

# BLDG 1009 ENVIRONMENTAL BUILDING DESIGN

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 301062

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**Description** This unit explores the important parameters that are used to facilitate sustainable change in the built environment. Building design is a tool to minimise the use of scarce resources and reduce the impact on the natural Australian landscape. Improving the standard of liveability in urban and peri-urban communities is addressed through the development of holistic building design solutions.

**School** Eng, Design & Built Env

**Discipline** Construction Engineering

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 2 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** BLDG 1010 - Environmental Building Design (WSTC)

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Recognise the importance of energy and water efficiency to the sustainability of our built environment
2. Review the available strategies that can be used to improve the life cycle performance of buildings
3. Identify the major common weaknesses in current residential building design
4. Prioritise environmental parameters for a specific building project
5. Integrate their knowledge of environmental design in the context of a medium density housing development

## Subject Content

Sustainable building design  
Environmentally friendly building materials and systems  
Green rating schemes for buildings  
Energy, water and waste management in buildings

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Green Design Quiz	1 hour	20	N	Individual

Report on one aspect of sustainable design in a current building project	1000 words	30	N	Individual
Medium density housing design (3D CAD model and 2D drawings)	3D CAD model and 2D drawings	40	N	Individual
Weekly Activities	during tutorials	10	N	Group

Teaching Periods

## Spring Penrith (Kingswood)

**Day**

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## Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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