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.6)* 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	Introduction to Property *(p.11)*	2
705-173	Shaping the Metropolis *(p.18)*	1
705-112	Skills for Urban Planning and Design *(p.19)*	1

Second/third year		Sem.
Seven subjects from the following:		
705-315	Urban Economic Geography *(p.20)*	1
705-218	Transport and Land Use Planning *(p.20)*	1
705-219	Planning and Development Management *(p.14)*	2
705-228	Australian Urban Planning *(p.5)*	2
705-322	Advanced Transport Planning *(p.1)*	N/A
705-325	Planning the Productive City *(p.14)*	2
705-337	Social Planning for Health *(p.19)*	1
705-335	Advanced Urban Planning & Design *(p.1)*	1
705-357	Shopping and Retail Planning *(p.18)*	1
705-358	Planning Theory and Governance *(p.14)*	1
705-174	Designing the Local Urban Landscape *(p.9)*	2

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.
702-120	Design Communications *(p.8)*	1 rep Summer
705-171	Landscape Graphics *(p.12)*	2

Second/third year		Sem.
Seven subjects from:		
705-174	Designing the Local Urban Landscape *(p.9)*	2
Second/third year		Sem.
705-216	History of Landscape Architecture *(p.11)*	2
705-235	Designing the Middle Landscape *(p.9)*	1
705-236	Designing Conserved Natural Landscapes *(p.8)*	2
705-294	Plants & Planting Design *(p.14)*	1
705-195	Landscape Materials *(p.13)*	2
Third-year subjects only:		
702-421	Urban Design Theory *(p.20)*	1
705-415	Contemp'ry Theory & Australian Landscape *(p.7)*	1

Major in geography and environmental studies		Sem.
First year		
Two subjects from:		
121-171	Environmental Change *(p.2)*	1
121-172	Global Ecology and Biogeography *(p.2)*	2
and		
Second/third-year core subject		
121-017	Society and Environments *(p.2)*; and	2
Second/third-year optional subjects		
At least 75 points (usually six subjects) from:		
121-028	Sustainable Development *(p.3)*	2
121-022	Development and Urban Environments *(p.3)*	1
121-018	Geomorphology *(p.3)*	1
121-033	Environmental Hydrology A *(p.6)*	1

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 Master of Landscape Architecture and the Master of 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 150 point Master of 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.

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 200 point Master of Landscape Architecture. 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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