

ABPL90327 Procurement Methods

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2014.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 3 hours per week Total Time Commitment: 120 hours
Prerequisites:	Admission to MC-CONMG2Y Master of Construction Management (200 points), MC-CONMG3Y Master of Construction Management (300 points) or approval from the subject coordinator.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
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Subject Overview:	The subject exposes students to construction procurement in a broad sense, by articulating and examining the legal and functional links between multiple contracting parties in project delivery. Different procurement methods with their associated contract types are introduced, and the theories and principles governing their selection discussed. To this end, decision support system tools that can facilitate the selection process are introduced and practiced with case studies. Ethics in procurement, public procurement concerns and strategies, as well as international differences in the use of procurement methods, are also covered.
Learning Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # To build an appreciation of the key issues in construction procurement; # To provide a clear understanding of the structure, process and characteristics of different construction procurement methods; # To provide the theories, principle and tools required in selecting the right procurement method (client's perspective); # To provide the theories, principles and tools in making go/no-go decision and addressing various requests regarding different construction procurement methods (contractor's perspective).
Assessment:	Class participation (10%), demonstrating active involvement in a range of class activities and peer discussions. Two assignments equivalent to a total of 3000 words (60%) due in week 7 and 11, facilitating the reflections on how the established set of project procurement competencies applies to all phases of building projects' life cycle including articulation of common and innovative procurement strategies and critical analysis of the key factors. Two hour examination equivalent to 2000 words during the examination period (30%) demonstrating a critical analysis of the theories, principles and tools applied across a variety of construction procurement methods. A minimum mark of 40% has to be achieved in the examination in order to pass the subject.

Prescribed Texts:	None
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>At the completion of the subject students should have developed the following skills and capabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Ability to appreciate the importance and key issues of construction procurement; # Ability to understand the complexity of construction procurement; # Ability to appreciate the trends in the application of various construction procurement methods; and # Ability to understand the varying perspectives of contracting parties in project delivery.
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	<p>Building Building Systems and Trade Specialties Corporate Management Cost Management Melbourne School of Design multidisciplinary elective subjects Policy Project Management Research and Development</p>