What Do Construction Managers Do?

Construction managers oversee the entire construction process. They enter the industry in various positions with the ability to lead, problem solve, and use innovative applications on their projects. They participate in planning, cost estimating, scheduling, supervision, and commissioning of a complete facility in a timely and safe manner.

Construction managers interact with professional engineers, registered architects, and owners to solve problems that may arise. Upon entering the industry, you may work in the field, managing the construction activities, finances, and/or the labor resources. Alternatively, one can be employed at the home office, managing scheduling operations, bids, contracts, marketing, or even running your own business.

Areas of Emphasis

The undergraduate degree in construction management (available on campus and online) blends engineering, architecture, design, technology, and business to produce top professionals in the field.

- **General Education Coursework**—Math, English, natural sciences, social science, art, and humanities (required by LSU).
- **Engineering Coursework**—Theory, design, and application.
- **Business Administration Coursework**—Management, accounting, finance, law, and economics.
- **Construction Management Coursework**—Communication; ethics; graphics; estimating; contract law; project planning and scheduling; construction methods; cost control; with industry emphasis areas (IEAs) in industrial, highway, commercial, and residential construction.

PROGRAM FACTS

- **2020–2021 Enrollment**: 982 Students
  - On-campus—866 • Online—116
- **Minors**: Business Administration, Technical Sales (included within the 125-credit-hour degree)
- **Areas of Specialization**: Industrial, Highway, Commercial, Residential, General Construction
- **Student Organizations**:
  - CSA —Construction Student Association
  - Sigma Lambda Chi honor society

GRADUATE STARTING SALARIES

Median full-time in field salary info for graduates of the last three years

- $58,000
- $61,000
- $62,000

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DEGREE INCLUDES

- Business Administration Minor
- Technical Sales Minor
- OSHA Construction Safety & Health Certificate
- Certified Occupational Safety Specialist (COSS) Certificate
- AIC Associate Construction Certification

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Construction is the largest and most diversified industry in the world. The key professionals in this vast enterprise are construction managers who thrive within the business side of this industry. They are the leaders who possess the business skills, experience, and education to manage the execution of any construction work in the private or public sector.