

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (956AA.4)

Please note these are the 2015 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank

Delivery mode

Location

Duration 4.0 years

Faculty Faculty of Arts and Design

Discipline School of Design and the Built Environment

UAC code 363203

English language requirements An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

[View IELTS equivalences](#)

International students

Academic entry requirements To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.

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Location	
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Arts and Design
Discipline	School of Design and the Built Environment
CRICOS code	062890C
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

About this course

The course prepares the students to contribute to the making of more sustainable built, natural and social environments. It is concerned with local, national and global considerations through planning, public policy and social collaboration. It has a focus on economics and governance to equip urban planners with a sound understanding of the challenges of implementation. Its units cover a multidisciplinary set of intellectual and practical tools to prepare students to enter the planning profession. The teaching combines introduction to planning theory and philosophy with an emphasis on applied work and hands-on learning to qualify graduates to develop guidance for future growth and redevelopment of urban, suburban, and rural communities, and to help local communities solve challenging economic, social and environmental problems during a period of increasing uncertainty and change.

Professional accreditation

This course is accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA).

Admission requirements

Normal UC admission requirements to an undergraduate course.

Assumed knowledge

No knowledge is assumed for this course.

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules](#) and [university policy](#).

Course requirements

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (956AA) | 96 credit points

Required - 75 credit points as follows

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Major in Planning (MJ0152) | 18 credit points

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

- Introduction to Planning (7967) | 3 credit points – Level 1
- Planning Theory and Process 1 (7968) | 3 credit points – Level 1
- Planning Theory and Process 2 (7969) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Strategic Planning (7970) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Development Controls (7971) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Integrated Regional Planning (7972) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Planning Units - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

- Urban Systems (7976) | 3 credit points – Level 4
- Urban Design and Place Making (8735) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Planning Report (8786) | 6 credit points – Level 4

Business and Government Foundation Units - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

- Business and Government Internship (8036) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Problem Evaluation and Resolution (8730) | 3 credit points – Level 2
- Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Required Units - Must pass 36 credit points as follows

- Community Devel't Principles & Practice (5784) | 3 credit points – Level 1
- Introduction to Economics (6355) | 3 credit points – Level 1
- Economics of the Public Sector (6404) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Environmental and Resource Economics (6405) | 3 credit points – Level 3
- Ethical and Professional Issues (6854) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare \(7534\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

[Governance for Environmental Sustainability \(7778\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

[Environmental and Planning Law \(7907\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

[Urban Finance \(7975\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 4

[Earth System Science \(8101\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 1

[Advocacy for Change \(9274\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Indigenous Australia: Contemporary Issues \(6878\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Note:

- Must pass 3 credit points as follows or choose another Indigenous policy unit.

Open Electives - 18 credit points from the following

- Unit Levels: In choosing electives students should note that no more than 30 credit points at Level 1 is permitted for the entire course.

Note:

- Must pass 18 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a major, a minor and/or as individual units.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Accelerated Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Advocacy for Change \(9274\)](#)

[Earth System Science \(8101\)](#)

[Introduction to Economics \(6355\)](#)

[Introduction to Planning \(7967\)](#)

Semester 2

[Community Devel't Principles & Practice \(5784\)](#)

[Economics of the Public Sector \(6404\)](#)

[Planning Theory and Process 1 \(7968\)](#)

[Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare \(7534\)](#)

Winter Term

Two Open Elective Units

Year 2

Semester 1

[Environmental and Planning Law \(7907\)](#)

[Environmental and Resource Economics \(6405\)](#)

[Planning Theory and Process 2 \(7969\)](#)

[Problem Analysis and Statistics \(8732\)](#)

Semester 2

[Governance for Environmental Sustainability \(7778\)](#)

[Strategic Planning \(7970\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Winter Term

Two Open Elective Units

Year 3

Semester 1

[Development Controls \(7971\)](#)

[Ethical and Professional Issues \(6854\)](#)

[Indigenous Australia: Contemporary Issues \(6878\)](#)

[Problem Evaluation and Resolution \(8730\)](#)

Semester 2

[Integrated Regional Planning \(7972\)](#)

[Urban Design and Place Making \(8735\)](#)

[Urban Finance \(7975\)](#)

[Urban Systems \(7976\)](#)

Winter Term

[Business and Government Internship \(8036\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Planning Report \(8786\)](#)

Full Time with Winter Term Load Spread, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Advocacy for Change \(9274\)](#)

[Earth System Science \(8101\)](#)

[Introduction to Economics \(6355\)](#)

[Introduction to Planning \(7967\)](#)

Semester 2

[Planning Theory and Process 1 \(7968\)](#)

