# Innovative Programmes Engineering New Degrees 

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## Historical Context

- Structure of undergraduate degrees in UCL Civil Engineering had undergone only incremental change over 30 years
- Applicants' qualifications were just "off the pace", with UCL often seen as an insurance if applicants failed to get a place at Imperial College or Oxbridge
- School heads told us that many good students prefer degrees with a broad curriculum and avoid the straight jacket suggested by a vocational degree
- Industry emphasized the need for free-thinking and adaptable graduates with well-developed problem-solving skills


## Context

- Young Civil Engineering researchers offered a student view that traditional engineering degrees are not exciting and do not provide appropriate education
- Students seen to lose motivation
- Too much teaching, with little time to think and apply knowledge
- Staff frustrated by perceived imbalance of workload
- Staff frustrated by conflict in timetable between project work and lecture-based teaching

Here we explain what has been done to address some of these issues ....

## Aims of the new degree programmes

- To attract the brightest students into an engineering education
- To produce graduates capable of clear thinking, good communication skills and managing large-scale engineering projects, comfortable with complex inter-disciplinary issues, not afraid to innovate, and equipped to take on challenges beyond the vocational boundaries traditionally associated with engineering degrees
- To offer degree programmes radically different in structure and content from those of our competitors


## The changes

- Simplified the choice of undergraduate degrees offered
- Admissions criteria raised
- Interview procedures modernised and streamlined
- Academic year re-shaped around major projects
- New roles found for research-focused academic staff
- Syllabus balanced between analytical methods and the context in which they can be applied
- Emphasis on the "big picture" earlier in degree programmes
- Teaching programme restructured into four cross-cutting "clusters"
- Assessment through a single 4-unit course
- Constructionarium introduced to the curriculum


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## Constructionarium in action

## Old degrees ....... 12 of them

- B.Eng. Civil Engineering
- B.Eng. Civil Engineering (4 year STEPS programme)
- B.Eng. Civil and Environmental Engineering
- B.Eng. Structural Engineering
- B.Eng. Geoinformatics
- B.Eng. Geospatial and Environmental Information Management
- M.Eng. Civil Engineering
- M.Eng. Civil Engineering (with a year abroad)
- M.Eng. Civil with Environmental Engineering
- M.Eng. Structural Engineering
- M.Eng. Geoinformatics
- M.Eng. Geospatial and Environmental Information Management


## New degrees

- B.Eng. Civil Engineering
- B.Eng. Environmental Engineering
- B.Eng. Geoinformatics
- M.Eng. Civil Engineering
- M.Eng. Civil Engineering (International Programme)
- M.Eng. Environmental Engineering
- M.Eng. Environmental Engineering (International Programme)
- M.Eng. Geoinformatics


## Teaching in $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ years

- Common $1^{\text {st }}$ year teaching across all programmes
- broadening student curriculum
- efficiency of teaching effort
- Common $2^{\text {nd }}$ year teaching in Autumn Term
- Presentations by industry in November to inform students of the career choices available to them, with a final choice of degree to be made by end of the Autumn Term in $2^{\text {nd }}$ year
- Specialist teaching in $2^{\text {nd }}$ year Spring Term
- Specialist diets for $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ years, with courses generally offered to more than one programme (including MSc programmes)


## An Uncommon Timetable <br> - Quarters \& Scenarios

- Teaching year (Autumn and Spring terms) is divided into four "Quarters" each lasting 5 weeks
- Quarters have four weeks of teaching and a major one-week group project known as a "Scenario"
- Teaching in the four weeks is based around lectures, seminars, laboratory classes, and visits
- There is no formal teaching during Scenario weeks, but staff are available for consultation to guide student groups towards their goals


## From silos to frameworks ....

- Syllabus for $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ years of old degrees (taught in eight half-unit courses): Structures, Soils, Fluids, Materials, Design, Mathematics, Geology, Measurement, Society
- Syllabus for $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ years of new degrees re-mapped to clusters (administered as a single 4-unit course):
Context, Change, Mechanisms, Tools
- Achieved by asking all staff to list core "Learning Outcomes" for their subject and to mark each as Context, Change, Mechanisms or Tools
- Learning Outcomes timetabled to mesh with the requirements of the multi-disciplinary Scenarios


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## Clusters

## Context:

Offers an appreciation of the technical, political, and cultural contexts of engineering and interactions with the environment. Focus on clients, planning, regulation, legislation, economics and history.

