

Senior Survey - Fall 2016

18 Responses

Will you have permanent employment after graduation?

Yes	17
No	1

Employer:

Stellar Group

Drake Construction Services

Danis Construction, LLC

WPC Industrial Contractors

VCC

Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors

Baptist Health

Commercial Construction Services Inc.

Tom Barrow Company

Charles Perry Partners Inc.

Superior Construction Company

CalAtlantic Homes

International Management Company, LLC

Dream Finders Homes

Position Title

Assistant Project Manager	Field Engineer
Project Manager	Purchasing Coordinator
Project Engineer	Purchasing Associate
Traveling Project Engineer	
Estimator	
Facility Director	
Technical Sales Assistant (Assistant Project Manager)	
Assistant Superintendent	

Where will you be located?

Jacksonville, FL

Ocala, FL

Orlando FL

Starke, FL

Average Starting Salary:

\$59,833

Do you plan on continuing your education to a Masters Degree?

Definitely yes	0%
Probably yes	56%
Probably not	28%
Definitely not	17%

If so, what kind of degree will you be pursuing?

MBA	40%
MS in Construction	30%
MS in Engineering	10%
Other	20%

Within how many years would you be looking to start a Master program?

0-1 years	24%
2-3	47%
4-5	18%
6 or more	12%

When considering Advising, please evaluate each statement on a scale from 1-10 where 10 is the highest and 1 is the lowest AND 0 is not applicable (did not apply):

Question	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Advice in developing my program of study was helpful	28%	22%	28%	6%	0%	6%	0%	0%	6%	0%	6%
Advice in selecting courses to take each term was helpful	33%	17%	17%	11%	0%	6%	6%	0%	6%	0%	6%
Advice in career preparation was helpful	39%	22%	17%	11%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%
I sought advice from my Advisor often	28%	6%	22%	11%	6%	11%	0%	0%	11%	6%	0%
I sought advice from CM faculty members often	22%	11%	22%	11%	6%	6%	0%	0%	11%	11%	0%
I spoke with CM faculty members concerning the profession often	28%	11%	17%	6%	0%	11%	0%	0%	6%	17%	6%

Do you have any suggestions to improve the advising process?

Offer snacks for the students visiting the advising office

Entering your resume on career wings was no effective, it got rejected no matter how well your resume was put together.

Be more organized

Having an adviser full time. Not split between advising and teaching.

I know it is hard because classes are not offered the same time and day each semester but more of a "set schedule" to follow would be helpful. That way you don't run into the problem of having 1 semester left and having to delay graduation because of course schedule issues.

Schedule classes after 4 pm to cater to the full time working students in the program.

When considering the Facilities, please evaluate each statement on a scale from 1-10 where 10 is the highest and 1 is the lowest AND 0 is not applicable (did not apply):

Question	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
The CM computing facilities were sufficient	28%	22%	11%	6%	11%	0%	6%	6%	11%	0%	0%
Equipment for CM classes were sufficient	33%	11%	11%	6%	11%	11%	6%	6%	0%	0%	6%
The classrooms were sufficient	33%	22%	17%	11%	6%	6%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%
The library was sufficient	50%	33%	11%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Do you have any suggestions to improve the CM facilities?

Our building has the cheapest finishes ever, it's pretty ugly.

Better access to computer software.

Bigger desks for students in the Building 50 classrooms on the 1st floor

More computer labs with programs. The CM program needs more computing classes

The CM trailer needs equipment for building projects.

Clean the floors every now and again

More windows in classrooms.

We were not able to use a lot of equipment.

Did you take advantage of any of the following student support programs?

Question	Yes	No	Never Heard of It
ABC Student Club	39%	56%	6%
ABC Student Competition	28%	72%	0%
DBIA Student Club	18%	65%	18%
NAHB Student Club	39%	6%	6%
NAHB Student Competition	28%	61%	11%
Employment Showcase	94%	6%	0%
Hard Hat Banquet	67%	33%	0%

When considering the student support programs, please evaluate each of the student support programs on a scale from 1-10 where 10 is the highest and 1 is the lowest AND 0 is not applicable (did not apply):

Question	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ABC Student Club	12%	6%	18%	12%	0%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	42%
ABC Student Competition	18%	12%	6%	0%	12%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	42%
DBIA Student Club	7%	0%	0%	0%	7%	19%	0%	0%	6%	0%	63%
NAHB Student Club	25%	13%	6%	6%	0%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%
NAHB Student Competition	25%	13%	6%	0%	6%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%
Employment Showcase	59%	24%	12%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hard Hat Banquet	44%	22%	6%	0%	0%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	17%

Any suggestions to improve the student support programs?

These could use more involvement from the faculty. Students don't quite have the local industry connections until after graduating. If we have more industry involvement we'll have more members at the meetings. Truthfully, I think clubs could offer the same skills/lectures as Seminar class, or maybe offer extra credit in that class for attending club meetings. Ask the president to commit to a schedule. Construction is all about schedules.

ABC could've done more stuff other than work on those Haiti containers for 6 straight semesters.

