

Course unit title:	Construction Contracts		
Course unit code:	QSL270		
Type of course unit:	Compulsory		
Level of course unit:	Bachelor (1st Cycle)		
Year of study:	2		
Semester when the unit is delivered:	4		
Number of ECTS credits allocated :	5		
Name of lecturer(s):	George Michaelides		
Learning outcomes of the course unit:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appraise factors 'time', 'cost', 'quality' and 'risk' in relation to the successful completion of a construction project and the work of a contract administrator during the pre- and post-contract stages. 2. Analyse basic pre-contract procedures needed for traditional and alternative procurement methods, tender documentation, tender methods and evaluation, and contractor selection. 3. Examine the principles of a valid contract, contract documentation, types of contract, forms of contract, contract between parties. 4. Define contract terms and conditions, employer's and contractor's obligations, contract administrator's powers, time / cost / quality clauses, dispute settlement procedures. 5. Value the importance of clear contract-documentation writing. 		
Mode of delivery:	Face-to-face		
Prerequisites:		Co-requisites:	
Recommended optional program components:			
Course contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Parties to the Project -Contract between Employer and Engineer -Contract between Employer and Contractor -Contract documents -Forms of Contract -Inviting and selecting tenders -Site supervision -Conditions of Contract -Specifications 		
Recommended and/or required reading:			
Textbooks:	Construction Contracts, Murdoch and Hughes Various current articles, Government announcements, etc.		
References:	Pre-Contract Practice for the Building Team, The Aqua Group Tenders and Contracts for Building, The Aqua Group Contract Administration for the Building Team, The Aqua Group Contract Practice for Quantity Surveyors, J.W.Ramus		
Planned learning activities and teaching methods:	The course is delivered mainly through classroom instruction using power point presentations. Current construction articles are presented and analysed. Discussion is generally encouraged. Class notes are made available to the students through e-learning.		
Assessment methods and criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coursework: 40% • Final Exam: 60% 		
Language of instruction:	English		
Work placement(s):	No		