## Change:

Builds on the understanding and skills gained in other parts of the syllabus to plan and realise an outcome. Focus on design skills, systems, management of projects and creativity development.

## Clusters

## Mechanisms:

Develops an understanding of the theories underpinning engineering processes, where and why they are similar in different fields and where and why they are different.

## Tools:

Helps to develop a variety of skills, in mathematics, communications, land surveying, computing and drawing

## Scenarios the essential ingredient of our new degree programmes



- Each scenario run by two academics:
- one to link curriculum to the project,
- the other to organise the project logistics


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Year 1:

- Traffic and pollution in St Albans concepts
- Shrimp farm in the Thames Estuary
- St Albans ii - detail

Year 2:

- Community Centre
- Offshore wind farm

- Airport expansion
- Drought in SE England


## Scenarios the essential ingredient of our new degree programmes

- Major task for staff to prepare a Scenario and make contact with relevant industrial advisors
- Major staff commitment during Scenario week
- Major task to arrange marking of group and individual work and subsequent feedback

- Offers an opportunity for staff whose research interests are not part of the traditional $1^{\text {st }}$ or $2^{\text {nd }}$ year curriculum to play an active role in teaching



## Reduction in report-writing

- As in the old degree programmes, students are required to carry out laboratory experiments to underpin lecture-based teaching
- Understanding of the mechanisms being demonstrated in the experiments is assessed by short reports, by examination and in scenarios
- Full reports are required for only a few of the experiments, specifically to develop and test technical writing skills


## Assessment structure - $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ and $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ years

- Assessment for each year is managed within a single 4-unit course
- This gives flexibility to introduce small components into the curriculum without a need to create incoherent and disjointed half-units
- Marks spreadsheet gives overall performance during the year and alerts staff to poor performance in Scenarios and other coursework