[Problem Analysis and Statistics \(8732\)](#)

[Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare \(7534\)](#)

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

Year 2

Semester 1

[Environmental and Planning Law \(7907\)](#)

[Environmental and Resource Economics \(6405\)](#)

[Planning Theory and Process 2 \(7969\)](#)

[Problem Evaluation and Resolution \(8730\)](#)

Semester 2

[Community Devel't Principles & Practice \(5784\)](#)

[Economics of the Public Sector \(6404\)](#)

[Strategic Planning \(7970\)](#)

Winter Term

Open Elective Unit

Year 3

Semester 1

Development Controls (7971)

Ethical and Professional Issues (6854)

Indigenous Australia: Contemporary Issues (6878)

Semester 2

Governance for Environmental Sustainability (7778)

Integrated Regional Planning (7972)

Urban Design and Place Making (8735)

Winter Term

Two Open Elective Units

Year 4

Semester 1

Business and Government Internship (8036)

Planning Report (8786)

Semester 2

Urban Finance (7975)

Urban Systems (7976)

Winter Term

Two Open Elective Units

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Advocacy for Change (9274)

Earth System Science (8101)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Introduction to Planning (7967)

Semester 2

Open Elective Unit

Planning Theory and Process 1 (7968)

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Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

Year 2

Semester 1

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Open Elective Unit

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Year 3

Semester 1

Indigenous Australia: Contemporary Issues (6878)

Open Elective Unit

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Semester 2

Governance for Environmental Sustainability (7778)

Open Elective Unit

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Year 4

Semester 1

Planning Report (8786)

Open Elective Unit

Business and Government Internship (8036)

Semester 2

Urban Finance (7975)

Urban Systems (7976)

Open Elective Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare \(7534\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Planning Theory and Process 1 (7968)

Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Advocacy for Change \(9274\)](#)

[Earth System Science \(8101\)](#)

[Introduction to Economics \(6355\)](#)

Introduction to Planning (7967)

Semester 2

[Community Devel't Principles & Practice \(5784\)](#)

[Economics of the Public Sector \(6404\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

[Strategic Planning \(7970\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Environmental and Planning Law \(7907\)](#)

[Environmental and Resource Economics \(6405\)](#)

Planning Theory and Process 2 (7969)

[Problem Evaluation and Resolution \(8730\)](#)

Semester 2

[Governance for Environmental Sustainability \(7778\)](#)

[Integrated Regional Planning \(7972\)](#)

[Urban Design and Place Making \(8735\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

[Development Controls \(7971\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

[Ethical and Professional Issues \(6854\)](#)

[Indigenous Australia: Contemporary Issues \(6878\)](#)

Semester 2

Open Elective Unit

[Urban Finance \(7975\)](#)

[Urban Systems \(7976\)](#)

Year 5

Semester 1

[Business and Government Internship \(8036\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

[Planning Report \(8786\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

8 semesters full-time; equivalent part-time. Maximum 20 semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
1. The critical analytical ability to dissect and analyse complex problems, understand the underlying issues and be able to make rational decisions based on reasoned argument.	.

4. Knowledge of land-use planning and the social, economic and environmental factors which impact on this.	.
6. An understanding of the responsibilities across government and inter-governmental relations.	.
11. A basic knowledge of microeconomics and finance including the role of competitive markets, particularly in balancing private and public good.	.
8. An understanding of good governance principles of accountability, transparency, accessibility, equity, efficiency, effectiveness and the processes and relationships which support these.	.
14. An appreciation of the issues facing indigenous Australian communities and an understanding of indigenous policy particularly in relation to land, housing and employment.	.
3. The communication ability (both written and spoken) to be able to communicate effectively with a diverse range of stakeholders.	.
7. Knowledge of policy instruments, advocacy, incentive, legislation and the market and their role in implementing policy.	.
2. The creative ability to broaden the context of any problem or opportunity and be able to think laterally of possible solutions.	.
9. An understanding of environmental law, and in particular statutory planning law.	.
10. Knowledge of the history of planning and the role of planning in society, particularly in balancing private and public good.	.
12. An understanding of natural processes and the ability to leverage these to support more efficient, sustainable human and natural systems.	.
13. An understanding of cultural history and place and an ability to support rich, humane, accessible, culturally rich public places.	.
5. A knowledge of the role of government, community and the private sector in governance, particularly as it relates to land use planning and regional development policy.	.

Majors

- [Major in Planning \(MJ0152\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning	B Urb&RegPlan

Honours

High performing students may be eligible to enrol in the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) course.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	In person Faculty of Business, Government and Law student support area (Building 11, Level B, Room 27 - Reception counter) or Email BGLCourseConveners@canberra.edu.au
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.