General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites
12cp and admission to BPlan

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit examines the local government approval process, the associated appeals process, the development of Development Control Plans (DCPs), Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) and State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs). This planning and development process is examined across a number of local governments within New South Wales as an exemplar of the implementation of the planning process in any jurisdiction. A series of case studies is developed to display the daily experiences of planners working within local government.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/

Learning Outcomes
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General Assessment Information
All assignments in ENVG212 must be submitted on (or before) 9.00am on the due date listed.
Assignments must be delivered to the ENVG212 assignment box located in the Faculty of Science Student Centre (E7A102). The Faculty of Science Student Centre is on the ground floor at the western end of building E7A, and opens from 9.00am to 5.00pm on Monday to Friday. The afterhour’s submission box located at the entrance to E7A is cleared daily at 9.00am, so placing assignments in this box after the due date will incur a late penalty unless previously approved by the unit convener.

Your assignment must be submitted with a Cover Sheet. All students must complete all the details on the Cover Sheet, including signing the declaration regarding academic honesty. Blank coversheets can be downloaded from the web at http://web.science.mq.edu.au/for/new_and_current_students/assignments_and_coversheets/.

**Turnitin**

 Assignments 1, 2 and 4 must be submitted to the relevant turnitin link on ilearn. Each assignment has a separate turnitin link that has been created on the week the assignment is due. The turnitin receipt number which will be emailed to your student email must be included on your coversheet.

**Extensions and Late penalties**

Extensions will be granted only in unforeseen or exceptional circumstances and only by the unit convener. Written evidence of illness or misadventure will normally be the only grounds on which extensions will be given. Essays submitted after the due date and without extension will be penalised 1 mark per day late. Late essays will not be accepted once marked essays have been returned. Please talk to (or email) the unit convener about any circumstances that affect your assignments before the due date. You must attach a copy of the email approval or medical certificates to justify any late submission.

## Assessment Tasks

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Reflective Record of Council M

Due: 23 March
Weighting: 15%

*Attend and prepare a record of a building and development/planning and development committee meeting of a local council. You are to consider the process of development assessment in this meeting. Please ensure that the meeting you attend will discuss the Development Application or strategic planning policy or plan.*

(Note the matter may be deferred for another night so it is desirable to have an alternative or two and or speak to the assessment officer/author prior to the Council meeting to see if he or she believes the matter will be discussed).

Your record should include:

1. A summary of the types of developments discussed at the meeting. This should include a table explaining:
   1. The development prior to and as proposed
   2. Land use zoning for the site. You are also required to look up the Local Environment Plan and outline the objectives of the zone, what is permitted without consent a, what is permitted with consent and what is prohibited
   3. List of state and local government policies were referred to in the assessment report and why the policy was relevant (or not);
   4. A summary of issues raised in the Council officer’s report relevant to the council and other government agencies (if applicable);
   5. what was raised at the Council meeting (public speakers, elected councillors and council officers)
2. Your understanding of the respective roles of the applicant, development assessment planner, and elected councillors in evidence at the meeting; and
3. Your critical reflections on the process. This should include at a minimum a comparison of what you expected with what you experienced, and any other issues you wish to canvass.

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Plan drawing and reading

Due: 30 March
Weighting: 10%

You will be given a building plan and asked to undertake a number of tasks using your scale ruler, referring to the relevant council LEP and DCP that would form the basis of an initial assessment as undertaken by a DA planner. This task will follow an in-class exercise to familiarise your self with the scale ruler and building plans

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Planning vocabulary

Due: Week 4 onwards
Weighting: 5%

From week 3, students will be required to provide a short 3-5 minute presentation on key planning, building and construction terms. Students will be allocated a term from the list below in week 1. The context of your definition should relate to residential housing (BCA Class 1 buildings) and your definition and images should reflect this use. For example if you are presenting on external walls you could look at various residential housing wall treatments brick, brick veneer, concrete block, timber, aerated concrete block, light weight metal etc....

The purpose of this tasks is designed to expand you planning knowledge and vocabulary that are essential to statutory planning and development assessment and . Some of these terms will be included in your examination.

As part of your presentation you will required to
• Define the term. This should draw on Australian standards, legislation, codes, policy, Land and Environment Court rulings and other sources (note all references need to be referenced)
• Provide an image or more that illustrates the use of the term. Your should preferably (and where relevant) show a photo you have taken that illustrates the term (such as a dorma window) and where possible show the term on a building plan or similar.

