Construction Management and Engineering

Department Information

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• Application Deadline:
  Fall: May 1; Spring: October 1 for M.S. and Master of Construction Management, November 1 for Certificate
• Credential Offered:
  MSCM, MCM, CCM
• Test Requirement:
  GRE (M.S. applicants)
• English Proficiency Requirements:
  M.S.: TOEFL iBT: 81, IELTS: 7, PTE Academic 54; Master of Construction Management: TOEFL iBT: 79, IELTS: 6.5, PTE Academic: 53

Programs

The Department of Construction Management and Engineering offers three separate and distinct graduate programs as listed below.

Master of Science in Construction Management (MSCM)
The Master of Science in Construction Management program is an on-campus, research-focused degree. The program consists of a total of 31 credits (24 credits of course work, 6 credits of research/thesis, and 1 credit of seminar). Students are expected to significantly contribute to the development and delivery of scholarly publications and to the development and submission of research grant proposals as determined by the major adviser.

Master of Construction Management (MCM)
The Master of Construction Management program is a 100% online professional program consisting of 30 credits of course work (10 courses offered within a 12 month period) and the Associate Constructor (AC) Exam. The program provides a learning experience constituting a distinct knowledge-base and a specific set of associated skills within the areas of construction estimating, scheduling, project management, finance, safety and quality, and techniques and equipment at the professional level.

Graduate Certificate in Construction Management (CCM)
The Graduate Certificate in Construction Management program provides a 100% online program consisting of 9 credits of course work (3 courses offered within a 12 month period) within the areas of estimating, scheduling, and project management at the professional level. These three areas constitute a body of knowledge that represents the fundamental core of construction management.

Master of Science in Construction Management (MSCM)
In addition to the Graduate School requirements, to be admitted into the Master of Science in Construction Management applicants must:

• Have earned a baccalaureate degree in construction, engineering, architecture, or other related discipline with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 or equivalent to attain full standing.
• Submit an official transcript for each college/university attended.
• Submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score.
• Submit a one-page “Statement of Purpose” outlining reasons for pursuing the Master of Science in Construction Management, emphasizing on research objectives and qualifications that directly relate to one or more of the “Research Interests” of the CM&E faculty.
• Submit a two-page resume.
• Submit three (3) letters of recommendation.

Prospective students must submit application materials directly to the NDSU Graduate School via the online application process.
We have updated the text to reflect the changes and ensure it is clear and corrected.
* Electives may be any 600, 700, or 800-level courses offered at NDSU determined by the student and the major faculty adviser. A minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 must be achieved in order to complete the M.S. degree.

**Master of Construction Management (MCM)**

The Master of Construction Management degree consists of thirty (30) credits of course work and AC Exam. The following ten (10) courses constitute the thirty (30) credits of course work required for the degree.

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**Schedule of Courses**

**Summer Semester**
CM&E 603 Scheduling and Project Control
CM&E 660 Infrastructure Management

**Fall Semester**
CM&E 703 Advanced Project Planning and Control
CM&E 712 Construction Management
CM&E 715 Construction Specifications and Contracts
CM&E 740 Financial and Economic Concepts for Construction Managers

**Spring Semester**
CM&E 605 Construction Support Operations
CM&E 701 Construction Technology and Equipment
CM&E 711 Construction Cost Estimating
CM&E 725 Decision Making and Risk Analysis

**Associate Constructor (AC) Exam**

The Associate Constructor (AC) Exam is administered by the American Institute of Constructors & Constructor Certification Commission. All students in the Master of Construction Management Program must take the AC Exam before their graduation. There is no requirement that a student has to earn a pass score in order to receive the Master of Construction Management Degree from NDSU. However, students are encouraged to prepare for the AC Exam and earn a pass score or better established by the testing agency. The exam may be taken multiple times. The AC exam is the first level in reaching the designation of a “Certified Professional Constructor” (CPC), which is a three-stage process consisting of the AC exam (Level I), 4-5 years of relevant construction management work experience, and the CPC exam (Level II). The AC Exam is offered twice a year, typically in April and November. International applicants should note that the AC Exam is not offered online and is only offered in the United States. If a student has the AC designation, he/she may take the CPC Exam before the graduation. A pass score also is not required for the CPC Exam.

**Graduate Certificate in Construction Management (CCM)**

The certificate program consists of nine credits encompassing the following three (3) courses:
Only grades of C or higher will satisfy requirements for certificate completion with a CGPA of 3.0 or greater. The Dean of the Graduate School, using official NDSU transcripts, will verify course completion and issue the certificate. Courses used to satisfy the Graduate Certificate requirements cannot be older than three years at the time the certificate completion is verified.

**Eric Asa, Ph.D.**  
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