Bachelor of Urban Development (Honours) (Urban and Regional Planning)

Urban and regional planners design and manage the use of land and natural resources to meet future human needs in a sustainable way. Working with elected representatives, communities and other clients, they prepare and administer physical schemes that create better places and lives for neighbourhoods, cities and regions. They plan large-scale projects such as new cities, suburbs, ports, recreational and industrial areas and transport routes, consulting widely among local communities and colleagues in related fields.

You may enjoy a career in urban and regional planning if you are interested in social, economic, environmental and cultural issues, art and design, using your imagination and being creative.

Why choose this course?
QUT is recognised for combining community involvement with design and implementation skills, which are based on links with engineering, property economics, architecture and landscape architecture. You will work on inclusive community planning, integrated infrastructure provision, creative design, and practical problem-solving projects run in collaboration with partners in local and state government, developers and local community groups.

You will have the opportunity to enhance your broad appreciation of fields related to urban and regional planning, for example, urban design, property economics, architecture, landscape architecture, law or business management.

A flexible course structure allows you to choose minors to match your career aspirations and personal goals and maximise your employment opportunities.

Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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Pursue your interests

Lazarus Cinnabar grew up with fascination for cities, their natural environments and how they were created. His urban and regional planning degree at QUT helped him land a graduate position in Victorian Public Service Aboriginal Pathway Program. ‘Studying was one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever done and I strongly encourage anyone to give it a go.’
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Course structure
Your QUT Bachelor of Urban Development (Honours) (Urban and Regional Planning) degree consists of 384 credit points (32 units) arranged as follows:

a) 72 credit points (6 units) of Urban Development Core units, which includes a Professional Practice unit that requires completion of workplace learning.

b) 216 credit points (18 units) of Urban and Regional Planning discipline units

c) 96 credit points of complementary studies comprising of either a Second Major (8 unit set) or two Minors (4 unit set each).

Urban Development Core Units
These units will engage you in understanding Urban Development from a range of disciplinary and multidisciplinary perspectives, expose you to the various outcomes available for pursuing studies in this field and introduce the fundamental basis for policy and practice. Later core units, together with the discipline specific units, will progress your learning development through experiential and enquiry based learning in collaborative environments.

Urban and Regional Planning Major Discipline Units
These units give you discipline level knowledge, skills and application competencies from introductory through intermediate, culminating with advanced graduate level units. They focus on developing your knowledge, practice and higher-order thinking to an advanced level.

Complementary Studies Options
Complementary studies may be taken as a Second Major of 96 credit points or two Minors of 48 credit points each. Experiential minors in Work Integrated Learning as well as student exchange are also available.

Second Majors
A second major provides the opportunity for you to undertake significant studies in a second Urban Development discipline such as Property Economics, Construction Management, Architectural Studies, Accountancy, Applied Economics and Finance. Second majors are also designed to provide diverse professional skills and knowledge beyond the traditional reaches of the built environment curriculum and can offer a range of study options in other fields.

Minors
Minors will allow you to undertake studies in a companion discipline. They are designed to provide you with introductory to intermediate level knowledge and skills in areas complementary to your studies. You can choose a minor from other built environment disciplines. There are also minors designed to distinguish students in the employment marketplace with complementary ‘non-discipline’ skills and competencies that you can choose from a range of inter- and intra-faculty disciplines.

Pathways to Further Study
The (UD01) Bachelor of Urban Development (Honours) is located at Level 8 of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Graduates may be eligible for discipline relevant Masters and/or Doctoral level programs.

Careers and outcomes
You will have employment opportunities internationally, and in state and local government departments and agencies, large multi-stranded development companies and professional planning consultancies. Career choices include urban design, transport planning, development assessment, plan preparation for housing and industrial areas, open space and recreational planning, environmental protection, and social and economic development.

Professional recognition
This course has accreditation from the Planning Institute of Australia.

Work Integrated Learning
You are required to undertake 30 days of approved urban and regional planning work experience as part of your Work Integrated Learning core unit.