

# MASTER OF PLANNING (1712)

**Approved Abbreviation:** MPlan

**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 1712

**AQF Level:** 9

**CRICOS Code:** 080224K

This program applies to students who commenced in 2020 or later.

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

For Commencement Year 2015 to 2019 - Please refer to 1712.2 Master of Planning (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1712.2>)

For Commencement Year 2014 - Please refer to 1712.1 Master of Planning (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1712.1>)

This program is offered at the Parramatta City campus. However, some subjects may be offered at other campuses or by alternative modes of delivery.

The Master of Planning is a two year program in urban and regional planning. The degree equips students with professional and scholarly education to take leadership roles in statutory town planning practice as well as policy development. This program has a strong emphasis on social science research and in the fast growing Greater Western Sydney Region. The coursework includes learning and training in history and theory, governance, professional practice, economic development, sustainability, transport planning, spatial analysis, and legal frameworks for planning.

Students enrolled in the Master of Planning may be eligible for an early exit award by transferring to the Master of Urban Management and Planning (one year degree) if entry requirements are met. Students should refer to the handbook entry for the Master of Urban Management and Planning for information regarding entry requirements and accreditation for that program.

## Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 80 credit points with a 1873 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/master-urban-management-planning/>) Master of Urban Management and Planning (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/master-urban-management-planning/>).

- Director of Academic Program - Dr Emma Power

## Study Mode

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

## Program Advice

Dr Alanna Kamp (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/17830/>)

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 City Campus- Macquarie Street	Full Time	Internal	Dr Alanna Kamp (a.kamp@westernsydney.edu.au)
Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Part Time	Internal	Dr Alanna Kamp (a.kamp@westernsydney.edu.au)

## Accreditation

The Master of Planning is accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA).

## Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/international\\_student\\_support/working\\_in\\_australia/work\\_integrated\\_learning/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/))

## Admission

Applicants must have successfully completed a Bachelor degree in any discipline

**Or**

Have a minimum of five years full-time equivalent work experience in planning, geography, social science, environmental studies, architecture and landscape studies, urban and regional studies, engineering or public policy.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service form ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement\\_of\\_Service.PDF](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement_of_Service.PDF))

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>  
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

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 Western Sydney University.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points including the subjects listed below.

## Recommended Sequence Current

### Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
ARCH 7002	Heritage and Planning	10
ARCH 7004	Planning and Development Control	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10
HUMN 7041	Social Research in the Digital World	10
ENGR 7016	Planning for Bushfire Prone Areas	10
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
ARCH 7006	Urban Planning Placement Project	10
HUMN 7036	Introduction to Social Research	10
ARCH 7014	Health, Wellbeing and Place	10
BLDG 7007	Interpreting Building Regulations (Residential Buildings)	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
ENVL 7003	Urban Research Report	10
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7020	Cool Green Cities	10
POLI 7002	Translation from Theory and Research to Policy	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>

### Full-time mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Spring session</b>		
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10

HUMN 7041	Social Research in the Digital World	10
ENGR 7016	Planning for Bushfire Prone Areas	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

#### Autumn session

ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
HUMN 7036	Introduction to Social Research	10
ARCH 7004	Planning and Development Control	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

#### Year 2

##### Spring session

BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7020	Cool Green Cities	10
POLI 7002	Translation from Theory and Research to Policy	10
ENVL 7003	Urban Research Report	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

##### Autumn session

ARCH 7006	Urban Planning Placement Project	10
ARCH 7002	Heritage and Planning	10
ARCH 7014	Health, Wellbeing and Place	10
BLDG 7007	Interpreting Building Regulations (Residential Buildings)	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>

Recommended Sequence 2023 and 2024

### Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>1H session</b>		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading, Writing, and the Business of Research	10
NOTE: From 2025 subject HUMN 4001 will no longer be included in this program. Students should take subject HUMN 7036 Introduction to Social Research which is offered in Autumn session.		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
ARCH 7002	Heritage and Planning	10
ARCH 7004	Planning and Development Control	10
<b>Spring session</b>		
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10
HUMN 7041	Social Research in the Digital World	10
ENGR 7016	Planning for Bushfire Prone Areas	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>

