

Planning and Design

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The major in planning and design is designed as an introduction to professional studies in urban planning and landscape architecture, conducted in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning.

Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning subjects enable students to demonstrate an analytical understanding of urban and landscape planning and design as activities concerned with patterns of urban life and relations with nature. The subjects demonstrate skills in the application of planning and design in the built environment, through studio-based project work, and concentrate on the creative devising and representations of alternatives.

Faculty of Arts requirements

Students undertaking the Bachelor of Arts are permitted to enrol in a range of Planning and Design subjects but must complete a minimum of 50 points of first-year subjects and 100 points of second/third-year subjects in areas of study taught by the Faculty of Arts. Planning and Design subjects are arts-approved. However, students in the BA may enrol in a maximum of 150 points of Planning and Design subjects (provided all their other subjects are arts-approved). Students in BA combined degrees are limited to a maximum of 112.5 points (a major) in Planning and Design (provided all their remaining BA subjects are arts-approved). See *Arts-approved subject requirement (p.5)* for more information.

Requirements for a major

A major in planning and design usually consists of nine subjects, totalling 112.5 points. It comprises:

- two first-year planning and design subjects (25 points); and
- seven second/third-year subjects in planning and design (87.5 points).

The BA as a pathway to urban planning

Students interested in urban planning, or interested in proceeding to professional studies in urban planning should construct a planning and design major from the following subjects. Students interested in postgraduate studies in urban planning should also complete a major in geography and environmental studies, specialising in urban and social geography.

It is also possible to group subjects within both majors to form a range of planning specialisations within the arts degree; specialisations to consider are planning and public policy, planning and property, planning and urban design, planning and urban infrastructure, planning and the environment.

First year	Sem.
Two subjects from the following:	
702-115 Property 1 (<i>p.13</i>)	1
705-173 Shaping the Metropolis (<i>p.15</i>)*	1
705-112 Skills for Urban Planning and Design (<i>p.15</i>)	1
705-141 Origins of Modern Urban Planning (<i>p.11</i>)	2
*compulsory subject	
Second/third year	Sem.
Seven subjects from the following:	
702-211 Property 2 (<i>p.13</i>)	2
705-218 Transport and Land Use Planning (<i>p.16</i>)*	1
705-219 Planning and Development Management (<i>p.12</i>)*	2
705-228 Australian Urban Planning (<i>p.4</i>)	2
705-289 Urbanisation and Urban Development (<i>p.16</i>)*	2
705-317 Culture & History of Urban Planning (<i>p.6</i>)	2
705-320 Development of Asian Megacities (<i>p.7</i>)	N/A
705-325 Planning the Productive City (<i>p.12</i>)	N/A
702-330 Housing Sustainability (<i>p.9</i>)	2
702-335 Housing Diversity (<i>p.9</i>)	N/A
705-337 Social Planning for Urban Diversity (<i>p.15</i>)	N/A
705-345 Planning Law (<i>p.12</i>)	1
705-358 Planning Theory and Urban Governance (<i>p.12</i>)	N/A
705-174 Designing the Local Urban Landscape (<i>p.7</i>)	2
705-373 Institutional Context for Urban Planning (<i>p.9</i>)	1

*compulsory subjects

The BA as pathway to landscape architecture

Students who are interested in landscape architecture or intend to proceed towards professional studies in landscape architecture should construct a major from the following subjects. Students interested in postgraduate studies in landscape architecture should also complete a major in geography and environmental studies, specialising in physical and environmental geography.

First year	Sem.
702-115 Property 1 (<i>p.13</i>)	1
702-120 Design Communications 1A (<i>p.6</i>)	1

Second/third year Sem.

Seven subjects from:

705-174 Designing the Local Urban Landscape (<i>p.7</i>)	2
705-216 History of Landscape Architecture A (<i>p.9</i>)	2
705-235 Designing the Middle Landscape A (<i>p.7</i>)	1
705-236 Designing Conserved Natural Landscapes A (<i>p.7</i>)	2
705-294 Plants & Planting Design (<i>p.13</i>)	1

Third-year subjects only:

702-421 Urban Design Theory (<i>p.16</i>)	1
705-415 Contemp'ry Theory & Australian Landscape (<i>p.6</i>)	1

Major in geography and environmental studies Sem.

First year

Two subjects from:

121-171 Environmental Change (<i>p.2</i>)	1
121-172 Global Ecology and Biodiversity (<i>p.2</i>)	2

and

Second/third-year core subject

121-017 Society and Environments (<i>p.3</i>); and	2
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Second/third-year optional subjects

At least 75 points (usually six subjects) from:

121-028 Sustainable Development (<i>p.4</i>)	2
121-022 Development and Urban Environments (<i>p.3</i>)	1
121-018 Geomorphology (<i>p.3</i>)	1
121-033 Environmental Hydrology A (<i>p.6</i>)	1
121-435 Environmental Management Systems (<i>p.7</i>)	N/A

Other subjects may be taken from those listed under geography or environmental studies.

Honours

There is no honours program in planning and design. Further study post-landscape architecture and urban planning should be pursued through the Graduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture and the Graduate Diploma in Planning and Design (Urban Planning).

Career opportunities

Urban planning

Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts who have majored in planning and design, and completed a specified major in geography will be eligible for selection into a one-year Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Planning, which is expected to complete the academic requirements for membership of the Planning Institute of Australia. The import of this is that students may acquire a professional urban planning qualification from the University of Melbourne in four years of full-time study. Students may also proceed from the postgraduate diploma to a one-year Master of Urban Planning program (provided that their postgraduate diploma studies have been to an academic standard to satisfy the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning).

Landscape architecture

Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts who have majored in planning and design, and completed a specified major in geography will be eligible for selection into a one-year Postgraduate Diploma in Planning and Design (Landscape Architecture), and subsequently into a one-year Master of Landscape Architecture (provided that their postgraduate diploma studies have been to an academic standard to satisfy the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning). The Master of Landscape Architecture degree is recognised by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects as an academic qualification for membership of the institute. The effect of this is that a student may acquire a professional landscape architecture qualification from the University of Melbourne in five years of full-time study.

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