Urban Design and City Planning MSc

This Master's programme has a unique focus on urban design as a creative planning tool and the interface between urban design and city planning. It offers a comprehensive understanding and exposure to urban design theory and practice, and also the complexity of its interface with the city planning field.

Degree summary

The programme equips students theoretically and practically, engaging academically and in practice with urban design and related fields of knowledge. Students will learn how to think critically, creatively and in analytical ways across the different city scales, from strategic to local, and across urban design, city planning, place-making, real estate and sustainability arenas.

The Bartlett School of Planning has a strong history of teaching and research at all levels. The school has been at the forefront of planning research and teaching for more than 100 years and is one of the foremost planning schools in the United Kingdom, with an international reputation.

The Bartlett School of Planning is situated in the heart of London, which offers unique opportunities to study the complexities of contemporary urban design and planning processes, and engage with practitioners, alumni and academic guests through seminars, site visits and workshops.

The programme is delivered through a combination of individual and group project work, skills-based practical and IT work, lectures (including some by visiting practitioners), tutorials, student presentations, seminars, field trips and direct practitioner involvement. Student performance is assessed through individual and group work, essays, examinations, project work, other skills-based practical work, and a dissertation or final research project report.

Accreditation

This programme is fully accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: 2-5 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 eight compulsory modules (120 credits), and a research dissertation or major research project (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma, eight modules (120 credits) full-time nine months and part-time 2-5 years, is offered.

A Postgraduate Certificate, four core modules (60 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

- City Planning
- Collaborative City Planning Strategies
- Critical Debates in Urban Design
- Design and Real Estate
- Sustainable Futures by Design
- Urban Design: Layout, Density and Typology
- Urban Design: Guidance, Incentive and Control
- Urban Design: Place Making

DISSERTATION/RESEARCH PROJECT

MSc students have the choice between a 10,000-word dissertation or 8,000-word final major research project in planning; the dissertation being by nature a rather more analytical exercise and the project a rather more propositional one.

The purchase of books may constitute an additional cost, but there is no requirement to purchase any book as part of the programme.
Your career

Graduate students from the Bartlett School of Planning have been very successful in gaining subsequent employment. There is growing demand for our Master’s graduates from a wide range of both public and private employers. On completion of this programme the majority of graduates will work in either the public or private consultancy sectors. Some will continue in higher degree studies and research.

Employability

The Urban Design and City Planning MSc is an opportunity for students seeking to further their professional careers to specialise in urban design and, within that broad arena, to engage deeply with both the theoretical debates and practice methodologies, with particular research agendas of direct relevance to the future of their professional practice.
Entry requirements

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

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 considering the application. Applicants who do not hold a good second-class degree may, in exceptional cases, be admitted to the programme if able to demonstrate considerable senior-level professional experience in planning or a related field.

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](http://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 Urban Design and City Planning at graduate level
- why you want to study Urban Design and City Planning 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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application).

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

- UK: £13,340 (FT)
- EU: £13,340 (FT)
- Overseas: £25,150 (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Students website.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master's fee taken in an academic session.

Bartlett Master's Scholarship Scheme

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: [www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Full-time: 1 April 2019
Flexible/Modular applicants: 3 May 2019

Please see the Bartlett website for more information about admissions to this programme.

Details on how to apply are available on the website at:
[www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply)

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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/brexit](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit)