Academic Year 2024/25

Master of Planning (MPlan)

UCAS Code: K400

Notes

(i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*

(ii) *All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*

(iii) *Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*

(iv) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*

(v) *A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*

(vi) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

(vii) *In appropriate cases and with the approval of the Degree Programme Director (DPD), it may be possible for candidates to complete Stage 4 through part-time study. The period of study for Stage 4 as a part-time candidate is 21 months.*

(viii) *A core module for PSRB accreditation is a module a student is required to obtain accreditation.*

(ix) *A core module for outcomes is a module which a student must pass.*

1. **Stage 1**

(a) Unless otherwise stated all modules are core.

(b) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
TCP1014	Planning Processes	10		10	4		Core	Core	
TCP1018	Design Awareness and Communication	10	10		4		Core	Core	
TCP1019	Economics of Development I	10		10	4		Core	Core	
TCP1020	Environment and Sustainability	10		10	4		Core	Core	
TCP1025	Social Worlds	20	20		4		Core	Core	

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
TCP1026	Understanding Place: Methods and Perspectives	20		20	4		Core	Core	
TCP1027	Shaping Towns and Cities	20	20		4		Core	Core	
TCP1028	Planning for a Better World	20	10	10	4		Core	Core	

2.   Stage 2

(a)   All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
TCP2025	Researching Local Economies	20	20		6		Core	Core	
TCP2027	Research Skills	20		20	6		Core	Core	

(b)   All candidates will select 80 credits of modules from the following optional modules, 40 credits Semester 1 and 40 credits Semester 2:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
APL2035	Participation: Theories and Practices	20		20	6				
TCP2005	Houses and Homes	20	20		6				
TCP2006*	Design & Neighbourhood	20	20		6				
TCP2028	Understanding Cities	20		20	6				
TCP2031	Digital Civics	20		20	6				
TCP2033	Urban Infrastructures: A Lens on the City	20	20		6				
TCP2036	Global Course on Institutional Design for Spatial Planning	20		20	6				
TCP2037	Study Abroad for Stage 2	40	40		6				
TCP2038	Researching Local Economies (Placement)	20	20		6				

(c)   Students studying abroad take the 40 credit option TCP2037 in semester 1 + 20 credit core of the distance learning version of TCP2038 Researching Local Economies and follow the normal programme as per a) and b) above for stage two.

Students progressing from stage 2 to stage 3 must have obtained an overall stage average of 40%.

*Students who have transferred from Stage 1 of BA Hons Geography and Planning are required to take TCP2006 Design & Neighbourhood.

3.   Stage 3

(a)   All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
TCP3028	Strategies into Action: Planning	20	20		6		Core	Core	
TCP3053	Development Management	20		20	6		Core	Core	
TCP3054	Planning Theory and Politics	20	20		6		Core	Core	
TCP3099	Dissertation	40	20	20	6		Core	Core	

(b)   All candidates will select 20 credits from the following modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
APL3004	Chinese Cultural History and Urban Development	20		20	6				
TCP3056	Disasters, Monsters and Mess	20		20	6				Blended learning
TCP3059*	Strategies into Action: Urban Design	20		20	6				

Students must have previously taken TCP2006.

Students progressing from stage 3 to stage 4 need to obtain an overall stage average of 50%. Those not meeting this threshold will be awarded the BA (Hons) in Urban Planning (1601U).

4.   Awards & accreditation

Students may choose to leave the programme at the end of Stage 3 and be awarded a BA (Hons) in Urban Planning. Their Degree classification will be calculated on a 1:2 stage weighting of marks from

stage 2 & 3. Students wishing to leave after Stage 3 should advise the Degree Programme Director by the start of the 3rd year.

Students who leave with the BA (Hons) Urban Planning will have obtained Spatial RTPI accreditation only. Students who leave with the MPlan will have obtained Spatial and Specialist RTPI accreditation and RICSaccreditation.

Students shall be expected to take the Certificate in Planning Practice (3038U) as an intercalating qualification between stages 3 & 4 of the MPlan. This is a professional practice placement.

Where insufficient placement opportunities can be offered, in exceptional circumstances, with the consent of the DPD, students may be allowed to progress to Stage 4 with 3 months planning placement experience; this must be supported by a positive reference from the placement organisation. The student must also demonstrate a record of pursuing all placement opportunities available.

In exceptional circumstances, where it is demonstrably not possible for a student to gain a 3 month placement, with the consent of the DPD, students may be accepted into Stage 4 without a placement.

Placement opportunities will be guided by national and institutional policy at the time.

5.   Stage 4

Within its overall framework, the final year of the MPlan takes the form of one of a number of named specialist routes (listed below).

Candidates must take *one* of the three combinations of modules listed below.

Exceptionally, other modules up to a value of 40 credits may be taken in place of any of the modules with the approval of the Degree Programme Director.

(a)   **MPlan Regeneration**

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
TCP7023	Economics of Development	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8024	Consultancy Project	20	20		7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8025	Linked Research Project	30	10	20	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8917	Regenerating Places	10	10		7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8918	Regenerating Places Project	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8942	Reflexive Practitioner (MPlan version)	10	10		7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8950	Valuation and Appraisal for Planning	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8953	Urban Policy: Origins and Alternatives	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8958	Mapping, Data and Measurement	10	10		7	Core	Core	Core	

(b)   **MPlan Green Infrastructure and Landscape Planning**

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
TCP8003	Engagement With Environment, Landscape and Planning	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8024	Consultancy Project	20	20		7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8025	Linked Research Project	30	10	20	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8096	Green Infrastructure, Landscape Planning and Nature Based Solutions	10	10		7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8097	Green Infrastructure, Landscape Planning and Nature Based Solutions (Project)	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8942	Reflexive Practitioner (MPlan version)	10	10		7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8950	Valuation and Appraisal for Planning	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8956	Environmental Assessment	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8958	Mapping, Data and Measurement	10	10		7	Core	Core	Core	

(c)   **MPlan Urban Conservation**

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
TCP7024	Conservation and the City	10	10		7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8024	Consultancy Project	20	20		7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8025	Linked Research Project	30	10	20	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8912	Conservation and the City Project	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8942	Reflexive Practitioner (MPlan version)	10	10		7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8950	Valuation and Appraisal for Planning	10		10	7	Core	Core	Core	

TCP8957	Critical and Applied Perspectives on Heritage Practice	20		20	7	Core	Core	Core	
TCP8958	Mapping, Data and Measurement	10	10		7	Core	Core	Core	

6.   Assessment methods

The following assessment methods shall be used: unseen written examination papers; takeaway examination papers; project work and seminar presentations; assessment of submitted essays; assessment of fieldwork reports; dissertation. Further information on assessment pattern for each module is explained in the module outline.

7.   Degree Classification

(i)   The final degree classification shall be worked out on a 1:2:3 weighting across stages 2, 3 & 4. A candidate who fails to satisfy the requirements for the award of an MPlan may be awarded the BA (Hons) Urban Planning.

(ii)   Students will be awarded the MPlan with the badged route undertaken as per above, e.g. MPlan Regeneration; MPlan Green Infrastructure & Landscape Planning; MPlan Urban Conservation.

8.   Exemption

(i)   The programme has been granted an exemption from Integrated Master's Examination Convention to allow a stage average of 40 to be used for progression from Stage 2 to Stage 3.

(ii)   The programme has been granted an exemption from Undergraduate Examination Conventions to require all Stage 4 modules to be passed for the award of the degree.

9.   Exit Award

Students who fail up to 20 credits of core modules in the final year of the programme will be entitled to (1600U) Master of Planning- Unaccredited.