

Department of Urban Studies and Planning (United Kingdom)

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School Information

Full time academic staff members	24
Part time staff members	1
Staff members engaged in research	25
Staff members engaged in professional activities	

Degree Programmes and Educational Provision

Undergraduate/first cycle degree(s) offered at School/Department

MPlan Urban Studies & Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

4

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

240

Teaching languages

English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

Students may select options for special study at Level 4

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice

Yes 4 weeks minimum

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution

Yes, by the Royal Town Planning Institute

Curriculum/approach description

Our MPlan Urban Studies and Planning course provides a route to a professionally recognised town planning qualification. The course allows you to develop your knowledge of planning and urban issues, your practical planning and generic skills, and specialised knowledge of particular areas of planning, leading up to the Independent Specialised Study in your third year and the Local Action Planning Project in your fourth year.

BA in Urban Studies

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

3

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

180

Teaching languages

English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

Yes

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice

No

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution

No

Curriculum/approach description

The BA Urban Studies is a three year degree that follows the core of the MPlan in years one and two, but gives students more flexibility to branch out in year 3. The BA Urban Studies is not professionally accredited, but it provides a good basis for a subsequent accredited masters degree.

BA in Geography & Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

3

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

180

Teaching languages

English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

Yes

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice

No

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution

Curriculum/approach description

The BA Geography and Planning is aimed at those students who are interested in human geography and urban development and want to combine the strengths of the University of Sheffield's work in these areas through the Departments of Geography and Town and Regional Planning. In general the BA Geography and Planning allows for a broader focus than the Single Honours town planning degrees, whilst focusing on the urban, political and environmental dimensions of geography research. The two Departments have close links and share the same building. The BA Geography and Planning is not professionally accredited, but it provides a good basis for a subsequent accredited masters degree.

BA in Landscape Architecture & Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

3

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

180

Teaching languages

English

**Specialisation within
BA in Landscape Architecture & Planning
in this Degree/the
curriculum**

**The degree requires
an assessed period
of work in practice** No

**Programme
accreditation by a
professional
body/other
institution**

**Curriculum/approach
description**

The Landscape Architecture with Planning course is the first dual honours course in the UK to bring together these two related disciplines. The course is taught jointly with the Department of Landscape which, like Town and Regional Planning is officially rated excellent for its teaching and rated 5A for its research of national and international repute.

It offers the opportunity to combine knowledge and skills in these two complementary areas through a carefully-selected suite of the modules offered by the two departments. The course aims to train people for a central role in the planning, design and management of urban and rural environments.

By combining a thorough training in landscape design with a full appreciation of urban development and the planning process, the course has been structured to produce landscape designers with a clear understanding of the problems and opportunities facing the regeneration of urban and rural landscapes.

The three year BA degree may be followed by a year out in practice before returning for a one year postgraduate Diploma accredited by the Landscape Institute in either Landscape Architecture or Landscape Management.

(Post)Graduate/masters or second cycle degree(s) offered at School/department

MA in Town & Regional Planning

**Number of years
normally used to
complete this
degree(FT)** 1

Part time option No

Delivery mode On campus

Number of ECTS 90

Teaching languages English

**Specialisation within
in this Degree/the
curriculum** Yes: options for special study and dissertation

**The degree requires
an assessed period
of work in practice** Yes 2 weeks minimum

**Programme
accreditation by a
professional
body/other
institution** Yes, by the Royal Town Planning Institute

**This is an Erasmus
mundus programme** No

Our 12 month MA course in planning is an innovative course aimed at enabling students from a wide

MA in Town & Regional Planning	range of backgrounds to gain the skills and knowledge relevant to a career in planning. The course is fully accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), allowing graduates to become chartered members of the Institute once necessary RTPI practice requirements have been met.
Curriculum/approach description	<p>With our help, you will develop your knowledge of the world in which you will practice as a planner. You will engage with and critically evaluate concepts and ideas about urban and rural communities. And you will bring together theory and practice to imagine new opportunities to enhance urban and rural living.</p> <p>You will initially be given a grounding in the core skills required of planners, and will then apply this in the spring semester in a real-life project. You will also get the chance to specialise by choosing from a wide range of option modules. A fully-supervised dissertation completes the year.</p>

MA in International Development & Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	1
Part time option	No
Delivery mode	On campus
Number of ECTS	90
Teaching languages	English
Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum	Yes, options for special study and dissertation
The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice	No
Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution	Yes, the Royal Town Planning Institute
This is an Erasmus mundus programme	No

Curriculum/approach description	<p>The 12 month MA in International Development and Planning is directed at those wishing to acquire the skills and knowledge to pursue careers in planning and development in the global South. Whether you are already a professional planner or wishing to acquire a professional qualification to start you on a career in international development, postgraduate study here in Sheffield offers you the opportunity to explore the relevance of cutting-edge theoretical debates for international development and planning practice, and develop skills in policy analysis, research and design.</p> <p>We are looking for students who will respond positively to the intellectual challenges this degree programme will present, and who will use the experience to inform their professional practice on graduation. With full accreditation from the UK's Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), together with Sheffield's ranking as the top planning school in the UK, this postgraduate qualification also opens doors to employment in planning in the UK. Graduates have gone on to work both with international development organisations including Oxfam and UN HABITAT (Nairobi) and in British local authorities.</p> <p>We welcome candidates from a wide range of subject and professional backgrounds onto this programme. Students from, or with work experience in, the Global South are particularly encouraged to apply.</p>
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MA in Commercial Property