Get student more involved with Young Professionals

More information and advertising about the support programs

Need to have more involvement from professors for the ABC Competition

When considering the CM Curriculum, please evaluate the contents of each course on a scale from 1-10 where 10 is the highest and 1 is the lowest AND 0 is not applicable (did not take):

Question	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
BCN1210C Construction Materials	22%	22%	0%	22%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	11%
BCN1251 Construction Drawing	30%	12%	24%	6%	0%	6%	0%	6%	0%	12%	6%
BCN2405 Intro to Structures	17%	17%	17%	11%	6%	6%	6%	0%	6%	6%	11%
BCN3012 History of Construction	6%	13%	6%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	6%	63%
BCN3223 Soils & Foundations	28%	17%	6%	28%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	0%
BCN3224 Superstructures/Techniques	18%	3%	12%	12%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%	6%
BCN3611C Construction Cost Estimating	50%	11%	17%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%
BCN3762 Construction Design & Codes	18%	18%	6%	6%	6%	12%	12%	0%	6%	12%	6%
BCN3782 Intro to Construction Computing	28%	22%	17%	0%	11%	6%	11%	0%	0%	6%	0%
BCN2280 Survey & Construction Layout	30%	12%	24%	6%	6%	12%	6%	0%	0%	6%	0%
BCN4475 Structural Systems	17%	22%	28%	22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	6%
BCN4591C Mech & Electrical Systems	28%	22%	11%	17%	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%	11%	0%
BCN4587C Green Construction	24%	6%	24%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	0%	6%	12%
BCN4612 Adv Construction Estimating	39%	11%	17%	11%	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%	6%	6%
BCN4708 Construction Docs & Contracts	25%	6%	31%	19%	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%
BCN4709 Const Proj Mgmt Capstone	61%	11%	0%	22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%
BCN4720 Construction Scheduling	61%	6%	11%	11%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%
BCN4730 Construction Safety	44%	22%	11%	11%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	6%	0%
BCN4751C Housing & Land Development	25%	6%	13%	0%	6%	0%	6%	0%	0%	6%	38%
BCN4753 Construction Admin & Econ	30%	12%	12%	0%	12%	24%	0%	0%	0%	12%	00%
BCN4759 Const Finance & Cost Controls	33%	6%	11%	6%	17%	11%	0%	6%	0%	6%	6%
BCN4870C Heavy Civil Construction	13%	0%	6%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	69%
BCN4871C Commercial Construction	13%	6%	6%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	6%	63%
BCN4944 Construction Mgmt Internship	65%	18%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	6%	6%
BCN4956 Study Abroad	24%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	71%
BCN4990 Special Topics	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	6%	75%

For any courses above that you scored 3-1, please note what you would recommend to enhance the course.

Codes was too boring. I'm not sure if someone else can make it more interesting

Though I didn't mark any 3-1, I would have if this was based on some of the instructors. I was not pleased the way a few handled their classes.

This major was an actual joke. I did not attend class regularly, study, or work very long on homework, and I got very good grades.

Didn't score any between 3-1

Didn't have the option to take these classes (not offered)

In Construction Drawing, I do not believe I learned as much as I expected I would. I did not feel comfortable looking at construction drawings for quite some time after this course. This delayed some of my understanding in future courses. This is an entry level course and should involve more time looking and understanding how to read the drawings

Intro to Structures the course was satisfactory however the professor was not. Design and Code is the worst course I have had to take, the professor makes no attempt to teach and I did not get anything out of the course.

More hands on tasked based assignments

A different teacher

List courses that were most beneficial to you and explain why.

Although I already had one I thought Internship was important.

I learned more from my internships than I learned in all classes combined. Safety/Osha 30 is pretty big if you're working in larger scale construction. Admin/economics definitely has some good information.

Estimating, scheduling.

Scheduling, Capstone, Green

Estimating and scheduling. Why? Because the subject matter was very relevant and the instructors were excellent. Construction computing also makes the list, a very relevant course.

NONE

Internship because it allowed me to apply what I learned in the field.

Finance cost Controls - Practical knowledge for managing a business

Scheduling, estimating, and drawing

internship.....hands on experience

Estimating because that's a huge part of construction. Safety because it is huge as well. Scheduling is important to know too. The classes I scored lower where taken with a professor who didn't know what he was doing so feel as if I didn't get enough out of them

Soils because knowing this can prevent a building from collapsing

Estimating was very informative because it gave you a good idea of all the materials that go into a project and helps you visualize a project. Capstone was very good too because it really made you apply yourself. Housing and Land was also very helpful in allowing you to see all the elements that come into play with home building.

Soils/Foundations Professor was amazing and I learned more in this course than arguably any other. Mech/Elec was another great course by the Professor which included hands on activities that will help me in the real world. Construction Scheduling by the Professor was taught very well and I learned more in this course than many others. Safety taught by the Professor, we were required to get our OSHA 30 hour cards which I have on my resume and has helped me greatly in my professional life

BCN 3762, Codes are bible.

