



GEOP8080

Sustainable Urban Regions

Session 2, Fully online/virtual 2020

Department of Geography and Planning

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

Unit Convenor

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Please contact via email to arrange a time.

Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to MEnvEd or MEngMgt or MEnvMgt or MEnvStud or MPlan or GradCertEnvPlan or MEnvPlan or MSusDev or MPH or MWldMgt or MEnv or GradDipEnv or GradCertSusDev or GradDipSusDev or GradCertSIA or GradDipSIA or GradCertEnvPlan or MConsBiol or GradDipConsBiol or MDevStud or MPPPMDevStud or MPASRMDevStud or MSc in Remote Sensing and GIS

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

How do we plan for sustainability in our cities and regions and how can current planning practice facilitate future sustainability? In this unit students will develop an advanced understanding of the social, economic and environmental challenges and opportunities associated with fostering sustainability in cities and urban regions. The unit will explore key processes that facilitate and support sustainability, and their implications for planning. Through engagement with current theory and practice, students will develop and apply skills in planning for sustainability in cities and urban regions.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Demonstrate understanding of the social, economic and environmental

challenges and opportunities associated with sustainability in cities and urban regions.

ULO2: Critically evaluate strategies and policies for managing and developing sustainable urban regions.

ULO3: Compile and analyse a range of qualitative and quantitative data in support of planning sustainable cities and regions.

ULO4: Apply advanced project management and evaluation skills to sustainability planning.

General Assessment Information

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Sustainability Plan Evaluation	40%	No	9pm, Friday 11th September 2020
Project Management Plan	30%	No	9pm, Friday 16th October 2020
Log Book	30%	No	9pm 6th November 2020

Sustainability Plan Evaluation

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **9pm, Friday 11th September 2020**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will critically evaluate an existing municipal sustainability plan using the knowledge they have gained from the course. Students will draw on a range of qualitative and quantitative data and academic literature to produce a 2000 word report.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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regions.

- Compile and analyse a range of qualitative and quantitative data in support of planning sustainable cities and regions.
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Project Management Plan

Assessment Type ¹: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **9pm, Friday 16th October 2020**

Weighting: **30%**

Students will produce a 1800 word project management plan for the completion of a sustainability plan.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the social, economic and environmental challenges and opportunities associated with sustainability in cities and urban regions.
- Critically evaluate strategies and policies for managing and developing sustainable urban regions.
- Apply advanced project management and evaluation skills to sustainability planning.

Log Book

Assessment Type ¹: Log book

Indicative Time on Task ²: 26 hours

Due: **9pm 6th November 2020**

Weighting: **30%**

Students will be asked to complete a range of weekly tasks throughout the semester. Six of these tasks will be compiled into a 1800 word online log book that will be submitted and assessed at the end of semester.

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- Critically evaluate strategies and policies for managing and developing sustainable urban

regions.

- Compile and analyse a range of qualitative and quantitative data in support of planning sustainable cities and regions.
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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

A detailed unit schedule, topic readings and additional information will be provided on the ilearn page for this unit.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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> or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

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

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#).

The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.