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Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	1
Part time option	No
Delivery mode	On campus
Number of ECTS	90
Teaching languages	English
Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum	Yes, options for special study and dissertation
The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice	No
Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution	Yes, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
This is an Erasmus mundus programme	No
Curriculum/approach description	<p>The 12 month MA in Commercial Property offers students from a wide range of backgrounds the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge relevant to a career in surveying. These capabilities will then be developed and applied through a major project and additional option modules. This project involves inter-disciplinary work both planning students and property students following the MA in Planning and Development route. An individually supervised dissertation completes the year.</p> <p>The course is accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) of which graduates will be eligible for membership once the necessary practice requirements have been met.</p>

MA in Planning Research

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	1
Part time option	No
Delivery mode	On campus
Number of ECTS	90
Teaching languages	English
Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum	Yes
The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice	No
Programme accreditation by a	Recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council as a 'research training masters' and may be

professional body/other institution taken as the first stage of a 1+3 PhD programme

This is an Erasmus mundus programme No

The MA in Planning Research is an ideal qualification if you are thinking about future PhD study or if you want to specialise in planning research as a professional.

This full-time masters programme provides a solid grounding in research design and execution, with an emphasis on understanding the specific concerns of research in Planning and related social science fields.

Curriculum/approach description

Core modules cover the methodologies and philosophies of contemporary social science and research design and research methods (both qualitative and quantitative). Students also choose from a wide range of modules providing advanced level specialised study in a substantive area of planning, and finish the course by producing a masters dissertation.

Different pathways can be taken through the MA, including International Development, Planning Theory and Values, Housing and Property and Economic Policy.

The MA runs over 12 months. Taught courses take place in two semesters, from September to June, with the dissertation being completed early in the following September

MA in Planning & Development

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT) 1

Part time option No

Delivery mode On campus

Number of ECTS 90

Teaching languages English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum Yes

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice No

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution Yes, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

This is an Erasmus mundus programme No

Curriculum/approach description

The 12 month MA in Planning and Development offers students from a wide range of backgrounds the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge relevant to a career in surveying. These capabilities will then be developed, synthesised and applied through a major project and additional option modules. This project involves inter-disciplinary work both planning students and property students following the MA in Commercial Property route. An individually supervised dissertation completes the year.

The course is accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) of which graduates will be eligible for membership once the necessary practice requirements have been met.

MA in Planning & Development

MA in Urban Design & Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

1

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

90

Teaching languages

English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

Yes

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice

No

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution

No, but intention to seek accreditation from the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

This is an Erasmus mundus programme

No

Curriculum/approach description

A course jointly delivered with the School of Architecture, University of Sheffield

This new masters programme will develop your skills in urban design, planning and the development of urban areas. It is uniquely interdisciplinary in focus, opening up careers in managing, designing and planning urban spaces and places and draws on the internationally-recognised strengths of the University of Sheffield in planning, architecture, and real estate.

Interdisciplinary knowledge and skills in working across professional boundaries have been increasingly recognised as critical to dealing with the complex, multi-faceted problems of urban areas. This programme seeks to provide the knowledge and skills for you to participate in developing sensitive plans and policies and creative designs with an appreciation of the financial and practical issues associated with property development.

MA in International Development

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

1

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

90

Teaching languages

English

Specialisation within

in this Degree/the MA in International Development Curriculum

Yes

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice

No

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution**This is an Erasmus mundus programme**

No

Curriculum/approach description

The MA in International Development, taught jointly by Geography and Town & Regional Planning, is an exciting new course for 2009, and brings together expertise from geography, planning and development studies to engage with the challenges of international development in today's complex world.

The course explores contemporary theory, policy and practice within international development. The last thirty years have seen major changes and challenges to the ways in which we understand social, economic, political and cultural change. These are complex processes within international development requiring considerable attention to the detail of local situations and circumstances. The course provides specialised teaching to equip students with the skills to take on these challenges in the international development workplace. A distinctive feature of the course is its applied emphasis to ensure that students engage with the complexities of international development as played out in everyday life

Doctoral/PhD education offered at School/department**PhD****Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)**

4

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS**Teaching languages**

English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

Yes

The Department of Town and Regional Planning is a leading international centre of excellence for planning research and was ranked as the top UK planning department in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise.

The Department is renowned for the quality of its research degrees and PhD research is supported by a concerted programme of research training and world-class specialist supervision by leading researchers in their field.

TRP has long been recognised for its innovation in doctoral training. We are now part of the White Rose Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) which is one of a limited number of national centres of excellence in social science doctoral training supported by the UK Economic and Social Research Council. The White Rose DTC is one of the largest consortia in the country and offers exciting opportunities for students to work together with others studying across the Universities of Sheffield, York and Leeds, with lots of opportunities to develop their interdisciplinary networks and expertise.

TRP is also centrally involved in the University of Sheffield's doctoral training centre on Energy Futures funded by the UK Economic and Physical Sciences Research Council.

**Curriculum/approach
description**

We have an excellent track record in PhD completions and our graduates have gone on to a range of successful careers in academia and policy.

Our students are encouraged to aim for the highest standards and we attract high-level students from across the world.

The Department has considerable strength in the following fields:

- * Governance and participation
- * The theory and practice of planning
- * Values, ethics and justice in planning and development
- * Environmental policy and politics
- * Urban and regional development
- * Housing and property markets
- * Spatial policy, economic development and regeneration
- * International development
- * Innovative social research methods
- * Heritage and conservation policy