Estimating and Capstone. Both helped me get ready for my job

List courses that were of least value to you and why.

I thought Design and Codes was terrible

Codes, I am not designing buildings, and am not going to memorize everything in the Florida building code. Scheduling wasn't that helpful because my company doesn't use primavera, he should maybe teach a little more about durations and how things tie together over just teaching a program.

Documents, we did not have any practice writing contracts, only lectures.

Surveying, Mechanical, and Soils make my top 3 list. This is mainly due to the instructors. It's too bad about Mechanical too, I was looking forward to learning something.

All of them

Green Construction because it has not yet applied to my profession.

Soils - poor professor

Materials because I have already take that class back home

Soils.....no plans of being a geotech engineer

Construction computing - I taught myself in this class using YouTube to figure things out.

I wish I had gotten more time learning the computer programs we used in computing, so that I could be more proficient and aware of how to use the programs properly.

Design and Code see above, structural systems/intro to structures I do not feel like these courses are necessary for this degree

BCN 4956, Couldn't afford it.

Didn't really need to know surveying, but it was nice to learn

What areas of the curriculum would you like to see improved or changed?

I wish we had better computer software

I would like to see different computer programs taught in computing. Nobody that's in school for construction management needs to learn Revit.

More business writing.

I think everything is fine.

It's difficult for me to "judge" the curriculum apart from the instructors involved. I would have had a better experience if the instructors challenged us more.

Assigning real professors

I like the curriculum just as it is know

Fine to me

More emphasis on internships

More technology! BIM 360 and an introduction to Bluebeam or Procore.

Teachers with more field experience

More real life application. More projects that would be representative of how you would perform certain tasks in the construction industry.

There are some classes that need new teachers with fresh Ideas, specifically Design and Code.

Permitting processes, insurance coverages/requirements/etc., Contractor risk mitigation

More residential classes

Educational Objectives: As a result of your Construction Management education, please rate your abilities of the following on a scale from 1-10 where 10 is the highest and 1 is the lowest:

Question	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Have the ability to work with all types of people	56%	28%	6%	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Have the ability to think and reason logically	56%	28%	11%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Have the ability to understand and solve construction problems	39%	28%	17%	1%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Have the ability to make sound economic decisions	33%	11%	28%	17%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Have the ability to communicate clearly, both orally and in writing	39%	17%	22%	11%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Are computer literate and internet capable	56%	33%	0%	0%	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Know and uphold ethical standards of the field	72%	11%	6%	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Are prepared for successful entry into the construction industry	56%	33%	6%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Have the ability to lead in the construction industry and the community	50%	22%	22%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Any comments or suggestions to enhance your skills and abilities?

Just more experience.

These skills I have are not from my UNF education

More classes that use construction plans and specifications.

Offer more interview practices and resume writing seminars/classes

Pay me more money

What influenced your decision to study at UNF?

Location	22%
Wanted to attend UNF	6%
CM Program	61%
Family	6%
Cost	0%
Other	6%

Was the program at UNF what you thought it would be?

Definitely yes	39%
Probably yes	39%
Might or might not	11%
Probably not	0%
Definitely not	11%

If you had to do it all over again would you still choose UNF?

Definitely yes	72%
Probably yes	17%
Might or might not	6%
Probably not	0%
Definitely not	6%

If you had to do it all over again would you still choose Construction Management?

Definitely yes	72%
Probably yes	11%
Might or might not not	6%
Probably not	6%
Definitely not	6%

If you could improve one thing about the Construction Management Program, what would it be?

I wish I had taken a class that walked me through an entire job. Design - Procurement - Contracts - Submittals - RFI - Change Orders - Cost Reports - Closeout. I wish there was a program that could simulate an entire job throughout a semester

I don't really know what the accreditation requirements are but classes like estimating, codes, and docs and contracts would be a lot more helpful if students were taught what they need to know in the construction industry and not what a textbook says. I don't need to know how to do takeoffs of oil consumption for equipment or how to take off cut and fill by hand, nobody does that outside of school.

Some professors

Hire dedicated instructors who challenge their students.

Changing all the professors and assigning real ones.

Facility Management courses

Maybe to have more construction site visits

Incorporate more hands on activities.

Maybe have an intro class on how to secure an internship by your sophomore year. One thing I realized is how important internship is.

I would suggest more real life experience and require the internship to be earlier in your college career. I would also suggest providing courses more frequently than once a semester.

Many students work as a result of this program and the internship requirement, more night classes would help a lot of people

Semester course scheduling times, earlier notification of course on offer for upcoming semester, any indication at all that student is off program track.

Ability to use more equipment and replace some of the teachers

Is there anything else you would like to add to the survey?

I've heard that there are some great teachers that are new to the program. Great teachers important.

Nope. Thanks!

Still can't believe I'm actually getting a degree from UNF after 3 years and zero effort.....

The CM program is a great program yet the improvements could: More computer programs related to the industry being taught. More professors. Lastly more classes on finance and dealing with cash flows in construction.