Master of Design (Urban Design) (DE50)

**Year offered:** 2013  
**Admissions:** Yes  
**CRICOS code:** 060812M  
**Course duration (full-time):** 1 year  
**Course duration (part-time):** 2 years  
**Domestic Fees (indicative):** 2013: $9,100 (indicative) per Semester  
**Student Services and Amenities Fee**  
You'll need to pay the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) as part of your course costs. [More information on the SSAF](http://www.student.qut.edu.au/fees-and-finances/study-costs/fee-schedule/table-I-student-services-and-amenities-fee)  
**Start month:** February, July  
**IELTS (International English Language Testing System):**  
Overall: 0.0, Subscores: 0.0  
2013 IELTS overall 6.0 and no subscore less than 6.0  
2013 TOEFL 80 overall and no subscore less than 20  
2014 IELTS overall 6.5 and no subscore less than 6.0  
2014 TOEFL 90 overall and no subscore less than 20  
**Deferment allowed:** No  
**Standard credit points per full-time semester:** 48  
**Course coordinator:** Dr Kathi Holt-Damant  
**Discipline coordinator:** Dr Kathi Holt-Damant (Course Leader)  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Attendance:** Part-time, Full-time  
**Additional Requirements:**  
A four-year full-time bachelor degree in a relevant discipline area, or equivalent qualification determined by the Faculty, and a grade point average of 5.0 or more (on a 7-point scale) in that study. Applicants from a non-relevant background may gain entry through successful completion of BN85, the Graduate Certificate in Built Environment and Engineering.  
If requested, supply documentation of professional work experience as detailed in Completing the PG Form.  

**Course highlights**  
- Understand design disciplines through explorations of social, historic, economic, legal and technological processes and systems that act on our environments and products.  
- Study visual and design literacy, communication and design processes through the integration of sustainability, project management, leadership and design project applications.  
- Learn to lead and manage the development and implementation of urban design procedures, policy and practice.  

**Details:**  
The Master of Design provides professional development in the design of the urban environment. It will enhance skills and understanding of the design disciplines through explorations in social, historic, economic, legal and technological processes and systems that act upon our environments and products. This course advances abilities in visual and design literacy, communication, and design processes, through the integration of aspects of sustainability, project management, leadership and design project applications.  

**Career outcomes**  
Graduates may become specialist urban designers within their chosen professional field, or use the skills and knowledge gained to diversify their capabilities across a broader spectrum of design disciplines. Graduates will be capable of leading and managing the development and implementation of urban design procedures, policy and practice. Graduates typically work in either private practice as urban designers, or in government organisations as urban policy developers and implementers.  

**Full-time Course structure - February Entry 2010 onwards**  
**Year 1, Semester 1**  
BEN610 Project Management Principles  
DEN510 Urban Design Studio A  
DEN511 Theory Research Project A  
AMN435 Communication, Negotiation and Leadership  
**Year 1, Semester 2**  
BEN710 Sustainable Practice in Built Environment and Engineering  
DEN910 Integrated Project  
DEN520 Urban Design Studio B  
DEN521 Theory Research Project B  

**Full-time Course structure - Mid Year Entry 2010 onwards**  
**Year 1, Semester 2**  
BEN710 Sustainable Practice in Built Environment and Engineering  
DEN520 Urban Design Studio B
DEN521 Theory Research Project B
AMN435 Communication, Negotiation and Leadership

Year 2, Semester 1
BEN610 Project Management Principles
BEN910 Integrated Project
DEN510 Urban Design Studio A
DEN511 Theory Research Project A

Part-time Course structure - February Entry 2010 onwards

Year 1, Semester 1
BEN610 Project Management Principles
DEN510 Urban Design Studio A

Year 1, Semester 2
DEN520 Urban Design Studio B
DEN521 Theory Research Project B

Year 2, Semester 1
DEN511 Theory Research Project A
AMN435 Communication, Negotiation and Leadership

Year 2, Semester 2
BEN710 Sustainable Practice in Built Environment and Engineering
BEN910 Integrated Project

Part-time Course structure - Mid Year Entry 2010 onwards

Year 1, Semester 2
BEN710 Sustainable Practice in Built Environment and Engineering
DEN521 Theory Research Project B

Year 2, Semester 1
BEN610 Project Management Principles
DEN510 Urban Design Studio A

Year 2, Semester 2
DEN520 Urban Design Studio B
AMN435 Communication, Negotiation and Leadership

Year 3, Semester 1
BEN910 Integrated Project
DEN511 Theory Research Project A

Potential Careers:
Urban Designer.

UNIT SYNOPSES

AMN435 COMMUNICATION, NEGOTIATION AND LEADERSHIP
The unit serves as an introduction to effective leadership, communication, and negotiation processes as fundamental skills in today’s organisations. In particular, it focuses on the increasing importance of such skills for Engineering, Built Environment, Project management and other professionals to bridge cultural boundaries and enhance organisational performance in an increasingly globalised world.

Equivalents: GSN235  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

BEN610 PROJECT MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES
This unit serves as an introduction to project management as a fundamental skill for all postgraduate coursework students in built environment and engineering. It offers an overview of the framework, processes and key knowledge areas of project management.

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

BEN710 SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE IN BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING
Sustainability has become a global agenda that impacts upon our work and everyday life. The unit will introduce principles, challenges and skills for dealing with a diversity of trans-disciplinary issues in sustainable development. By introducing critical sustainability theory and challenging best practices, this unit will prepare you for the impending changes that are necessary in all built environment and engineering disciplines.

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 4 per week  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-2

BEN910 INTEGRATED PROJECT
Problems that confront professionals are ill-defined and complex. The ability to define a problem, and collect and analyse relevant information using appropriate research methods is essential to professional practice. From a learning perspective, one of the most effective ways of achieving this is to consolidate and extend previously gained skills through an activity that is relevant to industry and, where possible, is associated with a specific workplace.

Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2
DEN510 URBAN DESIGN STUDIO A
This unit lays a theoretical foundation for postgraduate coursework and practice in urban design and other professions involved in producing the built environment. It provides a critical view of the theory and practice for urban design as a basis for the development of specialist knowledge in this field, both within this unit and other units within this urban design program.

Equivalents: PSP452  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 4 per week  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1

DEN511 THEORY RESEARCH PROJECT A
Students will research urban design theory, drawing on literature and case studies from around the world to develop their knowledge in this area and contribute to the School of Design's research data base. This unit links to learnings developed in DEN510.

Equivalents: PSN211  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 2 per week  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1

DEN520 URBAN DESIGN STUDIO B
This unit comprises an urban design studio focussed on exploring issues relating to our greater region, i.e. South East Asia and the Pacific Rim.

The studio, allows for the synthesis of knowledge and skills from other units in the course. It offers a problem-based learning experience that engages with advanced urban design issues. The unit focuses on the design management of the transformation and incremental development of existing urban/suburban/town/fringe areas. This area of urban design activity has to mediate between existing development patterns, ownership patterns, development trends, diverse community aspirations, and professional and institutional practices.

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 4 per week  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-2

DEN521 THEORY RESEARCH PROJECT B
Through this unit you will develop your research knowledge and capabilities in the context of Urban design. Knowledge from this unit will be developed in parallel with DEN520 and demonstrated through application within the design studio.

Equivalents: DBP501  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 2 per week  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-2