

Academic Year 2026/27

Master of Arts in Urban Design

Code: 4004 F/P

Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) *A core module is a module which a student must pass.*
- (iii) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (iv) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

1. Programme structure (Diploma/MA)

- (a) The programme is available for study in full-time and part-time modes.
- (b) The period of study for full-time mode shall be one year starting in September. The period of study for part-time mode shall normally be two years starting in September.
- (c) The programme comprises modules to a credit value of 120 for diploma; 180 for MA
- (d) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
APL8014	Urban design and the use of design codes	20		20		7		
ARC8069	Housing Alternatives	40		40		7		
ARC8115	Design studio	40	40			7	Core	
TCP8052	Urban Design Seminars	10	10			7		
TCP8090	Principles and Practice of Urban Design (MAUD)*	10	10			7		

Candidates taking the programme wishing to obtain combined RTPI accreditation after completing BA Urban Planning (K421) or Certificate in Planning Practice (3038U) accredited pathway will be required to take, and pass, a version of 'The Reflexive Practitioner' module in place of TCP8090 'Principles and Practice of Urban Design' (which, however, they are advised to observe for their learning). For K421 graduates this is TCP8902 and for 3038U graduates this is TCP8942.

- (e) Masters students must take the following modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
ARC8117	Design thesis	60			60	7		

Year 1 (Part-time)

(a) Candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
ARC8069	Housing Alternatives	40		40		7	Core	
TCP8052	Urban Design Seminars	10	10			7		
TCP8090	Principles and Practice of Urban Design (MAUD)*	10	10			7		

Year 2 (Part-time)

(a) Candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
APL8014	Urban design and the use of design codes	20		20		7		
ARC8115	Design studio	40	40			7	Core	

With prior approval from the DPD, it will be possible for part-time students to take the compulsory modules in a different order, as long as all compulsory modules are still studied.

Candidates taking the programme wishing to obtain combined RTPI accreditation after completing BA Urban Planning (K421) or Certificate in Planning Practice (3038U) accredited pathway will be required to take, and pass, a version of 'The Reflexive Practitioner' module in place of TCP8090 'Principles and Practice of Urban Design' (which, however, they are advised to observe for their learning). For K421 graduates this is TCP8902 and for 3038U graduates this is TCP8942.

(b) Masters students must take the following modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
ARC8117	Design thesis	60			60	7		

2. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

3. Transfer from Diploma (3359) to MA (4004)

With DPD approval, students who achieve a semester 1 average of over 60% on the Diploma (3359) will be allowed to transfer to the MA Urban Design (4004) at the beginning of Semester 2.

4. Accelerated route (5365) for MArch students

(a) Candidates who have taken the following modules as part of their MArch (5843F) studies:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
APL8014	Urban design and the use of design codes	20		20		7	Core	
TCP8052	Urban Design Seminars	10	10			7	Core	
TCP8090	Principles and Practice of Urban Design (MAUD)	10	10			7	Core	

(b) Such candidates shall take the following compulsory modules as part of the MA/Diploma (Diploma students do not take ARC8117):

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ARC8069	Housing Alternatives	40		40		7	Core	
ARC8115	Design studio	40	40			7	Core	
ARC8117	Design thesis	60			60	7		

(c) Students who have completed the MArch (5843F) will be granted admission to the MA/Diploma Urban Design on consideration of previous modules studied as part of the MArch; and may be granted up to 40 credits worth of Credit Transfer if MA /Diploma Urban Design compulsory modules have been previously studied, and passed, as part of the MArch.

(d) Students admitted to MA/Diploma Urban Design from the MArch as above, will have their final classification for this award calculated using all 180 credits of MA Urban Design modules studied or 120 credits for the Diploma. As such, the grades achieved in the Urban Design modules studied as part of the MArch, whose credits are transferred to the MA/Diploma Urban Design.