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| Miss | Judith Pauline |  | Smith-Jones | H225 | cazgo | 69 | 64 | 73 | 75 | 85 | 85 | 70 | 84 | 70 | 68 | 78 | 90 | 87 | 57 |  |  |  | 92 | 78 | 98 | 97 | 78 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 90 | 95 | 8981 | 8175 |  |
| Mr | Keyvan |  | Smith-Jones | H202 | BWVC3 | 64 | 66 | 72 | 65 | 70 | 80 | 56 | 63 | 75 | 73 | 70 | 70 |  | 70 | 90 |  |  | 79 | 73 | 79 | 78 | 83 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 90 | 95 | 7187 | $87 \quad 75$ |  |
| Miss | Maria | Smith-Jones | H200 | DDPC6 | 60 | 60 | 58 | 75 | 0 | 75 | 60 | 82 | 74 | 72 | 65 |  |  | 57 |  | 90 | 70 | 76 | 67 | 93 | 80 | 80 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 88 | 836 | 67 | 6780 |  |
| Miss | Nuna | Smith-Jones | H205 | ствво | 73 | 70 | 80 | 75 | 80 | 90 | 60 | 62 | 54 | 59 | 53 | 60 | 64 |  |  |  | 72 | 78 | 63 | 86 | 88 | 88 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 82 | 87 | 485 | 51 |  |
| Mr | Jonathan David William | Smith-Jones | H202 | FDTZ7 | 57 | 66 | 76 | 85 | 65 | 70 | 60 | 79 | 69 | 72 | 96 | 80 |  | 68 |  | 65 |  | 66 | 78 | 82 | 45 | 70 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 74 | 86 | 4167 | 6768 |  |
| Mr | Paul | Smith-Jones | H202 | BCZS3 | 69 | 56 | 75 | 85 | 80 | 80 | 70 | 78 | 58 | 62 | 90 | 80 |  |  |  | 80 | 60 | 57 | 75 | 68 | 57 | 82 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 85 | 957 | 77 | 7480 |  |
| Miss | Anna Bodil Charote | Smith-Jones | H202 | CVLB4 | 43 | 58 | 69 | 65 | 60 | 90 | 65 | 77 | 63 | 58 | 70 |  | 82 |  |  | 80 | 74 | 77 | 65 | 70 | 57 | 87 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 82 | 90 | 95 | 97 |  |
| Mr | Mohammad Mehdi | Smith-Jones | H205 | CDMZ7 | 40 | 39 | 62 | 58 | 70 | 70 | 60 | 77 | 58 | 58 | 78 | 90 | 82 |  |  | 55 |  | 62 | 81 | 91 | 92 | 90 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 90 | 92 | 91 | 80 |  |
| Ms | Aimalohi | Smith-Jones | H205 | BVYNo | 53 | 70 | 61 | 62 | 80 | 80 | 65 | 82 | 44 | 71 | 60 | 60 |  | 68 |  |  | 50 | 82 | 53 | 69 | 63 | 87 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 60 | 495 | 535 | 5380 |  |
| Mr | Fabio | Smith-Jones | H202 | cowJ3 | 47 | 59 | 75 | 68 | 0 | 57 | 60 | 54 | 67 | 62 | 49 | 80 |  |  |  | 70 | 50 | 78 | 81 | 69 | 53 | 78 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 66 | 76 |  | 43 |  |
| Miss | Chisitiana | Smith-Jones | H200 | BMYK2 | 61 | 66 | 68 | 75 | 60 | 70 | 49 | 55 | 71 | 66 | 60 | 50 |  |  | 70 |  | 65 | 52 | 58 | 97 | 67 | 67 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 70 | 69 | 41 | $45 \quad 68$ |  |
| Mr | Daniel Matin | Smith-Jones | H200 | BXZF5 | 48 | 58 | 56 | 65 | 80 | 60 | 56 | 79 | 67 | 65 | 47 | 80 |  | 62 |  | 65 |  | 72 | 59 | 87 |  | 78 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 64 | 49 | 31 | 5675 |  |
| Miss | Alyona Ellen | Smith-Jones | H205 | CKBW4 | 53 | 62 | 68 | 0 | 85 | - | 49 | 59 | 68 | 76 | 69 | 90 |  | 65 |  |  | 65 | 64 | 65 | 89 | 27 | 80 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 79 |  |  | $53 \quad 62$ |  |
| Miss | Dalila Alake | Smith-Jones | H202 | CHVM7 | 48 | 63 | 67 | 65 | 70 | 70 | 60 | 54 | 60 | 66 | 70 | 80 |  |  |  | 80 | 50 | 60 | 42 | 96 | 78 | 60 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 89 | 9247 | 4786 | 86 |  |
