
Postgraduate Study via Distance Learning

Postgraduate study via distance learning is available on the following programmes:

- MSc Advanced Geotechnical Engineering
- MSc Bridge Engineering
- MSc Civil Engineering
- MSc Infrastructure and Management Engineering
- MSc Structural Engineering
- MSc Water and Environmental Engineering

Distance learning at Surrey

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering department is experienced in study via distance learning, having run MSc programmes in this way since 1999. Distance learning allows a high level of flexibility, enabling you to study alongside work and other commitments, making it a popular approach – in total, over 700 students have studied with us via distance learning.

Programme structure

As a distance-learning student, you will have five years to complete your programme. Within this time, you must complete the eight taught modules (120 credits) and dissertation (60 credits) that make up the MSc programme.

Modules

A wide selection of modules are available via distance learning. For full details, please contact admissions@surrey.ac.uk.

Module restrictions

You have a high amount of flexibility as to how you choose to complete your programme. The only restrictions are as follows:

- You are limited to one module in the first semester
- You can take a maximum of two modules per semester (exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis, if you can demonstrate that you're not working full-time alongside your study)
- In the absence of valid extenuating circumstances, you must complete at least one module per academic year

Assessments

Distance-learning students based in the United Kingdom are expected to take all examinations at the University of Surrey (Stag Hill Campus) in Guildford.

Students based abroad can choose to take examinations either at the University of Surrey or elsewhere. In the case of sitting an examination abroad, it is the student's responsibility to

arrange a suitable exam centre and cover any fees charged by that exam centre. The appropriate assessments administration should then be informed of your centre and will arrange for your exam material to be provided.

Coursework is submitted primarily online. Where a paper copy is required, submissions can be made by post.

Resources

Distance learning is a flexible method of studying part-time. It does not require attendance at the University (see below for the one exception to this) but is instead supported by our state-of-the-art e-learning resource, SurreyLearn. There are also extensive library and information resources designed specifically to support off-campus students.

Required attendance

All students are required to attend their dissertation viva in person. This is a stipulation made by the validation board for accreditation of the programme.

[My Surrey experience – Alex Salter, MSc Bridge Engineering DL](#)

Read what one of our previous distance learning students had to say about his experience on the programme.