SUSTAINABLE URBANISM
MSc /
2019/20 ENTRY

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The MSc in Sustainable Urbanism has been designed to bring together urban sustainability theory, policy and design in a ground-breaking programme which is not offered anywhere else in the UK. It is intended for those interested in a career in built environment related professions with a focus on urban sustainability/sustainable development and takes a multidisciplinary approach.

**Degree summary**

This MSc offers urban professionals a theoretical understanding of the range of disciplines that together contribute to the delivery of sustainable urbanism, and explores the conceptual and technical skills necessary to create sustainable urban environments. The programme includes an integral field trip which offers students the opportunity to observe and consider sustainability in practice.

The UCL Bartlett School of Planning has a strong history of teaching and research, and has been at the forefront of planning research and teaching for almost 100 years. It is one of the foremost planning schools in the United Kingdom, and students are taught by a range of top theorists and practitioners working in the field of sustainable urbanism.

This MSc programme is fully accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). It is also accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) if taken as a specialist year following an accredited three-year undergraduate planning degree.

The programme is delivered through theoretical discussions, focused case study methods and hands-on project work. It includes an integral field trip to an overseas location, including site visits, field exercises and guest lectures. Assessment is through individual and group work, essays, examination, skills-based practical work, and the personal project.

**Accreditation**

Successfully completing the MSc Sustainable Urbanism (as a full MSc rather than a PG Diploma) will make you eligible for graduate membership of the RICS.

If you hold an RTPI accredited Undergraduate degree then successfully completing the MSc Sustainable Urbanism (as either a full MSc or a PG Diploma) will make you eligible for 'licentiate' membership of the RTPI.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: up to 5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury
Full-time students study for 37.5 hours per week during term time. Typically, lectures and seminars occur on two days per week. Flexible students normally attend half this amount.

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of six core modules (90 credits), optional modules (30 credits) and a dissertation/research project (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma, six core modules (90 credits), two elective modules (30 credits), full-time nine months is offered.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

**COMPULSORY MODULES**
- Sustainable Urban Development: Key Themes
- Critical Debates in Sustainable Urbanism
- Urban Design: Place Making
- Sustainable Urban Design
- Sustainable Urban Property: Valuation, Investment, Development
- Sustainable Urban Development: Project

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

Options may include the following:
- Urban Economics and Politics
- Transport Policy and Planning
- Urban Design
- Geographical Information Systems
- Urban Regeneration
- Cities and the Environment
- The Representation of Cities
- Students seeking RTPI accreditation must take the following as their elective choices:
  - Planning Practice
  - Plus either Spatial Planning (Concepts and Contexts) or Comparative Planning Systems and Cultures

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in either a dissertation of 10,000 words or project work equivalent.

The purchase of books many constitute an additional cost, but there is no requirement to purchase any book as part of the programme. Travel and accommodation for the compulsory fieldtrip is paid by the Bartlett School of Planning.
Your career

Graduate students from The Bartlett School of Planning have been very successful in gaining subsequent employment. At present there is a growing demand for our Master's graduates from a wide range of both public and private employers around the world. While a main source of employment remains in local government and central government planning and in planning-related consultancy (Arup, Aecom, BioRegional, WWF, Future of London, etc), graduates are also employed in the housing and transport sectors; planning, urban regeneration and environmental agencies; public and private utility companies; urban design consultancy (various planning, engineering and architecture firms); and teaching and research.

Employability

This programme is ideal for those who have no relevant work experience and want to forge a planning career right through to those who have extensive relevant work experience but want to consolidate their skills and knowledge. Students are taught by a range of theorists and sustainable urbanism practitioners including Bill Dunster (founder of ZEDfactory Ltd), Professor Yvonne Rydin, Dr Catalina Turcu and Professor Matthew Carmona.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree (or higher) from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.

There is no particular subject requirement as the MSc provides an ‘initial’ planning education for graduates with cognate or non-cognate degrees. Where candidates fail to meet the standard requirement (i.e. they hold a degree of a lower classification), the department will take into account professional experience in planning or a related field when deciding whether to admit a candidate. Applicants who do not hold a first degree may, in exceptional cases, be admitted to the programme if they are able to demonstrate considerable senior-level professional experience in planning or a related field. In such situations, a special qualifying examination may be set; details can be obtained from the Bartlett’s Graduate Faculty Office.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Standard.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

// why you want to study Sustainable Urbanism at graduate level
// why you want to study Sustainable Urbanism at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
// how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
// where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.