City Planning

Overview

Planning is an exciting, 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 and sustainable outcomes. 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 Graduate Diploma in City Planning [GDCP] degree is designed for students with an undergraduate qualification in a related discipline seeking to move into a planning or planning-related field. It is also tailored for professionals working in other sectors, especially those whose work may intersect with the planning system or requires involvement with planning agencies. Subject to progress, students can articulate from the GDCP into the Master of City Planning.

The Grad Dip in City Planning 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, collaborative and communication skills much in demand more widely.
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**Learning Outcomes**

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

2. Apply disciplinary knowledge and skills in order to address multi-scalar challenges and perspectives shaping space and place
   - Global Citizens
   - Scholars

3. Develop innovative and multidisciplinary knowledge and plans to facilitate and influence appropriate social, economic and environmental outcomes
   - Scholars
   - Global Citizens
   - Leaders

4. Work effectively in a collaborative environment and communicate with a range of stakeholders to inform, consult and engage them in planning processes
   - Leaders
   - Scholars
   - Professionals

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

6. Implement systematic knowledge and analytical skills to synthesise complex information and reach appropriate evidence-based decisions to inform planning issues and actions
   - Leaders
   - Scholars
   - Professionals

7. 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

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**Graduate Capabilities:**

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this [link](#).
Program Structure

Students must complete 48 UOC as a standalone program.

Core Courses

Students must take 42 UOC of the following courses.

**PLAN7140 | 6 UOC**
Land & Environment Law

**PLAN7141 | 6 UOC**
Land Use Policy & Practice

**PLAN7142 | 6 UOC**
City Equity & Wellbeing

**PLAN7146 | 6 UOC**
City Economics, Urban Development & Finance

**PLAN7148 | 6 UOC**
Strategic Spatial Planning

One of the following:
**SUSD0001 | 6 UOC**
Sustainable Development and the Urban Environment

**SUSD0004 | 6 UOC**
Sustainability and Habitability

One of the following:
**PLAN7143 | 6 UOC**
Urban Design

**PLAN7145 | 6 UOC**
City Building - Infrastructure Planning
Prescribed Electives

Students must take at least 6 UOC of the following courses.

ARCH7304 | 6 UOC
Architecture and the City

BEIL6000 | 6 UOC
Mapping Social Justice in the City

BEIL6001 | 6 UOC
International Planning

BEIL6002 | 6 UOC
Urban and Regional Design

BEIL6006 | 6 UOC
Heritage Planning

BENV7307 | 6 UOC
Writing the City

BENV7728 | 6 UOC
Geographical Information Systems and Urban Informatics

BENV7811 | 6 UOC
Urban Renewal

BENV7812 | 6 UOC
Critical Spatial Thinkers

CONS0025 | 6 UOC
Infrastructure Planning, Procurement and Finance
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Environmental Auditing

SUSD0010 | 6 UOC
Managing the Sustainable Built Environment

UDES0004 | 6 UOC
History and Theory of Urban Development and Design

UDES0006 | 6 UOC
Case Studies in Urban Development and Design

UDES0009 | 6 UOC
Urban Landscape and Heritage

**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

Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Built Environment - GradDipSBEnv

**5132 Sustainable Built Environment**

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

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Graduate Diploma - GradDip

**5499 Environmental Management**

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

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Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

A Bachelor degree with a credit average or above (WAM 65+). Advanced standing may also be granted for completed or partially completed postgraduate awards from UNSW or from another institution. Students who do not meet these requirements may be eligible to commence their postgraduate planning studies through taking the Grad. Cert.

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
Program Requirements

**Progression Requirements**

Students commencing their studies in the Program at the Grad Cert or Grad Dip level will be able, subject to satisfactory performance, to progress to the next stage within the articulated program. Students initially enrolling in the MCP who decide during their studies that they wish to exit early will - subject to meeting the specified requirements at either the relevant level - be able to exit with either a Grad Dip or Grad Cert.

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 - MSBE
8132 Sustainable Built Environment
Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 72
Typical Duration: 1.7 Years

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Articulation Arrangements

Other program(s) within articulated suite:

Graduate Certificate in City Planning - GCCP
7148 City Planning
Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 24
Typical Duration: 0.7 Years
Master of City Planning - MCP

8148 City Planning

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

Career Opportunities

The Grad Dip in City Planning [GDCP] degree provides an excellent platform to take up planning and urban policy-related opportunities across all tiers of government (Federal, State, local), private sector consultancies, property development, and indeed the breadth of built environment professions where planning skills are required. The interdisciplinary skill sets developed through the diploma also enable graduates move into wider policy, research, analytical, creative and community roles both in Australia and overseas.
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

n/a
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