Overview

The Bachelor of City Planning (Hons) provides academic education and applied learning leading to professional, accredited qualifications in planning. The Program is of four years full-time duration with embedded Honours. The degree comprises core courses that develop and strengthen disciplinary foundations and help develop advanced and specific knowledge and skills; elective options including Built Environment Interdisciplinary Learning courses, an integrated learning Practice Year where students develop skills in the workplace as well as classroom; and a final year involving a Plan Making Studio, research thesis and opportunities to further pursue specialist areas of interest.

Planning is a varied and progressive profession which plays a pivotal role in decisions shaping the future of cities and regions. Planners need to see the whole picture: we need to be good thinkers, good analysts and good communicators. We work with stakeholders across the spectrum of interests - from global developers to local communities - to foster feasible, equitable, sustainable and progressive outcomes. Working at the interface between development and environment, the planner's role involves collecting and analysing information, identifying needs and options, making forecasts, preparing policies, plans and programs for implementation, exercising development control, investigating development proposals, and evaluating results, communicating outcomes and consultation. Sydney and NSW provide a fantastic laboratory to help understand the crucial role played by planners in addressing complex challenges, systematically placed in its global context through critical analysis and drawing upon best practice.

The Bachelor of City Planning (Hons) aims to produce high quality graduates who have acquired UNSW Graduate attributes and are capable, through their skills, knowledge and experience, of undertaking a wide range of tasks required of a qualified planning practitioner. As well as preparing for the profession, a planning degree provides lifelong analytical, collaborate and communication skills much in
demand more widely.
Faculty
Faculty of Built Environment

Campus
Kensington

Study Level
Undergraduate

Typical duration
4 Years

Delivery Mode
Face-to-face

Intake Period
Term 1

Academic Calendar
3+ Calendar

Minimum Units of Credit
192

Award type
Bachelors Honours

Award(s)
Bachelor of City Planning (Honours) - BCP (Hons)

UAC Code
423600

CRICOS Code
088837E
Learning Outcomes

1. Implement systematic and specialised knowledge and analytical skills to reach appropriate evidence based decisions to inform planning issues and actions
   - Scholars

2. Apply critical thinking skills and synthesise complex information in order to address multi-scalar challenges and perspectives shaping space and place
   - Scholars
   - Global Citizens

3. Apply concepts and principles of urban planning in practice
   - Scholars
   - Global Citizens

4. Examine and evaluate international issues, perspectives and opportunities within their field of study
   - Global Citizens
   - Scholars

5. Develop innovative, multidisciplinary and integrative plans to facilitate and influence appropriate social, economic and environmental outcomes
   - Scholars
   - Leaders

6. Plan and execute a significant piece of independent research relevant to the planning discipline and profession
   - Scholars
   - Professionals

7. Communicate and work effectively with a range of stakeholders to inform, consult and engage them in planning processes
   - Scholars
   - Leaders

8. Demonstrate cultural awareness, environmental and social responsibility, and a respect for diversity
   - Global Citizens
   - Professionals
   - Leaders

9. Practice professional and ethical conduct and personal accountability consistent with the expectations of the planning profession and the community when engaged in planning roles and activities
   - Professionals
   - Global Citizens
   - Leaders

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 192 UOC as a standalone program.

Level 1 Core Courses

Students must take 36 UOC of the following courses.

BENV1010 | 6 UOC
Communication in the Built Environment

PLAN1001 | 6 UOC
Introduction to Planning

PLAN1002 | 6 UOC
Sustainability and Environment

PLAN1003 | 6 UOC
Urban Society, History, Theory

PLAN1004 | 6 UOC
City and Regional Economics

PLAN1007 | 6 UOC
Development Processes: Feasibility and Finance

Level 2 Core Courses

Students must take 48 UOC of the following courses.

BENV4000 | 6 UOC
Research Methods in the Built Environment

PLAN2001 | 6 UOC
Strategic Planning

PLAN2002 | 6 UOC
Level 3 Core Courses

Students must take 30 UOC of the following courses.

Students take each of the following courses twice (Term 1 and Term 2) for a total of 30 UOC

**PLAN3001** | 3 UOC  
Practice: Communication, Participation, Engagement

**PLAN3002** | 3 UOC  
Practice: Building, Using Evidence

**PLAN3003** | 3 UOC  
Practice: Professionalism, Ethics, Politics

**PLAN3004** | 3 UOC  
Practice: Development

**PLAN3005** | 3 UOC
# Practice: Governance and Policy

## Level 4 Core Courses

Students must take 36 UOC of the following courses.

