What is Facilities Management?
Facilities Management (FM) is the discipline that focuses on developing and managing all types of facilities and properties. The Facilities Management emphasis in the Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) major prepares students for this wide-ranging and rewarding profession. From idea inception, facility repurposing, day-to-day operation to demolition, the facilities manager does it all - whether it’s providing services in a multi-tenant skyscraper, overseeing the infrastructure of a manufacturing plant, maintaining a university, managing a sports event, or operating a hospital complex.

The Facilities Management emphasis prepares students to be part of the administrative and supervisory team in the increasingly complex world of facilities management. Strong communication skills help the facilities manager work with building occupants, building owners, team members, vendor staff, and regulatory agency officers. A facility manager’s daily schedule is comprised of a variety of tasks as well as the occasional emergency.

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The need for facilities managers
The role of a facilities manager involves leadership, communicating, and coordinating the activities of professional technicians and service providers. Owners/investors understand that qualified facilities managers are mission critical to their business. Facilities managers often work at the executive levels to ensure that the facilities and properties are performing to meet the business needs. The facilities manager combines leadership, financial, commercial, and technical knowledge in areas such as energy management, commercial real estate, vendor management, sustainability, and process technologies.

Studies show that the first cost (construction cost) of an average office building in the U.S. today is only 27 percent of the total life cycle cost. That means that 73 percent of facility costs occurs after it is built.

Job outlook
Facilities Management provides graduates the freedom to choose between dozens of career paths. Some of the career paths that Facilities Management graduates pursue include facilities manager, property manager, commercial real estate broker, leasing agent, corporate real estate, director of corporate facilities, temple engineer, project manager, space manager, asset manager, and account manager. Facilities management is necessary for every industry and provides employment opportunities wherever you live. There is a constantly increasing demand for qualified facilities managers, both in North America and internationally.

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Networking
BYU facilities management students benefit from industry-wide connections through alumni and friends of the program. The program strives to connect students with mentors within various companies across the country, and where possible, around the world. Many recruiters come to BYU each semester seeking FM students. FM students routinely have more than one job opportunity upon graduation. It is common for students to have meaningful work experience and internships during their education. The networks our students create while in school benefit them throughout their careers.

Family-friendly
Facilities management offers graduates flexible careers with both full and part-time positions available. BYU, with its family-oriented atmosphere, is an ideal place for students to learn how to balance career and family life. This allows for a well-rounded educational experience that prepares students for building their lives, one step at a time.

The program
The Construction and Facilities Management program allows students to choose an emphasis in either Construction Management (CM) or Facilities Management (FM). This provides more opportunities for students to explore their interests and better prepares them for industry. Each emphasis has exceptional students, faculty, and alumni.

Students also have opportunities to participate in the student club, Facilities and Property Management Student Association (FPMSA). Student clubs provide a great way to develop leadership skills and networking opportunities.

Faculty
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