

## **Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning**

### **Master of Urban Planning**

(Incorporating the Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Planning as an exit point)

#### **1 Background**

The MUP addresses the exciting, but challenging, new context of environmental sustainability, social equity and economic development of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Subjects draw upon global and local examples delivering a carefully-structured set of core subjects covering the major dimensions of the current debate on the theory and practice of urban planning. Electives will enrich student's understanding of the multiple dimensions of urban planning through a social, economic and environmental focus. The course is intended both for practitioners seeking to update and broaden their knowledge and skill-base, and for people with other backgrounds seeking to work in the planning field. It offers a special learning experience as it brings together students and staff from a wide array of disciplines. It also offers a course on-site in an Asia-Pacific City, as well as providing debate on local planning issues. The program will accommodate professionals by offering some courses in the evenings, as intensives, or over a series of weekends.

The revised MUP is proposed as one of the key professional masters courses in the Graduate School of the Built Environment. It ensures that urban planning studies conform with the 3+2 Melbourne Model. The existing MUP caters to students from non-cognate disciplines as well as those who are already qualified in urban planning (for example, via the existing Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development). The revised MUP will cater primarily to students who may or may not have cognate prior studies, but have not already completed an accredited planning degree, although the course structure will be adaptable to students who do have substantial prior cognate study. It is also a response to the considerable demand for urban planners in many parts of the world at the moment and for the foreseeable future. Refer to the attached proposal for the Graduate School of the Built Environment for further details.

#### **2 Course/Program Objectives**

The MUP will provide a broad professional training in modern urban planning issues with the opportunity to specialize in one of four areas or enrich breadth by sampling electives across four areas. The program recognizes the importance of connecting "planning and practice" in the curriculum and includes a special practice subject to be taught by a different invited professional planner each year. The MUP aims to:

- Introduce students to the operation and debate about the planning system.
- Provide opportunities, through specialised units, to explore the implications of different perspectives on urban planning and practice
- Provide opportunities, though subjects with an applied focus, to learn the way planning decisions impact on real world situations.
- Provide a research opportunity so students can follow a supervised and self-directed learning path on a planning issue.

#### **3 Entry Requirements**

To be separately recommended by Academic Board.

#### **4 Statement of how the course allows students to achieve the University of Melbourne Graduate Attributes and how it meets the statement of Expectations of a Professional Masters**

The MUP has a distinctive approach to student learning experiences delivering a sharply-focused research-backed specialization within four areas of urban planning, and enriching

those areas, or integration with related fields, through subjects available as breadth from within ABP and the University at large. It will allow students to achieve the following attributes:

- Well-developed problem-solving abilities in urban planning, characterised by flexibility of approach developed in the planning applications subjects in the degree;
- Advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base, skills and techniques used in urban planning;
- An advanced understanding of the international context and sensitivities of urban planning questions through the incorporation of international examples in the curriculum;
- An ability to evaluate and synthesise the research and professional urban planning literature as a result of design, conduct and reporting of original research assignments, and the research thesis;
- An appreciation of the ways in which advanced knowledge of urban planning debates equips the student to offer leadership in the specialist area, developed through group work and oral presentations to clients in planning applications subjects;
- An understanding of the significance and value of their knowledge of urban planning issues to the wider community (including business and industry), though participation in knowledge transfer activities of the teaching staff.

## **5 Course/Program Structure**

### **CORE subjects (125pts):**

***705-6XX Introduction to Urban Planning	12.5pts Sem 1
705-644 Planning Urban Sustainability	12.5pts Sem 1
***705-641 Managing Change: Participation & Negotiation	12.5pts Sem 1
705-648 Plans Into Action	12.5pts Sem 2
705-645 Planning Law	12.5pts Sem 2
705-658 Planning Theory and Governance	12.5pts Sem 1
705-643 Managing Global City Regions	12.5pts Sem 2
*705-6XX Research Methods	12.5pts Sem1/2
705-655 Research Thesis A	12.5pts Sem 1/2 or Sum
705-656 Research Thesis B	12.5pts Sem 1/2 or Sum

Course structure may be varied with the permission of the course coordinator.

\*New subject).

\*\*Revised subject.

\*\*\* New subject numbers to reflect the current contents

### **ELECTIVE Urban Planning subjects (25pts):**

705-636 Sustainable Transport and Public Policy	12.5pts Sem 2
705-522 Advanced Transport Planning	12.5pts Sem 2
705-518 Transport and Land use Planning	12.5pts Sem 1
705-637 Healthy Cities	12.5pts Sem 2
705-638 Strategic Planning in Asia-Pacific Cities	12.5pts Sem 1midsemester
705-570 Contemporary Planning Practice	12.5pts Sem 2
705-557 Shopping and Retail Planning	12.5pts Sem 1
705-525 Planning the Productive City	12.5pts Sem 2
705-535 Advanced Urban Planning and Design	12.5pts Sem 1

Students select an additional 50pts of ELECTIVES from subjects offered in the Graduate School of the Built Environment, or from graduate subjects in other faculties with the approval of the course coordinator. These electives can be selected from subjects in the four specialisations of the program:

- Environmental and Transport Planning
- Economic Planning and Management
- Social Health and Planning
- Urban Design and Culture

*NB: Students who have completed relevant cognate studies may be eligible for exemption from 705-6XX Introduction to Urban Planning and will select an additional Urban Planning elective in its place.*

### **Exit Award**

Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Planning, after the first 100 points of the MUP. (non accredited). The Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Planning will provide an academic opportunity for the study of urban planning at a basic level in graduate mode. This will provide advanced training without the participation in research units or capstone subject, "Plans into Action". The Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Planning provides students with an advanced level qualification in urban planning, including studies in the areas of sustainability, theory and governance, law and strategic planning.

### ***Structure of program***

Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Planning

Students must complete 100 points of MUP subjects, including the following:

705-6XX Introduction to Urban Planning	12.5pts Sem 1
705-644 Planning Urban Sustainability	12.5pts Sem 1
705-535 Urban Planning and Design	12.5pts Sem 1
705-645 Planning Law	12.5pts Sem 2
705-643 Managing Global City Regions	12.5pts Sem 2

### **6 Availability of Course**

The program will be available from 2008 on a full-time and part-time basis, and will be offered to CSP students, fee-paying international students and fee-paying Australian students.