours 2002.

## Visiting academic staff

- Mr Julian Bailey
- Virginie Colaiuta
- Jason Fry
- Professor Nicholas Gould
- Shy Jackson
- Professor Anthony Lavers
- James Pickavance
- Sir Vivian Ramsey

## Research associates

- Darya Bahram
- Aleksander Kalisz
- Dr Roxana Vornicu

## 8. Centre staff

### Visiting practitioners and academics

The following took part in one or more lecture sessions in 2021-2022

Person	Profession	Organisation	Module
Addyman, Simon	–	–	AL
Aikens, Sir Richard	Barrister	Brick Court Chambers	D
Balysz, Mark	–	–	C
Beyers, David	–	–	AL
Choat, Rupert	Barrister	Atkin Chambers	B, D
Dedezade, Taner*	Counsel	Corbett & Co	D
Garcha, Jatinder	Solicitor	Fenwick Elliott	C
Glover, Jeremy	Solicitor	Fenwick Elliott	C
Hayward, Caroline	Solicitor	Trowers & Hamlins	C
Jefferis, Professor Stephan*	Engineer	–	AL
Lupton, Sarah	Architect	Lupton Stellakis	B
Mcnamara, Andrew	Lecturer	City University	AL
Morrish, Charles	Solicitor	Trowers & Hamlins	C
Muir Wood, Jamie*	Engineer/Barrister	5 New Square	AL
Nifhloinn, Deirdre*	Lecturer	Dublin University	B
Otto, Claudia*	Solicitor	Keystone Law	A, B
Otoo, Joseph*	Solicitor	Arup	B, D
Owen, Tom	Barrister	Keating Chambers	A, D
Redmayne, Jason		Arcadis	AL
Russell, Jason	Engineer		C
Solimene, Fabio	Solicitor	Saipem	D
Terry, Miranda*	Architect		AL
Tindall, Scott	Solicitor	Hogan Lovells	C
Tolson, Simon	Solicitor	Fenwick Elliott	C
Turk, Alex	Professor	King's College London	A
Walker, Stephen	Mediator	Stephen Walker Mediation	D
Williams, Richard	Solicitor	Pinsent Masons	C

\* Indicates those who already have an MSc or PhD from the Centre

### Professional Services staff

Miss Sue Hart is the Centre's Senior Programmes Officer. She joined the Centre as its Administrative Assistant in 1998. The Centre 'SPO' deals with all matters relating to student records, examinations and results, class times, liaison with lecturers and the School and College; also acts as Secretary to the staff meetings and the Sub-Assessment Board. She takes main responsibility for dealing with enquiries about applications for the MSc programme, uploading of teaching materials on to KEATS, administration of coursework, tutorials and dissertations.

Mrs Olivia Nicolaou is a part-time Administrative Officer. She joined the Centre in November 2017 and provides administrative support to a range of activities in the Centre.

# 9.

## Annual prizes and awards

- Bickerdike Allen Partners book prize for best performance by a first-year in the Module AL examination.
- Society of Construction Law prize for best performance by a first-year student in Module A examination.
- David D Caron prize for Advanced Construction Law, the best overall mark in Module C.
- Arbitration Club, Law Courts Branch prize for best performance in Module D. It is known as the Philip Ranner Prize in memory of Philip Ranner, one-time Secretary of the Society of Construction Law.
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators Charitable Trust prize for best assessed coursework in second-year taught modules.
- KCCLA prize for best performance in the second-year examinations.
- Society of Construction Law prize for best dissertation.
- Society of Construction Law prize for best overall student.
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators prize for given the highest mark in the award-writing examination (this is subject to the CI Arb).

Staff and students may also compete in the essay competition for the Society of Construction Law's annual Hudson Prizes and European Society of Construction Law's Master Thesis prize.

# 10.

## Alumni Association

The KCCLA is a friendly and active group of past MSc students that includes members of our visiting Staff and with whom the Centre works closely. Our students are encouraged to join the KCCLA while still studying and it offers them support such as guidance on dissertations.

The KCCLA is the branch of the King's College London Association formed specifically for the graduates and present students of the Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution. The programme of events comprises mock trials, arbitrations and dispute resolution schemes, debates, a formal annual lecture and social gatherings. More information about the committee, events and how to join can be found on the KCCLA website at: [kccla.org.uk](http://kccla.org.uk)

# 11.

## MSc entry requirements

### Formal requirements

The Centre's and university's combined entrance requirements for the MSc degree are:

- a minimum 2:1 Honours degree in a relevant subject (eg law, engineering, surveying), *or*
- equivalent professional or academic qualifications acceptable to the university,
- for construction professionals and non-practising lawyers, at least two years' relevant work experience
- for practising lawyers, at least completed pupillage or one year of training contract.

If your formal education or relevant work experience has not been in an English-speaking institution or country, the university will also need proof of a high level of ability in English.

For current entry requirements see:

[kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply/entry-requirements/english-language](http://kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply/entry-requirements/english-language)

### Relevant factors

In considering your application, the Centre will be trying to assess your ability to complete the programme successfully at the first attempt. To do this, it will look at:

- the quality and significance of your formal qualifications
- the duration and range of your work experience and its relevance to the topics covered by the programme
- evidence for the strength of your commitment and motivation.

Your references play an important role in this evaluation. Most applications are judged on paper alone, but you may be called for interview.

# 12.

## MSc application procedure

To apply, you must complete the King's online postgraduate application form. You can find the form and instructions for its completion on the website:

[kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught-courses/construction-law-and-dispute-resolution-msc](https://kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught-courses/construction-law-and-dispute-resolution-msc)

We recommend that you submit your application as soon as possible as further information may be required. Our first application deadline is Friday 25th March 2022. After this date, the programme will close at any point once it is full. If there are places still available, the programme will remain open until the final application deadlines of:

- For Overseas (International) applicants – Friday 29 July 2022
- UK applicants – Friday 26th August 2022.

# 13.

## Further reading

The King's website provides comprehensive information about the university's activities, research, programmes of study and facilities (including accommodation, student services and library services) [kcl.ac.uk](https://kcl.ac.uk)

Academic Regulations, Regulations Concerning Students and General Regulations are published annually on the website. The main topics these cover are admission to courses, programme regulations, examinations and degrees, discipline, appeals and grievance procedures. By accepting a place on the MSc you will become subject to these rules.

# 14.

## Getting in touch and finding us

### Contacting the Centre

The Centre is normally staffed 08.30–16.00 Monday to Friday. It is closed on public holidays and for several days over Christmas and New Year.

+44 (0)20 7848 2643/2685

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### Finding the Centre

The nearest Tube station to the King's Strand Campus is Temple (District and Circle lines – five minutes' walk). In addition, the City Thameslink, Embankment, Charing Cross, Waterloo, Covent Garden and Holborn stations are all about 10 minutes' walk away. The Strand Campus is next to Somerset House. Many buses stop near the campus, heading west along the Strand to Charing Cross, south towards Waterloo, east to the City via Fleet Street or north via Holborn.

The Centre's staff and offices are in The Old Watch House, best reached from the main entrance to the Strand Campus. Entering reception, take the main corridor straight ahead through two sets of doors to stairs on your left. Turn 90 degrees left, following signs for the East Wing, up a few steps and across a glazed overbridge. At the far side, turn right through the glass double doors, go down the stairs one floor; the doorway to The Old Watch House is on your left.



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