



Real Estate MSc

Postgraduate | 16 Months Full-Time | Full Time | Architecture and Built
Environment City Campus, Northumbria University | Newcastle | Start January
2021

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About this course

PLEASE NOTE: Applications for January 2021 intake have now closed. Please visit our Postgraduate Study webpage to see all options for September 2021 entry.

Do you ever look at a building or an empty plot of land and wonder how it can be used more profitably? Can you imagine using your entrepreneurial passion to meet the property demands of investors, tenants, communities and global populations? If you enjoy using creativity to solve complex problems and dream of a high earning career in Real Estate, then this course is for you.

Developed and delivered in collaboration with world-leading researchers, internationally recognised real estate firms, practitioners and professional bodies, the course offers a fast track route into the surveying and built environment professions. You will work on real-life assessments and projects to gain cutting-edge knowledge and professional skills.

The practical based learning and hands-on experience ensures that you will be fully competent and ready for the world of work upon graduation. The commercial and professional partnerships at the heart of this Master's course give you the opportunity to immediately network with industry contacts, learn from sector experts and have access to the latest professional development opportunities.

Accredited by the RICS, the MSc Real Estate provides all of the academic theory and professional knowledge you need to become a built environment professional. We consistently ensure that over 95% of our students are employed within 6 months of the course ending and most before this. Of these students, 85% are employed within the top 20 recognised international real estate firms. A median starting salary for graduate surveyors working in the built environment is around £26,900, going up to £48,000 once fully qualified.

You are welcome to join this change direction Masters degree from any discipline or academic background. The course is geared towards professionals or graduates who are keen to gain Chartered Surveyor status, or pursue a fast track route into the property and construction industry.

Modules & Learning

The authentic learning model at the heart of the course is designed to incorporate theoretical learning into practical scenarios wherever possible. This is in order to develop the skills you will need to succeed in the rapidly evolving property market.

You will emerge well rounded and comfortable with physical buildings, how they are used, and how they are managed as a business. A variety of RICS competencies and professional pathways are embedded in all of our

modules. This means that you can pursue professional accreditation in commercial real estate, valuation, corporate real estate, planning and development, investment and finance, and project management.

Our commercially focused modules cover the key concepts in real estate. They include:

- Planning and development,
- Property valuation,
- Investment and Finance,
- Property Management,
- Sustainability
- Law.

We focus on the physical built environment (how it is constructed and adapted over time) and the business of the built environment e.g. how the built environment is utilised and how value is managed and derived.

We also embed core skills around critical evaluation, problem solving, project management, negotiation, communication and decision-making and collaboration. This means that you have the requirements to pursue any career associated with the built environment.

Technology driven Building Information Modelling (BIM) and Automated Valuation Models (AVM) are central pillars in our teaching.

We embed the latest technological innovations to make sure our graduates have the skills to plan, design, construct, manage and value buildings. Whenever possible we use methods relevant to industry such as presentations, report-writing and mock client meetings to assess student work.

The course concludes in an independent dissertation in a related specialist area of your choice. There are no examinations for this course.

Teaching Staff

You will learn in a vibrant and dynamic environment. The diverse professional experience of our staff ranges from real estate surveying, corporate real estate and development appraisal, residential and commercial property valuation, property investment and finance, to building and urban design, planning, construction, project management and law. This is combined with research-active academics whose expertise in the sector span planning and development surveying, urban regeneration, finance, design and architecture.

Lecturers balance their teaching and research with external industry-related projects to inform your learning. This approach creates a research-rich, practice-based environment which will develop your critical abilities, problem solving skills and lay a firm foundation for a career in the property industry.

Our strong links with industry give you the opportunity to work on live projects as part of your course. Industry

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professionals also regularly deliver guest lectures and share their experiences.

In addition, Building Futures is a student centred learning environment that conducts research and consultancy into built environment adaptation. Through innovative research and an authentic learning environment, the mission of Building Futures is to contribute to this stewardship of the built environment.

Building Futures offers free support to organisations looking to understand the financial viability and physical feasibility of adaptation, who want to explore the future direction of their assets, or who simply require a sounding board to discuss ideas. Building Futures is the home for Advanced Practice students, exchange students and visiting researchers.

Facilities

All modules have at their heart experiential learning environments that use the built environment as an authentic lab to learn within. This takes place in the North East, where we are supported by the North East RICS board, nationally where we regularly visit landmark buildings and internationally on the week long residential field study visit to Barcelona. In Barcelona we will learn about global real estate markets, urban planning, smart cities, international firms and built environment adaptation

You will find the latest technologies to support you in our specialist laboratories and studios. Throughout your time at Northumbria, you will be able to survey, visualise, model and take your ideas from the course, out into the world around you. You will also benefit from dedicated project space and study areas for group and individual work in the Built Environment Hub.