| Miss | Mahmuda Akhtar | Smith-Jones | H202 | BNLB3 | 53 | 65 | 68 | 68 | 80 | 80 | 60 | 70 | 47 | 58 | 50 |  | 63 | 70 |  | 65 |  | 62 | 65 | 71 | 72 | 80 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 72 | 43 | 52 | 46.65 |  |
| Mr | Herman | Smith-Jones | H202 | BSMSO | 49 | 51 | 61 | 62 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 62 | 64 | 71 | 50 | 80 |  | 70 |  |  | 55 | 75 | 58 | 58 | 38 | 72 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 88 | 85 | 917 | 7468 |  |
| Mr | Daniel Hock Wah | Smith-Jones | H200 | BSJM9 | 48 | 54 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 35 | 48 | 56 | 54 | 40 | 60 | 43 |  |  | 65 |  | 87 | 72 | 87 | 90 | 85 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 50 |  |  | 27 |  |
| Mr | Joel Aaron | Smith-Jones | H202 | BPBD9 | 49 | 63 | 69 | 55 | 80 | 75 | 60 | 78 | 58 | 51 | 60 | 60 | 43 | 65 |  |  |  | 57 | 54 | 77 | 62 | 70 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 70 | 55 | 45 | 49 |  |
| Mr | Sebastien | Smith-Jones | H225 | DXHGO | 60 | 52 | 75 | 68 | 85 | 65 | 60 | 54 | 49 | 66 | 50 |  |  |  |  | 60 |  | 60 | 62 | 73 | 40 | 80 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 64 | 55 | 32 | $40 \quad 90$ |  |
| Miss | Sabeya Begum | Smith-Jones | F891 | cagzo | 55 | 59 | 61 | 65 | 0 | 70 | 60 | 84 | 65 | 60 | 70 | 70 |  |  |  | 45 | 72 | 45 | 51 | 64 | 57 | 80 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 84 | 83 | 61 | 60.90 |  |
| Mr | Kadar | Smith-Jones | H202 | DPSS5 | 43 | 51 | 53 | 75 | 75 | 70 | 65 | 52 | 61 | 50 | 48 |  | 46 | 57 |  |  | 65 | 49 | 52 | 86 | 75 | 83 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 70 | 84 | 60 | $78 \quad 58$ |  |
| Mr | Ramesh K | Smith-Jones | H200 | DXMX8 | 48 | 57 | 48 | 55 | 62 | 65 | 60 | 40 | 50 | 56 | 67 |  |  |  | 60 | 30 | 43 | 63 | 56 | 80 | 77 | 85 | 100 |  |  | 78 | 837 | 7540 | 40 |  |
| Mr | Kiran | Smith-Jones | H202 | BMZK1 | 45 | 50 | 72 | 68 | 0 | 60 | 49 | 43 | 57 | 63 | 65 | 80 |  | 72 |  |  | 55 | 67 | 46 | 76 | 57 | 77 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 86 | 74 | 22 | 45 |  |
| Miss | Tanya Sanchez | Smith-Jones | F891 | BCDM 1 | 6 | 61 | 68 | 0 | 67 | 65 | 60 | 48 | 1 | 66 | 49 | 60 |  |  |  | 65 | 55 | 39 | 49 | 56 | 58 | 68 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 83 | 59 | 39 | $75 \quad 75$ |  |
| Mr | Miles Douglas Elliott | Smith-Jones | H205 | CDYF5 | 49 | 68 | 52 | 65 | 85 | 50 | 49 | 43 | 58 | 71 | 70 | 60 |  |  |  | 55 | 65 | 67 | 50 | 50 | 65 | 60 | 100 | 65 |  | 68 | 40 |  | 46 |  |
| Mr | George Thomas | Smith-Jones | F892 | CYaP2 | 57 | 62 | 70 | 65 | 0 | 67 | 55 | 43 | 56 | 45 | 0 | 60 |  |  |  | 65 | 65 | 59 | 55 | 56 | 50 | 67 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 78 | 96 | 62 | 5758 |  |
| Mr | Tariq Nassar | Smith-Jones | H200 | DPPF1 | 43 | 55 | 61 | 68 | 65 | 0 | 60 | 54 | 66 | 65 | 45 | 50 |  |  |  | 55 | 65 | 55 | 56 | 60 | 55 | 60 |  | 65 | 100 | 65 | 50 | 23 | 59 |  |
| $\mathrm{Mr}^{\text {Mr }}$ | Kin-To Kendall | Smith-Jones | H202 | DMHV6 | 40 | 58 | 65 | 55 | 85 | 85 | 65 | 46 | 53 | 48 | 50 | 60 |  |  |  | 65 | 71 | 43 | 43 | 79 | 80 | 70 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 40 | 54 |  | $40 \quad 55$ |  |
| Mr | Waihang | Smith-Jones | H200 | СтMD3 | 36 | 42 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 48 | 69 | 47 | 40 | 70 |  |  | 65 |  | 45 | 61 | 65 | 81 | 65 | 42 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 64 | 64 | 25 | 33 |  |
