BACHELOR OF RESEARCH STUDIES (PLANNING) (8119)

Approved Abbreviation: BResSt(Plan)
Western Sydney University Program Code: 8119
AQF Level: 7

This program applies to students who commenced in 2019 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

The Master of Research (Planning) is an internationally recognised qualification that provides graduates of this degree with the professional and scholarly education to take a leadership role in urban and regional planning and policy development.

The first year combines coursework training in comprehensive research methodology with an advanced specialisation in urban and regional planning. In the second-year students will undertake a supervised year of higher degree research and produce a Master's thesis. The second year also includes a series of workshops and seminars designed to enhance students' research and professional capabilities.

For domestic students, this program attracts Australian Government funding, packaged as a Bachelor of Research Studies (Planning)/ Master of Research (Planning) to meet regulations.

In Year 1, domestic students are enrolled in the Bachelor of Research Studies (Planning) as a Commonwealth supported student and are liable for student contribution amounts which can be deferred through the HECS-HELP scheme if they are eligible. In Year 2, domestic students are enrolled in the Master of Research (Planning).

Further information about the Master of Research (Planning) can be found on the Future Students Research Studies pages.

Master of Research (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/courses/research/)

Study Mode

Two years full-time or four years part-time.

Program Advice

Dr Ryan van den Nouwelant (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/SocialSciences@westernsydney.edu.au)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/)| Local Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/) | International Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Part Time	Internal	See above

Admission

Admission is determined by the following criteria being met

- A Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree in a cognate discipline such as Planning, Architecture, Engineering, property, Urban Studies, landscape Architecture, Geography, Environmental Management.
- Achievement of a threshold Admission Average Mark (AAM) equal to or above the minimum of 65.
- Demonstrated professional experience in a related discipline to be considered at the discretion of the Dean, Graduate Studies for applicants whose most recent qualification is 5+ years old and
- A statement that outlines a tentative research area.

Additionally for International students and for domestic students who have a qualification in a medium other than English, an English proficiency requirement of IELTS 6.5 overall (minimum 6.0 in each band) or equivalent.

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and the University.

Program Structure

Year 1 of this program will also be studied by International students enrolled in 8120 - Master of Research (Planning).

After completion of Year 1, domestic students will be transferred to 8120 - Master of Research (Planning).

Qualification for the award of Master of Research (Planning) requires the successful completion of 160 credit points. All students will complete 80 credit points of coursework subjects and 80 credit points of higher degree by research.

All students must enrol in and complete the 80 credit points of prescribed core subjects.

Core Subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
HUMN 4002	Researcher Development 2: Proposing and Justifying Research	10
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
HUMN 4003	Writing Beyond the Academy: Knowledge Translation and Public Audience Communication	10
Total Credit Points		**80**

Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2019 or earlier.

HUMN 4009 - Research Design 1: Theories of Enquiry, replaced by HUMN 4001 Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research
HUMN 4010 - Research Design 2: Practices of Research, replaced by HUMN 4002 Researcher Development 2: Proposing and Justifying Research
HUMN 4012 - Research Literacies, replaced by HUMN 4003 Writing Beyond the Academy: Knowledge Translation and Public Audience Communication

Recommended Sequence

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
1H session		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
HUMN 4003	Writing Beyond the Academy: Knowledge Translation and Public Audience Communication	10
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
	Credit Points	**40**
2H session		
HUMN 4002	Researcher Development 2: Proposing and Justifying Research	10
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
	Credit Points	**40**
	Total Credit Points	**80**

Full-time mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
2H session		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
	Credit Points	**40**
1H session		
HUMN 4002	Researcher Development 2: Proposing and Justifying Research	10
HUMN 4003	Writing Beyond the Academy: Knowledge Translation and Public Audience Communication	10
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
	Credit Points	**40**
	Total Credit Points	**80**

Part-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
1H session		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
	Credit Points	**20**
2H session		
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10
	Credit Points	**20**
Year 2		
1H session		
HUMN 4003	Writing Beyond the Academy: Knowledge Translation and Public Audience Communication	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
	Credit Points	**20**
2H session		
HUMN 4002	Researcher Development 2: Proposing and Justifying Research	10
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
	Credit Points	**20**
	Total Credit Points	**80**

Part-time mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
2H session		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10
	Credit Points	**20**
1H session		
HUMN 4003	Writing Beyond the Academy: Knowledge Translation and Public Audience Communication	10
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
	Credit Points	**20**
Year 2		
2H session		
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
	Credit Points	**20**
1H session		
HUMN 4002	Researcher Development 2: Proposing and Justifying Research	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
	Credit Points	**20**
	Total Credit Points	**80**

Exit Award

Students may exit with the Bachelor of Research Studies (exit only) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-research-studies-exit-only/) after Year 1 and the successful completion of 80 credit points, with advanced standing of 160 credit points from their previous undergraduate qualification being granted.