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

Fall 2022 Enrollment: 872 Students
On-campus—719  •  Online—153

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

Middle 50%
$58,000  $62,000

$61,506
Median Salary

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DEGREE INCLUDES
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Technical Sales Minor
OSHA Construction Safety & Health Certificate
Certified Occupational Safety Specialist (COSS) Certificate
AIC Associate Construction Certification

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