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## Interdisciplinary Learning (BEIL) Electives

Students must take at least 12 UOC of the following courses.

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Exhibition Design: Transforming Temporary Space

Creating Value for Built Environment Clients

Healthy Planning

Architectural Photography

Digital Making

Digital Design Foundations

Renewing the Urban Environment

Business Start Up

Kirigami Architectural Principles & Creative Paper Engineering

Mapping Social Justice in the City

International Planning

Urban and Regional Design
Prescribed Planning Electives

Students must take at least 18 UOC of the following courses.

BENV2938 | 6 UOC  Transport Planning

BENV2942 | 6 UOC  Rural Planning

BENV7811 | 6 UOC  Urban Renewal

PLAN2122 | 6 UOC  History, Heritage and the Built Environment

PLAN7156 | 6 UOC  Housing Policy and Finance
Students must take at least 12 UOC of the following courses.

any General Education course

Level 4 Maturity Requirement

Students must have completed 114 UOC before taking any of the following courses.

any level 4 Planning and Urban Development course

Recommended General Education Courses

Students are strongly encouraged to consider General Elective courses that assist with preparation for their Practice Year.

The following courses are recommended:

- DIPP1122 Introduction to the Workplace
- DIPP1310 Professional Experience 1

These can also be taken as standalone General Education courses or as part of a Diploma of Professional Practice.

Sample Programs

To access sample program(s), please visit:

Program Structure

Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Related Programs

Related Double Degree Programs

Bachelor of City Planning (Honours) - BCP (Hons)
Bachelor of Laws - LLB
4706 City Planning (Honours) / Law

Faculty: Faculty of Law, Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 312
Typical Duration: 6.7 Years

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Related Programs

Bachelor of Architectural Studies - BArchSt
3261 Architectural Studies

Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

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Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours) - BLArch(Hons)
3381 Landscape Architecture (Hons)

Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Social Research & Policy (Honours) - BSRP (Hons)
4507 Social Research & Policy(Hons)

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 48
Typical Duration: 1 Years

Bachelor of Construction Management and Property (Honours) - BCMP(Hons)

4522 Construction Management and Property (Honours)

Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 48
Typical Duration: 1 Years

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Program Requirements

Progression Requirements

Students are entitled to progress to the next stage of the degree (defined as year stages) where 42UOC is achieved with a WAM of 50 or above. Students who fail two or more core classes in year 1 or year 2 will not be able to proceed to subsequent years. In such scenarios students will be allowed to repeat failed courses to enable them to proceed into Stage 3. Students will only be able to enter the 3rd year and enrol in Work Integrated Learning courses (Practice courses) where 84UOC has been satisfactorily completed.

For more information on university policy on progression requirements please visit Academic Progression.
Pathways

Post Graduate

**Master of Property and Development - MPD**

8127 Property and Development

Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 72  
Typical Duration: 1.7 Years

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**Master of Urban Development and Design - MUDD**

8131 Urban Development and Design

Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 72  
Typical Duration: 1.7 Years

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**Master of Sustainable Built Environment - MSBEtv**

8132 Sustainable Built Environment

Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 72  
Typical Duration: 1.7 Years

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**Master of City Analytics (Extension) - MCA(Ext)**

8152 City Analytics (Extension)

Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 96  
Typical Duration: 2 Years

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Professional Outcomes

Accreditations

Professional institutes that offer accreditation on completion of this program:

- Planning Institute of Australia

This program is provisionally accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA), April 2015.

Professional Recognition

Graduates are eligible for Corporate Membership of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA), subject to practical experience.

Career Opportunities

Environmental, strategic, land use or social planner; urban policy and research; property development.
Recognition of Achievement

University Medal

The University Medal is awarded to recognise outstanding academic performance by a bachelor degree student in line with the University Medal Policy and University Medal Procedure.

Honours Classes

Honours is awarded on the basis of meritorious performance across the whole program.

The level of Honours achieved is determined by the student's overall Weighted Average Mark (WAM) according to the following scale:

- Honours Class 1: WAM greater than or equal to 80.0
- Honours Class 2 Division 1: WAM greater than or equal to 74.0 and below or equal to 79.99
- Honours Class 2 Division 2: WAM greater than or equal to 68.0 and below or equal to 73.99
- Honours (no class): WAM greater than or equal to 50.0 and below or equal to 67.99
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

- Domestic Students
- Commonwealth Supported Students
- International Students

Additional Expenses

As per course guides and approved by faculty approval processes.
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Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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