| Miss | Nushrath | Smith-Jones | F891 | CXOBO | 45 | 66 | 64 | 65 | 0 | 50 | 56 | 54 | 66 | 63 | 68 | 60 | 56 |  |  | 40 |  | 52 | 32 | 74 | 72 | 70 |  |  | 100 | 90 | 87 | 22 | 49 |  |
| Mr | Janis | Smith-Jones | H200 | BCDP4 | 47 | 55 | 66 | 68 | 0 | 65 | 62 | 54 | 61 | 70 | 60 | 70 | 68 | 57 |  |  |  | 42 | 57 | 46 | 43 | 45 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 1 | 83 | 41 | 5258 |  |
| $\mathrm{Mr}^{\text {Mr }}$ | Kassa | Smith-Jones | H200 | CLMJ5 | 51 | 40 | 62 | 58 | 60 | 70 | 60 | 70 | 60 | 63 | 48 | 60 |  | 60 |  | 45 |  | 37 | 50 | 64 | 45 | 48 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 79 | 79 | 61 | 55.42 |  |
| Mr | Mohamad | Smith-Jones | H200 | BVBz1 | 47 | 52 | 58 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 62 | 17 | 64 | 45 | 52 |  | 82 |  |  | 45 | 60 | 49 | 46 | 86 | 58 | 78 | 100 |  | 100 | 75 | 77 | 61 | 5868 |  |
| Mr | Ismail | Smith-Jones | H200 | DBSS9 | 51 | 65 | 68 | 65 | 0 | 85 | 60 | 59 | 52 | 69 | 55 | 60 |  | 52 |  | 55 |  | 49 | 27 | 37 | 42 | 68 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 67 | 68 | 1255 | 55 |  |
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| Ms | Germai | Smith-Jones | H224 | CPXB8 | 29 | 34 | 51 | 65 | 65 | 85 | 70 | 63 | 53 | 75 | 58 | 50 |  | 53 |  | 80 |  | 33 | 35 | 68 | 78 | 72 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 77 | 402 | 24.62 | 6265 |  |
| Mr | Demos | Smith-Jones | H200 | cNDS3 | 31 | 45 | 59 | 55 | 0 | 60 | 5 | 55 | 40 | 56 | 55 | 70 |  |  |  |  |  | 46 | 19 | 92 | 90 | 87 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 72 | 69 | 47 | 57 |  |
| Mr | lason loan | Smith-Jones | H200 | DDSH8 | 37 | 57 | 65 | 68 | 0 | 60 | 56 | 48 | 69 | 61 | 45 | 70 |  |  |  |  | 50 | 30 | 42 | 69 | 30 | 58 | 100 |  | 100 | 59 | 39 | $6{ }^{68}$ | 38 |  |
| Miss | Sian | Smith-Jones | H202 | ВНKD8 | 59 | 52 | 69 | 0 | 85 | 67 | 62 | 48 | 61 | 66 | 94 | 70 |  |  |  | 55 | 50 | 36 | 24 | 21 | 50 | 60 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 66 | 68 | 4742 | 42 |  |
| Mr | Alexios | Smith-Jones | H200 | DZSF8 | 37 | 45 | 57 | 62 | 60 | 0 | 63 | 48 | 60 | 56 | 64 |  |  | 47 |  |  | 65 | 38 | 34 | 45 | 45 | 65 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 85 | 81 | 5354 | 5475 |  |
| Mr | Sungmin | Smith-Jones | H220 | cJvo4 | 36 | 36 | 52 | 52 | 85 | 58 | 40 | 47 | 55 | 58 | 40 | 60 | 35 |  | 65 |  |  | 22 | 40 | 66 | 53 | 73 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 87 | 50 | 5753 | 53 |  |
| Miss | Qian (Sunny) | Smith-Jones | H200 | BMBY1 | 28 | 42 | 0 | 55 | 60 | 60 | 70 | 40 | 48 | 70 | 0 | 60 |  | 57 |  |  | 55 | 38 | 33 | 71 | 50 | 38 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 40 | 29 | 1022 | 22 |  |
| $\mathrm{Mr}^{\text {Mr }}$ | Yuming (Charles) | Smith-Jones | H202 | DPSV2 | 17 | 37 | 61 | 65 | 0 | 65 | 70 | 40 | 62 | 48 | 42 | 80 | 63 | 53 |  |  |  | ${ }^{23}$ | 43 | 83 | 68 | 78 |  | 65 | 100 | 62 | 28 | 20 | 2148 |  |
| $\mathrm{Mr}^{\text {Mr }}$ | Tomasz Daniel | Smith-Jones | H200 | CHRNO | 45 | 55 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 70 | 49 | 40 | 54 | 0 | 60 |  | 42 |  |  |  | 36 | 34 | 54 | 43 | 53 | 100 | 85 | 100 |  | 35 | 49 | 4380 |  |
| Mr | vivek | Smith-Jones | F891 | BMKS8 | 59 | 61 | 55 | 68 | 65 | 70 | 63 | 33 | 69 | 61 | 45 | 50 |  |  |  | 60 | 50 | 19 | 22 | 14 | 18 | 50 | 100 | 90 | 100 | 53 | 54 | 17 | 6675 |  |