#### Year 2

##### Autumn session

ARCH 7006	Urban Planning Placement Project	10
ENVL 7003	Urban Research Report	10
ARCH 7014	Health, Wellbeing and Place	10
BLDG 7007	Interpreting Building Regulations (Residential Buildings)	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

**Spring session**

ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7020	Cool Green Cities	10
POLI 7002	Translation from Theory and Research to Policy	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>

**Full-time mid-year intake**

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>2H session</b>		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
NOTE: From 2025 subject HUMN 4001 will no longer be included in this program. Students should take subject HUMN 7036 Introduction to Social Research which is offered in Autumn session.		
<b>Spring session</b>		
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10
HUMN 7041	Social Research in the Digital World	10
ENGR 7016	Planning for Bushfire Prone Areas	10
<b>Autumn session</b>		
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
ARCH 7002	Heritage and Planning	10
ARCH 7004	Planning and Development Control	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Spring session</b>		
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7020	Cool Green Cities	10
POLI 7002	Translation from Theory and Research to Policy	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>		
ARCH 7006	Urban Planning Placement Project	10
ENVL 7003	Urban Research Report	10
ARCH 7014	Health, Wellbeing and Place	10
BLDG 7007	Interpreting Building Regulations (Residential Buildings)	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>

**Replaced Subjects**

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2022 or earlier.

HUMN 4002 - Researcher Development 2: Proposing and Justifying Research, replaced by ENGR 7016 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/search/?P=ENGR%207016>) Planning for Bushfire Prone Areas

BLDG 7003 - Building Studies, replaced by BLDG 7007 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/search/?P=BLDG%207007>) Interpreting Building Regulations (Residential Buildings)

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points including the subjects listed below.

**Recommended Sequence 2022****Full-time start-year intake**

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>1H session</b>		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
<b>Autumn session</b>		
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
ARCH 7002	Heritage and Planning	10
<b>Quarter 3 session</b>		
ARCH 7004	Planning and Development Control	10
<b>2H session</b>		
HUMN 4002	Researcher Development 2: Proposing and Justifying Research	10
<b>Spring session</b>		
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10
HUMN 7041	Social Research in the Digital World	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
BLDG 7003	Building Studies	10
ARCH 7006	Urban Planning Placement Project	10
ENVL 7003	Urban Research Report	10
ARCH 7014	Health, Wellbeing and Place	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7020	Cool Green Cities	10
POLI 7002	Translation from Theory and Research to Policy	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>

**Full-time mid-year intake**

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Quarter 3 Session</b>		
ARCH 7004	Planning and Development Control	10
<b>2H session</b>		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
<b>Spring session</b>		
ARCH 7001	Developing Sustainable Places	10

HUMN 7041	Social Research in the Digital World	10
<b>1H session</b>		
HUMN 4002	Researcher Development 2: Proposing and Justifying Research	10
<b>Autumn session</b>		
ARCH 7003	Managing Cities: History and Theory	10
ENVL 7002	Planning and Environmental Regulation	10
ARCH 7002	Heritage and Planning	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Spring session</b>		
ARCH 7005	Urban Management Practice: Governance and Power in the City	10
BLDG 7006	Financing Cities in the Global Economy	10
ARCH 7020	Cool Green Cities	10
POLI 7002	Translation from Theory and Research to Policy	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>		
BLDG 7003	Building Studies	10
ARCH 7006	Urban Planning Placement Project	10
ENVL 7003	Urban Research Report	10
ARCH 7014	Health, Wellbeing and Place	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>

## Equivalent Core Subjects

The Core Subjects listed below counts towards completion of this course for students who passed this subject in 2020 or earlier.

ARCH 7013 - Green Urbanscapes: Bio-Physical Functions and Services, replaced by ARCH 7020 Cool Green Cities