postgraduate coursework programs in urban and regional planning

Choose a career in urban and regional planning (generally referred to as ‘planning’) and you will make a difference to people’s lives by improving the quality of cities and regions. Planning helps communities, companies and governments integrate environmental, economic and social aspects of development, from the site design scale up to a regional scale.

Planning involves strategic, long-term structural and statutory approaches to improve built and natural environments, often working through the legislative framework controlling land use. The field is closely allied with environmental management, architecture, public administration, sociology, community studies, ecology and similar disciplines.

At The University of Queensland you will learn from some of Australia’s best practitioners, in a program that is recognised by employers as delivering high-quality, experienced graduates. You will receive an industry-guided balance of theoretical knowledge and practical experience so you will graduate confident and job-ready.

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning was the first masters level program in Queensland to be recognised by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA). Opportunities are available to undertake an individual research investigation through an advanced research project and you can also choose from electives to allow some specialisation during your studies. The program also offers an industry-based practicum and an in-house practical project.

UQ Advantage
With many of South-East Queensland’s planning firms headed by UQ graduates, it’s no surprise that the Master of Urban and Regional Planning is recognised as one of the leading planning programs in Australia and a popular choice for people wanting a challenging, rewarding career.

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Career opportunities
Employers seek UQ graduates for their ability to make environmentally, socially and economically sustainable decisions. You will find employment in a variety of roles in the public and private sectors, including:
• strategic planning
• statutory planning
• regional development
• environmental management and monitoring
• technology for planning
• spatial planning
• commercial and industrial development
• engineering and architectural applications
• heritage and conservation
• land-use planning
• planning law and practice
• resource management
• social planning
• tourism
• transport and infrastructure planning
• urban design

Program structure
Graduate Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning
• 8 units (half year full-time or part-time equivalent)

Part A (core) – courses in urban policy, law, design, community and transport planning

Part B (electives) – courses in sustainable development, geographical information systems and resource management

Graduate Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning
• 16 units (1 year full-time or part-time equivalent)

Part A (core) – courses in urban policy, law, design, community and transport planning

Part B (electives) – courses in sustainable development, geographical information systems, development planning and resource management

Part C – research project

Sample course list
• Urban planning policy
• Sustainable communities
• Applied demography
• Designing places
• Urban management and governance in developing countries
• The urban challenge

Entry requirements
Graduate Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning
Bachelor degree in any discipline with a GPA of 4.5 on a 7 point scale. Applications on the basis of post-secondary study and work experience will be individually assessed.

Graduate Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning
Bachelor degree in any discipline with a GPA of 4.5 on a 7 point scale. Applications on the basis of post-secondary study and work experience will be individually assessed.

Master of Urban and Regional Planning
Bachelor degree in any field with a GPA of 4.5 on a 7 point scale; or a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Urban Regional Planning.

How to apply
International applicants
Information about application procedures for international students can be found at www.uq.edu.au/international-students/application-instructions

Domestic applicants
Complete the online application form at www.uq.edu.au/study

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Master of Urban and Regional Planning Graduate Theresa Fullerton chose UQ due to the profile and strength of the School of Geography, Planning, and Environmental Management.

“I liked UQ because of its top class facilities, the attractiveness of the campus, its proximity to the inner city and for its offering of the Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program,” she said. Theresa especially appreciated the broad scope of the program that gave her insight into a wide variety of planning-related topics, providing valuable skills for the future, as well as the practical experience gained during her studies. Theresa’s Master of Urban and Regional Planning stands her in good stead for the future. “In my career, I hope to continue participating in the debate regarding planning, sustainability, what liveable cities constitute, and what can be done in the design field to further achieve ecological sustainable development.”

Theresa Fullerton
Master of Urban and Regional Planning graduate