You will have access to Building Futures, a student centred learning environment that conducts research and consultancy into built environment adaptation ([insert link](#)). Student surveyors build their own futures through the refinement of essential skills demanded by the surveying and built environment professions.

The programme team have also developed an agile approach to technology enabled learning (TEL) which you can use on and off campus. This includes specialist software and online access to module information, key texts, podcasts and a range of teaching-related materials to support active learning.

Research-rich Learning

We take a research-led approach to all aspects of teaching. As practising researchers, our lecturers pass on the latest techniques from their ongoing work to ensure your learning is current and relevant.

Specialist research areas include sub-national governance and spatial planning, professional access and inclusion, property taxation, property market modelling, adaptive re-use, design guidelines, automated valuation models,

building information modelling. This research has gone on to have a real impact in society and practice. Recent highlights include contributions to Government Select Committee Enquires into the impact of business rates on business business rate retention and the future of offices for the [British Council for Offices](#).

Your Career

With a long history, well established links in the property industry and excellent graduate employment rates, this RICS-accredited Real Estate MSc is perfectly placed to help launch your career. Graduates can expect to earn an average of £26,900 and if you go on to do your two years in industry and become fully RICS qualified this goes up to around £48,000.

An MSc in Real Estate at Northumbria has excellent rates of employment and opportunity, with 95% of our students being employed within 6 months of the course ending and most securing a job before this. This is undoubtedly due to our long established relationships with employers in the global real estate industry, including Cushman & Wakefield, CBRE, JLL, Savills, Knight Frank, Avison Young and Santander

Working with these employers throughout your course will give you invaluable sector knowledge and connections that will benefit your career in the future. A host of career paths will be available to you which will utilise the RICS competencies that you have gained throughout all of your modules. The kind of roles you can expect to be prepared for include; surveying roles in commercial real estate, valuation, corporate real estate, planning and development, investment and finance, urban planning, banking and investment sector, project management, construction and town and city management.

Our current graduates work for corporate financial institutions, government organisations, local authorities, government and private clients across the UK and further afield in roles such as surveying, investment, property valuation, planning and development, and property management.

Who would this course suit?

Do you have an interest in the property market and an eye for business? Are you practical and analytical with excellent communication skills?

With no subject pre-requisites, the MSc is ideal for anyone looking to change career or those with existing experience looking for accreditation or career progression.

Entry Requirements 2020/21

Standard Entry

Entry Requirements:

Applicants should normally have:

A minimum of a 2:2 honours degree in any subject.

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International qualifications:

If you have studied a non UK qualification, you can see how your qualifications compare to the standard entry criteria, by selecting the country that you received the qualification in, from our country pages. Visit www.northumbria.ac.uk/yourcountry

English language requirements:

International applicants are required to have a minimum overall IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with 5.5 in each component (or approved equivalent*).

*The university accepts a large number of UK and International Qualifications in place of IELTS. You can find details of acceptable tests and the required grades you will need in our English Language section. Visit www.northumbria.ac.uk/englishqualifications

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Career Progression

Due to a significant skills shortage and well defined career paths, real estate graduate job prospects are excellent. Northumbria University Real Estate graduates are in demand and we have well-established relationships with both international and national firms, for example Cushman & Wakefield, CBRE, JLL, Savills, Knight Frank and GVA. Working with these employers throughout your course will benefit your career enormously. Upon graduation you may work for corporate financial institutions, government, public sector organisations and private clients to provide professional advice and solutions.

Module Overview

Year 1	
KA7009	Commercial Property Valuation
KA7010	Property Markets, Investment and Finance
KA7021	Urban Planning and Development
KA7032	Dissertation (Real Estate)
KA7035	Real Estate Concepts and Research Methods
KA7036	Real Estate Law & Asset Management
KA7040	Sustainable Construction and Technology
KA7056	Academic Language Skills for Architecture and Built Environment

Finance

Tuition Fees (UK students)

2021 entry: Full Fee £9,450

2020 entry: Full Fee £9,225

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

Tuition Fees (EU students)

2021 entry: Full Fee £16,000

2020 entry: Full Fee £9,225

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

Tuition Fees (International students)

2021 entry: Full Fee £16,000

2020 entry: Full Fee £15,500

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

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Additional Costs (All Students)

2021 entry: There are no Additional Costs

2020 entry: There are no Additional Costs

Financial Support

Northumbria University is committed to supporting our students. We offer scholarship packages for students depending on their abilities.

You can find out more information on our individual packages at www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/pg-fees-funding

Financial support opportunities have associated eligibility conditions, therefore it is essential applicants consider all requirements and observe the application process and deadlines.

Other Additional Costs

Accommodation Costs

Many students find that staying in University accommodation enhances their student experience, and Northumbria has a fantastic selection available for you. Visit our [accommodation pages](#) to investigate your options for living and studying in Newcastle. All costs incurred are optional and students should select the most appropriate accommodation for their needs.

Disability Support

In order to access disability or dyslexia support, students may be required to provide evidence of their disability. This evidence is often provided by an external body (for example, by a medical specialist or GP) and these external bodies may charge for providing this evidence. Also, if a disabled student is eligible for DSA funding for computer equipment, depending on their funding body, the student may be required to make a contribution of £200 towards the cost of any computer equipment. For more information about how to access disability support, contact [Student Support and Well-being](#).

Healthcare Costs

Students, depending on their circumstances, may incur some charges for accessing healthcare or medication from the National Health Service. These include charges for prescriptions, charges for dental checks and treatment, and charges for other services, such as providing vaccinations or for certain types of medical evidence (for example, evidence to support a Personal Extenuating Circumstances/PEC claim at the University, if required). These charges are set and charged by NHS services, rather than by the University, and will be subject to change.

Certain applicants who apply for a UK visa will pay an Immigration Health Surcharge. International students from

particular countries may also be required to pay to have a tuberculosis (TB) test.

We also strongly recommend that all EU and international students take out their own insurance policy to cover costs which are not met by the National Health Service. It is your responsibility to ensure you pay for adequate insurance cover for the duration of your stay in the UK.

For more information about healthcare-related charges in the UK, you can speak to the [Welfare, Immigration and Funding team](#) based in Student Support and Well-being.

Congregation Costs

When you graduate you will be invited to attend your graduation ceremony. Congregation ceremonies have associated costs, for instance **to take part you will be required to hire a graduation gown and cap**, you may also wish to purchase a professional photograph or additional guest tickets. To give you an approximation of costs, for students graduating in 2018/19, the price of an additional guest ticket was £12.50. Please be aware that the associated costs of graduation ceremonies are subject to review each year. Gown hire and photography are purchased from external providers, therefore the University cannot demonstrate prices.

Library Costs

Your University Library provides a postal service for books and journal articles which will be sent world-wide to Northumbria students who are studying part-time, by distance learning or are work based learners. Students who are placement for more than six week are eligible to use the service whilst on placement.

There is no charge for posting books out, but you will be required to pay the cost of any return postage. We recommend that items are returned by recorded delivery. You can of course, return books in person to either University Library campus.

Overdue charges apply to all library loans to encourage you to return items on time when they have been recalled for use by another reader. Loan renewal is automatic for up to four months or until another reader requests that item. Charges are entirely avoidable by returning items on time, but where incurred will vary according to loan status and the length of time an item is overdue. Overdue charges exist to ensure the Library Collection benefits the whole student community.

Library books which have been lost or damaged beyond repair will be charged at the replacement cost of the item and a non-refundable handling charge.

If you lose your University smart card there is a replacement charge of £10 to obtain a new one. This cost is waived if your smart card has been stolen and you can provide a police crime reference number.

Placement Costs

Placements in industry are a core element of many of Northumbria's courses. Whilst many of these placements

are optional, some are mandatory. They offer you a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience, giving you a distinct edge in the job market. To undertake a placement, you will need to budget for any accommodation and travel charges.

Printing & Photocopying Costs

Students will receive a printing credit of £10 in 2019/20 and 2020/21*. This will provide 1,000 pages of A4 single-sided black and white printing. Any additional printing is paid for by the student.

*Newcastle and London campus only. Amsterdam endeavours to be a paperless campus and printing of submission is not required. Costs at Newcastle Campus may be subject to change for 2020/21.

Visa Costs

International students will be required to pay visa application fees, and associated fees as required - such as the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge, Tuberculosis tests, fees to renew or extend a visa, and fees associated with appealing a visa/immigration decision. These fees are set and charged by the UK government, rather than by the University, and are subject to change. More information about these fees can be found on the [UK Government's website](#), and information about applying for a visa to study at Northumbria can be found on our [here](#).

Useful Links

Facilities

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/facilities/

Tutor Profiles

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/tutor-profiles/

Student Profiles

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/student-profiles/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/career-progression/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/pfna-accordions/

Research

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/research/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/book-an-open-day/

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/

[estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/facilities-pods/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/facilities-pods/)

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www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/real-estate-msc-ft-dtfrez6/video-pods/

