

Module Title Professional Practice	Reference AC3003 SCQF Level SCQF 9 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created May 2002 Approved July 2002 Amended August 2009 Version No. 5
Keywords Architect, Client, Consultant, Procurement Methods, Legislation, Industry, Law	

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Prerequisites for Module

None in addition to Stage 3 entry requirements.

Indicative Student Workload

Corequisite Modules

None.

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Assessments	3
Lectures	20
Tutorials/Seminars	5

Precluded Modules

None.

<i>Directed Study</i>	
Directed Study	90

Aims of Module

<i>Private Study</i>	
Research Methods	32

To provide the student with the ability to recognise the principal features of the architectural profession and the building industry. To develop an awareness of fundamental legal and business issues relevant to architectural practice, the procurement process and

Mode of Delivery

This module will be delivered in Semester 2 and is a lecture based course supplemented by tutorials and private study.

Assessment Plan

procurement process and professional regulations.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1.Explain the nature of the architectural profession and the building industry, and the roles and responsibilities of the people involved in the design and construction process.
- 2.Explain simple business principles and procedural issues relevant to the practice of architecture.
- 3.Explain the fundamental principles of law.
- 4.Explain the concepts and practices of building procurement.

Indicative Module Content

Introduction to the roles and responsibilities of an architect in practice; a brief description of the associated professional bodies - ARB, RIBA, RIAS; the complex nature of the building industry, client bodies, and the interactive relationships

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2,3,4
Component 2	1,2

Component 2: Examination, 50% weighting to this component.

Component 1: Coursework, 50% weighting to this component.

Indicative Bibliography

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- 4.Chappel, D. & Willis, A. (2005). The Architect in Practice. 9th Edition. Cornwall: Blackwell Publishing.
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<http://www.arb.org>
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of members of the design
and building teams;
alternative procurement
options and the differing
roles of the architect, client
and contractor; project
management by analysis of
the RIBA Plan of Work;
introduction to business
management issues relating
to architectural practice;
introduction to the
principles of small business
management; introduction to
legislation relating to the
building industry;
introduction to fundamental
principles of Scots Law.