URBAN PLANNING, DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT BSc / UCAS CODE: K421
2020 ENTRY

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Urban Planning, Design and Management BSc

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 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// This programme 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 BSc in Urban Studies and BSc Urban Planning and Real Estate. Students can move freely between Urban Studies and this BSc up until the end of the first 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, as well as a growing list in the USA, Australia and the Asia-Pacific.

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

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Contemporary Cities (15 credits)
// Beyond Cities: Rural Economies, Communities and Landscape (15 credits)
// Introducing Planning Systems (15 credits)
// Introducing Urban Design: Design Skills (15 credits)
// Making Cities: The Production of the Built Environment (15 credits)
// Management for Built Environment Professionals I (15 credits)
// Planning History and Thought (15 credits)
// Urban Lab I: Graphic Skills (15 credits)

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Economics of Cities and their Regions (15 credits)
// Green Futures (15 credits)
// Management for Built Environment Professionals II (15 credits)
// Strategic Planning Project (15 credits)
// Urban Design: Theory to Practice (15 credits)
// Cities and Social Change (15 credits)
// Urban Form and Formation (15 credits)
// Urban Lab II: Spatial Analysis (15 credits)

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Urban and Environmental Politics (15 credits)
// Development Project: Regeneration (15 credits)
// Real Estate Development (15 credits)
// Planning and Property Law (15 credits)
// Regional Development, Planning and Policy in Global Context (15 credits)
// Transport Policy and Planning (15 credits)
// Urban Design: Space and Place (15 credits)
// Urban Project Management (15 credits)
Your learning

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, including essays, individual and group projects, design work (posters/models/reports), presentations and a small number of exams. The broad range of assessment types 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.

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 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 32 points. 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.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2020/21 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 2020/21 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2020/21)
// Overseas: £26,540 (2020/21)

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

Funding may be available from the Bartlett School of Planning or Bartlett Faculty Office.

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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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

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