Urban planning is concerned with the complex management of change within the built and natural environment. This programme, accredited by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and recognised by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), gives you the skills to work in both traditional planning careers and in various related professional and specialist areas.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2019

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

This BSc offers students a broad-based education in the built environment with an opportunity to specialise in planning and urban design. It provides students with a route towards professional accreditation by two of the most internationally recognised professional bodies for built environment professionals in the UK (see accreditation above).

The Bartlett’s strong track record in academic research and policy advisory work, as well as our links to professional practice, feed into the core and specialist aspects of the programme, ensuring that contemporary challenges and issues in theory and practice are addressed.

Based in London, we are able to offer our students a range of fascinating ‘live projects’ to use as case studies in their academic work, access to a diverse range of employers, and an unrivalled concentration of professional meetings, seminars, conferences, exhibitions and events.

The Bartlett maintains an international outlook and provides opportunities for combined study overseas in Europe, North America, Australia and Hong Kong.

Accreditation

This BSc, if followed by an appropriate Graduate Diploma or MSc programme, leads to eligibility for professional membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). After graduation you are eligible to apply for the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) which leads to full professional membership of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

This programme shares common modules with the Urban Studies BSc, meaning you can move freely between the programmes up until the start of your final year.

This programme is based around three streams of modules. A hands-on project-based stream entitled Delivering Urban Change is designed to allow you to put into practice the knowledge gained through two other streams, Understanding Urban Change and Managing Urban Change.

The programme offers the opportunity to study overseas for one term in the second year as part of the degree. The school has long-established links with many universities in Europe including Spain, Germany and the Netherlands as well as a growing list in the USA and the Asia-Pacific including universities in Hong Kong and in Melbourne.

In addition to core modules, the programme offers specialist modules in rural planning (Beyond Cities), Urban Form, Urban Design, Regeneration, Transport Policy and Planning.

In years one and two, students have the flexibility to swap a specialist module for a language, selected from one of the 17 (or more) languages taught in UCL’s Centre for Languages and International Education (CLIE).

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Contemporary Cities
- Beyond Cities*
- Introducing Planning Systems
- Introducing Urban Design: Design Skills
- Making Cities
- Management for Built Environment Professionals I
- Planning History and Thought
- Urban Lab I: Graphic Skills

Optional modules

*may be exchanged for a language

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Economics of Cities and their Regions
- Green Futures
- Management for Built Environment Professionals III
- Urban Design: Theory to Practice
- Cities and Social Change
- Urban Form and Formation*
- Urban Lab II: Spatial Analysis

Optional modules

*may be exchanged for a language
The School of Planning advocates and employs a very interactive, hands-on form of learning. Alongside lectures, seminars and tutorials we include field visits, group project work, and laboratory and design work sessions to improve your learning experience.

Fieldwork
Students go on two extended field trips during their undergraduate degree: a European city in their first year and a UK city in their third year. In addition, many modules include fieldwork or site visits as part of the learning experience.

Placement
In the third term of the third year, a voluntary two-week work experience placement is offered, drawing from our pool of employers.

Assessment
Your final marks will reflect your success in a wide range of assessment types. Examinations typically constitute about a third, with essays, individual projects and group work making up the balance. This is a distinctive feature of our planning programmes, and of The Bartlett’s approach in particular.

Your career
The programme enables you to acquire highly transferable knowledge and skills such as data collection, analysis and presentation, graphic skills, the ability to resolve problems and conflicts, negotiation and mediation, team work and leadership, managing work tasks, preparing and writing professional reports, as well as written, graphic and oral presentation skills.

Graduates find work in a vast range of positions in planning, property, urban design, economic development, housing, transport, and regeneration as well as other diverse sectors where their analytical, negotiating and problem-solving skills are valued. Demand for people with planning skills in the UK and abroad is strong.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme at UCL include:

- Graduate Surveyor, Bennett Homes
- Graduate Chartered Surveyor, Savills
- Planning Officer, City of Westminster
- MSc in Urban Design and City Planning, UCL

Your application
Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

We will look for evidence of your interest in our subject in your personal statement. We hope to see demonstrable interest in, and understanding of, the links between urban planning and design, as well as an ability to write coherently, communicate effectively, think critically, and understand and solve complex problems. We will also assess your use of English. Although desirable, we do not require applicants to have previously studied art or design-based subjects.

Shortlisted applicants living in or near the UK will be invited to an applicant open day. This will typically include an introduction to UCL and the School of Planning, a presentation on UCL accommodation and finance, a taster lecture delivered by an academic in the School of Planning, lunch and a tour of the campus with current students, and an interactive Q&A session with members of staff and current students.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**
Standard Offer: ABB. No specific subjects.
Contextual Offer: BBB. No specific subjects.

**GCSE**
English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**IB DIPLOMA**
Standard Offer: 34. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 32. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

**CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME**
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

**UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)**
UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

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**TUITION FEES**
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19)
// Overseas: £25,020 (2018/19)

Overseas fees for the 2019/20 academic year are expected to be available in July 2018. Undergraduate UK/EU fees are capped by the UK Government and are expected to be available in October 2018. Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

**Additional costs**
If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

**FUNDING**
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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**EU referendum**
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/ucl-and-europe

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