

ENVL 3005 PLANNING THE CITY: DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY AND SYSTEMS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101593

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Description This subject aims to provide students with a fundamental understanding of the role of government, focusing on the role and nature of planning across all levels of government from a variety of theoretical frameworks. It presents a critical examination of the urban development and planning processes, with particular attention given to the environmental and political issues associated with planning at the local government level. It looks at the changes and challenges confronting local government in view of the demands made on them by the changing social and economic conditions and societal values such as those relating to requirements for public participation, transparency and accountability. The subject also examines the role of private sector in planning and assessment processes.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Environmental Studies, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Restrictions

Successful completion of 80 credit points

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe the historical background and significance of the Planning profession;
2. Apply the key concepts involved in planning and managing development within the context of local planning;
3. Analyse urban development and planning processes within the planning framework; and
4. Explain changes in planning processes that reflect evolution of socioeconomic and cultural values.

Subject Content

1. Origins of town planning
2. The rationale for planning and regulation
3. The political and environmental issues related to the implementation of planning
4. Strategic planning
5. The development control system
6. Participatory planning, access and equity
7. Changes and challenges for Local Government
8. Planning by private sector

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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Report	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Quiz	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Professional Task	1,000 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Thompson, S. & Maginn, P.J. (eds). 2012. Planning Australia: An overview of urban and regional planning. (Second Edition). Port Melbourne, VIC: Cambridge University Press.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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