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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Asset Life Cycle Analysis

Reference	SUM303	Version	4
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	December 2007	SCQF Points	15
Amended	May 2022	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To develop a good understanding of the variables affecting the acquisition, running and replacement of an asset, and how the whole-life costs can be optimised.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Value an asset throughout its life cycle.
- 2 Analyse how the application of whole-life costing techniques can reduce operating costs, improve performance and hence enhance value.
- 3 Judge when an asset should be replaced or overhauled and how to prepare properly argued financial and technical papers for such course of action.
- 4 Critically appraise key contributions of the asset team in optimising whole-life costs of the asset.
- 5 Assess the key problems likely to arise in a whole-life costing analysis and to effectively manage those problems.

Indicative Module Content

The importance of adopting a whole-life attitude in the design and management of physical assets. Historic and current developments of whole-life costing. The characteristics of long term financial decisions. Investment appraisal procedures. Whole-Life costing based decision-making rules and choice criteria. The principles of, and the procedures for, whole-life costing. Managing the difficulties facing the implementation of whole-life costing. Application of whole-life costing in design or purchasing physical assets. Application of whole-life costing to maintenance and replacement of physical assets. Effective risk analysis in whole-life costing studies. Extending the life-cycle framework to include non-financial attributes of assets. Whole-life costing tools: numerical methods, spreadsheets, computer software. Integrating various tools and techniques. Closing the feedback loop in the whole-life management of physical assets. Implementation models of whole-life costing. Industrial case studies, discussion groups and exercises with presentation.

Module Delivery

DISTANCE LEARNING: The module is delivered by online lectures, interactive group work, case study and tutorials and directed self-study.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	N/A	70
Non-Contact Hours	N/A	80
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	N/A	150
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type:	Examination	Weighting:	50%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 3, 4
Description:	Closed book examination.				

Component 2

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	50%	Outcomes Assessed:	2, 5
Description:	A report or a case study where asset life cycle analysis be used to optimise whole-life costs (of an asset).				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

The overall module grade is based on 50% weighting of Component 1 (Y axis) and 50% weighting of Component 2 (X axis). An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module. Non-submission of either component will result in an NS grade.

		Examination:						NS
		A	B	C	D	E	F	
Coursework:	A	A	A	B	B	C	E	
	B	A	B	B	C	C	E	
	C	B	B	C	C	D	E	
	D	B	C	C	D	D	E	
	E	C	C	D	D	E	E	
	F	E	E	E	E	E	F	
NS		Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination						

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None in addition to course entry requirements or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	ENM605 Asset Life Cycle Analysis.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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