| Miss | Ying | Smith-Jones | H202 | CPTP8 | 25 | 40 | 52 | 52 | 85 | 67 | 35 | 40 | 53 | 61 | 0 | 60 |  | 50 |  |  | 60 | 22 | 24 | 59 | 57 | 77 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 63 | 29 | 918 | 18.42 |  |
| Mr | Chenghao | Smith-Jones | H220 | DFPT7 | 28 | 40 | 53 | 62 | 60 | 53 | 35 | 40 | 40 | 46 | 0 | 40 |  | 40 |  | 40 |  | 28 | 32 | 84 | 23 | 77 | 100 | 65 |  |  |  |  | 042 |  |
| Mr | Tony | Smith-Jones | н200 | FDJY8 | 23 | 24 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 50 | 40 | 40 | 49 | 48 | 55 | 60 | 41 |  |  | 80 |  | 30 | 28 | 59 | 48 | 58 | 100 |  | 100 | 87 | 53 | 40 | 40 |  |
| $\mathrm{Mr}^{\text {Mr }}$ | Hiten | Smith-Jones | F891 | BPYF4 | 31 | 56 | 62 | 58 | 0 | , | 62 | 33 | 58 | 45 | 0 | 60 |  |  |  | 45 | 55 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 33 | 48 | 100 | 65 | 100 | 49 |  |  | 30.68 |  |
| Mr | Haibo | Smith-Jones | H202 | BSGYo | 28 | 45 | 56 | 62 | 0 | 62 | 60 | 40 | 43 | 61 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 32 | 42 | 49 | 5 | 57 | 100 |  |  |  |  |  | 048 |  |
| Mr | Sayed Junaid | Smith-Jones | H205 | BDaC7 | 60 | 56 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 52 | 57 | 47 | 58 |  |  |  |  |  | 50 | 11 | 10 | 15 | 17 | 25 | 100 | 85 | 100 | 54 |  |  | 075 |  |
| Mr | Haider | Smith-Jones | H200 | CFLR4 | 25 | 51 | 52 | 65 | 60 | 0 | 49 | 40 | 54 | 33 | 48 | 60 |  | 50 |  |  | 55 | 12 | 17 | 21 |  |  | 100 | 85 | 100 | 48 | 36 | 313 | 33 |  |
| Mr | Elidon | Smith-Jones | H200 | BWTX4 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 65 | 50 | 35 | 49 | 40 | 51 | 0 | 50 |  | 57 |  | 65 |  | 19 | 17 | 32 | 17 | 30 |  | 85 | 100 | 64 |  |  | 40 |  |
| Mr | Heny | Smith-Jones | F891 | DMBH6 | 43 | 51 | 67 | 0 | 55 | 55 | 45 | 40 | 63 | 52 | 42 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 35 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 31 | 100 | 65 |  | 51 | 37 | 27 | 1865 |  |
| Miss | Qianni (Karin) | Smith-Jones | H202 | вмво9 | 31 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 63 | 40 | 40 | 61 | 0 | 50 |  |  |  | 55 | 54 | 26 | 31 | 40 | 32 | 33 |  | 85 |  |  |  |  | 058 |  |
| Mr | Chi fung Vincent | Smith-Jones | H202 | DVTaO | 27 | 30 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 36 | 55 | 64 | 0 | 40 |  |  |  |  | 53 | 15 | 26 | 31 |  | 60 |  |  | 100 |  |  |  | $0{ }^{08}$ |  |
| Mr | Melek | Smith-Jones | H200 | CTCJ7 | 31 | 17 | 45 | 62 | 60 | 0 | 60 | 40 | 38 | 41 | 46 | 20 |  | 53 |  |  |  | 16 | 15 | 23 |  |  | 100 | 85 | 100 | 54 | 42 | 4328 | 28 |  |
| Mr | Xu (Jackie) | Smith-Jones | H200 | FBCR4 | 0 | 8 | 57 | 55 | 0 | 40 | 60 | 20 | 53 | 56 | 45 | 40 |  |  |  | 40 |  | 0 |  | 47 | 73 | 33 |  | 85 | 100 | 56 | 49 | 18 | 1045 |  |
| Mr | Sohaib Hassan | Smith-Jones | H200 | CKRX7 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 60 | 43 | 42 | 48 | 0 | 50 |  | 57 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 100 |  | 100 |  | 40 | 21 | 28 |  |
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| Mr | James Robert | [Left course] | F891 |  | 0 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 068 |  |
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## Assessment structure - $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ and $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ years

- Students have to achieve an overall pass mark AND have passed all four Clusters to proceed
- Referral tests are held in September for students whose overall mark lies in the referral band 35\%-39\%
- Referral tests are held in September for students who fail more than one Cluster but have an overall mark of $40 \%$ or above
- "Condoned fails" are allowed for students with an overall mark of $40 \%$ or above if only one Cluster is failed with a mark 35\%-39\%
- Record of Achievement also maintained to monitor student performance in "core" engineering disciplines - useful for writing references


## Admissions

Criteria are now $A A A$
No specific requirement for Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry or Biology; English language requirements need attention


Selection afternoons

- mini-scenarios
- tours of College
- special interviews

The Birling Gap Question

- to defend or not to defend?


## Accreditation

- Civil and Environmental Engineering degrees are accredited by the Joint Board of Moderators: 2006 report supportive of changes
- CIWEM accredited Environmental Engineering degrees in 2009


## The results so far

- In the first year of the programmes, marks in Context and Mechanisms had to be weighted to balance average marks across Clusters successful change introduced to exam format for subsequent years
- Students are far better at managing themselves in group work on the Land Survey Field Course than those of previous years
- Most students near the bottom of the class identified as having a problem with English language - additional remedial classes have reduced this problem
- Far more students are now engaged with Global Citizenship "International Programmes" and voluntary work overseas
- Very much better performance overall, driven by better motivation


## The student view:

- Very positive about Scenarios - they are stressful, but "good stress"!
- Better guidance is needed to explain initially what is expected of students during each Scenario
- Make-up of groups and poor contributions from weaker or lazy students is seen as a problem
- Teaching sessions lasting three hours were considered too long
- Optional classes are required for maths, chemistry and biology - they would welcome a pre-sessional refresher course


## Negative views:

- Excessive workload
- Poor information flow
- Confusion when staff retire or change roles


1st year marks



New Old degree programmes

2nd year marks


3rd year marks


New Old degree programmes

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3rd year marks


New Old degree programmes

## Cohort mains performance across all 3 years

2006 Intake

- comparing their 1st, 2nd and 3rd year marks



## Summary

- Three A-grades are now required for entry to the new degrees
- Student performance is consistent across all years of study
- $1^{\text {st }}$ year failure rate has fallen from $20 \%$ to under $5 \%$
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ year performance, traditionally weak, has been transformed
- Results from the $3^{\text {rd }}$ year, which follows the traditional degree programme, are also improved
- Around $20 \%$ of the cohort choose to take their $3^{\text {rd }}$ year abroad
- Even sceptical staff are positive about the new structure

