

MSc Real Estate (Part-time, blended)

An interview with...

Chloe Fung

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Chloe Fung's non-traditional real estate background didn't stop her from taking the next step in her career with the master's in Real Estate from The University of Manchester.

In her role as a lighting designer for a build and construction consultancy firm in Singapore, Chloe wanted to develop her commercial acumen and combine her studies with her full-time work. The blended master's in Real Estate felt like a perfect match.

EXPLORING NEW PERSPECTIVES

Having an undergraduate degree (BA) in Design, Chloe wanted to delve into the realm of real estate. "I wanted to examine the property and built environment industry, explore the commercial part of properties, and understand variables like legal matters instead of just design considerations," she says.

As a lighting designer, she prepares materials to present to clients and ensures the building plan is brought to life. "I've been involved in important projects implementing lighting designs, but I was ready for a career change," she adds. Her desire to engage with real estate stems from her passion to learn and discover more. "Whilst lighting has been fascinating, I wanted to be involved in the valuation outside of just pretty interiors."

NEW LEARNING PATHS

Through studying the blended Real Estate course she hopes to engage with topics she is enthusiastic about. "I found the course particularly attractive and I felt it had a nice range of subjects, particularly for someone new to the industry," she admits. With the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) accreditation, Chloe knew it would also bring her one step closer to her career goal of achieving chartered surveyor status.

The blended elements of the course, coupled with the prestige that comes with a postgraduate qualification from The University of Manchester stood out to her: "When applying for this course the flexibility of its online delivery felt right for me. It's a blend of online and face-to-face delivery which allows me to juggle my work alongside my studies."

A BALANCING ACT

However, finding a good balance between studying and working full-time is challenging. Taking advantage of the flexibility of the course in terms of its online delivery is critical. Chloe advises prospective students that planning is key.

"I try to distribute the work through the week in my diary to ensure I don't leave everything until the end," she says. She also benefited from the continuous support of the tutors, when she needed extra help for example with calculations, as she didn't have previous experience in finance or economics. "The resources available, the tutor support and community of fellow students were extremely valuable for me to overcome these challenges," she admits.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The blended delivery of the course meant that students would have the opportunity to connect in-person during conferences held twice a year. Although – due to the pandemic – the conferences have been virtual, "they still act as a platform to network, meet fellow students and graduates", Chloe explains.

"Learning from industry experts and participating in meaningful discussions around real estate topics helps to broaden your perspectives and maximise your learning. I felt inspired during the conferences," she confirms.

CAREER AMBITIONS

Studying the master's in Real Estate is exactly what Chloe expected. Driven by her desire for a career change she hopes to fill her knowledge gaps and achieve chartered surveyor status through the RICS accreditation.

"The course will improve my commercial awareness and help me transition to my next role within the property investment or valuation industry," she says. The MSc in Real Estate blended course helps students to build a framework of knowledge and practical skills to make a difference to the future landscape.



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