After you presentation you will be required to load your definition and accompanying image onto the iLearn site. This will form a repository for the class (and other planning students)

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**Urban planning review**

*Due: week 4 onwards*

*Weighting: 20%*

By week 3 students will be allocated a topic for analysis and presentation in the second half of the semester (as below). The object of of the assessment is to broaden your planning knowledge and how this can inform your future practice as a strategic and statutory planner.
The written component of the assessment is to provide a 1500 word (max) on the topic (excluding references, diagrams etc...). Assessment 15% written; 5% presentation.

For the strategic planning topics your review should define the topic, identify and discuss relevant policy and guidelines, provide a discussion of how it is applied in practice (this should include a case study and images – for example how child friendly design has been integrated into the master plan of a specific park).

For the housing style topics you are required to provide a description of the architectural style, key features, leading architects that have promoted the style and a brief history of the style and how it can be represented in the planning history of Sydney. You are also required to provide various photos and other images detailing key elements of the features and where to find examples of these styles in Sydney. This may include looking at heritage precincts and listings that provide examples of the particular style.

Your presentation is to be a short (less than 10 minutes) summary of your written work and provide a catalyst for class discussion on the topic.

**Strategic planning topics**
- a. Green field development
- a. Brownfield development
- a. Infill development
- a. Urban sprawl and long boom
- c. Place making
- c. Culture in planning
- c. Child friendly cities
- d. Coastal planning
- d. Transport planning
- d. Industrial area planning
- d. Economic influence in planning cities

**Housing styles**
- b. Terrace houses (1800s) and Federation house (1900s)
- b. California Bungalow (1920s) and Art Deco House (1930s)
- b. Contemporary (International) house (1950s) and Corrugated Iron house (Murcutt)
- b. Brick Veneer (1960-1970s) and timber and fibro fisherman’s cottage
- b. Cement rendered pavilion style and McMansion
- b. Compact housing (2010) and sustainable design houses
- b. Case study on 4 iconic Australian houses
- b. Garden suburb

a. 16 March
b. 27 April
c. 18 May
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Site plan and SEE

Due: 27 May
Weighting: 25%

1. Under the Macquarie University Campus Master Plan 2014 ([https://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/campus_master_plan/master_plan_2014/](https://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/campus_master_plan/master_plan_2014/)) it is proposed to move all parking to the perimeter of the campus. One of key initiatives to manage the future car parking on campus is to construct new parking area for 1500 cars on Culloden Road opposite Marsfield Park.

The main objective of this task is to prepare a draft site analysis and statement of environmental effects for this proposal for consideration by the Director Property. This is a group project and you will work as a team of up to 4 people (to be determined in class).

There are numerous guidelines on how to prepare a site analysis and SEE and your response should address all relevant heads of consideration. You may like to refer to the following guidelines and you should also undertake your own research on similar proposals and plans including looking at relevant parking design standards and how the quantum of spaces can be accommodated on the site.

Your submission needs to define how you envisage the parking to be constructed and within this the public domain and sustainable design elements consistent with the Campus Master Plan.

You are expected to consult all publicly available data bases to obtain background information on the site and surrounds and all data must be referenced. Note the Library has access to Australia Standards and the Building Code of Australia that should also be consulted (details to be provided in class).

As part of your group you are required to undertake traffic surveys in the vicinity to provide a context to vehicle movements and demand. It would be expected that each student do at least 3 hours of data collection. Details of the traffic survey will be discussed in class.

The maximum length of your submission is 15 pages including diagrams, maps, plans, photos and references

If you need to make assumptions in your submission these should be clearly stated.

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Exam

Due: end of semester
Weighting: 25%

A 2 hour exam will be set for the course that may include any material covered in the lectures and tutorials including presentations by students.

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Delivery and Resources
Access to the Internet and regular access to the unit’s ILearn website is recommended in ENVG212. ILearn will be used to communicate with students outside of class, provide links to relevant information and legislation, and post updates on assessments and other tasks.

Unit Schedule

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### Policies and Procedures

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The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

**Equity Support**

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disability_management/policy.html) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.
IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help.
When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills
Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking
We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and
systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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**Problem Solving and Research Capability**

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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