SUBJECT DESCRIPTION FORM

Subject title: Mediation Training
Subject code: BRE546
Credit value: 3

Responsible staff and department:
Dr. Martyn Hills and Prof. Edwin Chan (BRE)

Pre-requisite: Nil

Recommended background knowledge:
Students are expected to possess background knowledge of the construction industry and of the law related to construction practices and dispute resolution.

Mutual exclusions: Nil

Learning approach:
Students are required to attend 42 hours of Mediation Training conducted by authorized mediation trainers and coordinated by academic staff from the BRE Department. The training will be carried out within a few days in order to provide an intensive and focused experience. Students will be briefed on the requirements of the mediation training during week one of the semester.

In addition to the contact hours provided by the training workshop, students will be expected to have regular contact with BRE academic staff in the form of a two hour small group tutorial session every two weeks during which mediation issues will be addressed.

Throughout the semester, students will be required to conduct guided self-study related to mediation and to submit a reflective journal of the study at the end of the semester.

Successful completion of the training, as assessed satisfactory by the authorised trainers, will provide students with the 3 credits associated with this subject and will also lead to exemption from the membership examinations of dispute resolution professional bodies.

Contact hours:
- Training workshop: 42 hours
- Briefing and tutorials with BRE staff (2 hrs x 2 weeks): 4 hours

Independent study:
- Self study: 94 hours
- 140 hours

Assessment:
The 42 hours of Mediation Training will be assessed by the authorized mediation trainers.
BRE staff will also carry out continuous assessment of students’ academic performance based on their reflective journals and participation in tutorials.
Objectives:

On completion of this subject students should be able to:

1. Evaluate the characteristics of mediation to appreciate its major differences in comparison with other dispute resolution.

2. Clearly communicate key concepts, principles and findings related to mediation issues.

3. Apply knowledge, reasoning and research skills to deal with mediation issues arising in a real-life context.

4. Carry out a mediation process to resolve problems associated with the construction and real estate industries.

Outline syllabus:

The Mediation Training provides an international standard training package fully recognised by dispute resolution professional bodies. Not only will successful completion of the workshop provide students with the 3 credits associated with this subject but it will also lead to exemption from the membership examinations of dispute resolution professional bodies.

Indicative reading list and references: