



GEOP1040

Planning Systems

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to BPlan

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit provides students with an understanding of what is meant by planning, what theories underpin the practice of planning, and the historical basis for planning. Building on this foundation the unit will focus on what systems govern planning by drawing on planning system examples from overseas, Australia and NSW. The unit explores the key legal frameworks of these systems and introduces students to the organisations and stakeholders involved in planning. The unit critically evaluates the purpose of planning and its role in the creation of cities and development in Australia.

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: Identify and describe planning systems and legal frameworks.

ULO2: Draw on a range of academic and policy sources to examine key planning

theories.

ULO3: Identify the role of key stakeholders, government and non-government actors in shaping planning systems.

ULO4: Apply key planning concepts to describe and explain contemporary planning issues.

ULO5: Deliver planning information effectively through text, oral and visual communication forms.

General Assessment Information

Assessment requirements, submission and feedback

Detailed requirements and marking rubrics for each assessment task are available in iLearn under the "**Assessments**" label. All assessments (except for presentations) should be submitted via Turnitin using the relevant link provided in iLearn. Feedback and marks (out of 100) for each task will be provided via Turnitin by the posting date nominated in iLearn.

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue.

*This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessment (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). **Late submission of time sensitive tasks** (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) **will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.***

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Short essay	30%	No	22/08/2022 11.55pm
Report and presentation	40%	No	7/10/2022 11.55pm
Planning in the media	30%	No	25/10/2022 9am

Short essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **22/08/2022 11.55pm**

Weighting: **30%**

1,000 word essay that evaluates a theoretical framework that has influenced urban planning

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Draw on a range of academic and policy sources to examine key planning theories.
- Deliver planning information effectively through text, oral and visual communication forms.

Report and presentation

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **7/10/2022 11.55pm**

Weighting: **40%**

1,500 word report analysing and comparing the NSW planning system and another planning system.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and describe planning systems and legal frameworks.
- Identify the role of key stakeholders, government and non-government actors in shaping planning systems.
- Apply key planning concepts to describe and explain contemporary planning issues.
- Deliver planning information effectively through text, oral and visual communication forms.

Planning in the media

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **25/10/2022 9am**

Weighting: **30%**

Discussion and reflection on weekly topics in short written text

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 - Apply key planning concepts to describe and explain contemporary planning issues.
 - Deliver planning information effectively through text, oral and visual communication forms.
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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

This unit is delivered in weekly three-hour classes on campus. This is your first core planning unit in the Bachelor of Planning and it is essential that you attend in order to learn the skills that you will develop and build on throughout the course of your studies. These skills will best prepare you for employment as a planner.

The unit is taught by Linda Kelly (convenor) in weeks 1, 7 - 13 and Dr Miriam Williams (Senior Lecturer) in weeks 2 - 6. Teaching will be by way of lecture/presentations; guest speaker presentations, group discussions, skills development with hands-on activities, some self-directed learning, and field work.

Required and recommended readings can be accessed via Leganto.

GEOP1040 iLearn site will be the source of additional information, including any updates on delivery. Please check, open and read any emails or announcements from Linda or Miriam as they may contain important updates and/or advice.

Unit Schedule

The weekly topics are delivered in four modules:

MODULE 1: Overview of Planning

Week 1 Introduction of unit, assessments and student cohort. What is meant by 'planning'? and What does a planner do?

Week 2 Purpose of planning; historical basis and why it is important.

Week 3 Planning theory

MODULE 2: Planning Issues

Week 4 Climate Change

Week 5 Housing

Week 6 Public Spaces

MODULE 3: Regulatory Systems

Week 7 Planning systems and urban governance

Week 8 Examples of planning systems

Week 9 Planning in Action

Week 10 Regulatory planning tools

Week 11 Conflicts and ethics

MODULE 4: Student presentations

Weeks 12 & 13 Presentations as part of Assessment 3

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- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

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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

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The Writing Centre

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- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
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- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
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Student Enquiries

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