

School of Global Studies, Social Sciences and Planning (Australia)

Institutional Information (Last update at: 25/08/2012)

School/Department name (Native language)	Sustainability and Urban Planning
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School Information

Full time academic staff members	13
Part time staff members	6
Staff members engaged in research	
Staff members engaged in professional activities	

Degree Programmes and Educational Provision

Undergraduate/first cycle degree(s) offered at School/Department

Bachelor of Social Science (Environmental)

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

4

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

Teaching languages

English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice

Yes 20 - 25 Days

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution

Planning Institute of Australia

Curriculum/approach description

This program explores how we can address and reverse these threats to work towards a more environmentally sustainable future.

By discussing, researching and designing effective strategies to analyse past and present situations, you will be directly involved in improving cities, rural areas and the wider environment.

You will work on real life projects with many leading environmental practitioners to develop practical solutions to problems such as climate change, energy use and pollution management.

This program focuses on environmental policies and management and the way decisions about the environment are made.

The environment program is unique for developing you as an environment professional as it does not require you to have a background in science or technology, although this can be helpful.

Bachelor of Environmental Science/Bachelor of Social Science

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

4

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

Teaching languages

English

Specialisation within

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice Yes 20 - 25

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution Planning Institute of Australia

Curriculum/approach description

This double degree combines the study of environmental sciences with environmental policy making and action.

There is no other degree in Victoria that enables students to combine environmental science with environmental policy making and management. With the emergence of the green economy across the world this combination offers exciting career possibilities for graduates as scientists, policy makers, environmental activists or private consultants.

This program combines classroom, laboratory and fieldwork. With an understanding of both scientific and social theory, you will engage in a number of real life projects. Theories are put into action and then reconsidered.

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT) 4

Part time option No

Delivery mode On campus

Number of ECTS

Teaching languages English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice Yes 20 - 25 Days

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution Planning Institute of Australia

Curriculum/approach description

Urban and regional planning is more than just creating physical environments. It teaches you to understand all the influences that affect the way we live, and the many factors that need to be considered in order to create sustainable and liveable cities and regions.

This program is suitable for those with interests in geography, urban design, history, economics, politics and environmental studies.

While this program focuses on Melbourne and its surroundings, you will be introduced to planning practices in other parts of the world.

You will be involved in many real-life projects with leading practitioners, not just academics.

RMIT urban and regional planning graduates easily find work both locally and far beyond. They

(Post)Graduate/masters or second cycle degree(s) offered at School/department

Master of Social Science (Environment and Planning)

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

1.5

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

Teaching languages

English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice

No

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution

Planning Institute of Australia

This is an Erasmus mundus programme

No

Curriculum/approach description

A feature of this is the integration of these theoretical concepts with their application to contemporary issues and professional situations. The program is firmly focused on policy and management related to the fields of environment and planning. The degree may be taken on campus or via the internet with all core subjects offered online, and some electives. You have the opportunity of selecting some electives from outside the environment and planning degree. Specifically, the degree is designed for professional development, academic interest and for entry into the rapidly expanding planning and environment fields. The areas of planning and environment are inherently interesting due to their multi-faceted nature and multi-disciplinary approach. They are concerned with solving many contemporary problems confronting urban, regional and rural environments. There is also high demand for graduates. Prospective students may be motivated by a desire to improve their environment, or move into a more exciting and challenging career, or a combination of both. The degree has two streams: environment and planning. Students may choose one particular stream or a combination of courses from both streams.

This program also incorporates the Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate qualifications.

Graduate Diploma (1 year full time study or 2 years part time) Graduate Certificate (6 months full time study or 1 year part time study).

Study modes are both online and face to face (on campus and distance learning)

International Urban and Environmental Planning - Master in Social Science

Number of years normally used to

complete this degree(FT) International Urban and Environmental Planning - Master in Social Science 15

Part time option No

Delivery mode On campus

Number of ECTS

Teaching languages English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum

The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice No

Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution Planning Institute Australia

This is an Erasmus mundus programme No

Curriculum/approach description

The Master of Social Science (International Urban and Environmental Management) (IUEM) provides a unique postgraduate program on urban and environmental management issues in the developing world and transitional economies. The program is designed for individuals who want an intensive professional education in urban and environmental management that will equip them to work on sustainable development. It caters for those who intend to work for governments in developing countries, non-government organisations, multilateral and bilateral international development agencies and consultants.

This program allows you to customise your degree to suit your interests and career aspirations. This degree focuses on the problems associated with urbanisation in developing countries, such as inadequate infrastructure, informal settlements and the ecological and economic requirements of cities. In 2005, for the first time in history, there were more people living in urban centres than in rural areas. This represents a significant challenge to urban planners and development workers as more and more people live in mega-cities, such as Karachi, Mexico City, Lagos, Mumbai and Bangkok. Electives can be chosen from the International Urban and Environmental Management (IUEM), Environment and Planning (EandP), or International Development (ID) programs, which offer specialisations in project planning, housing, water policy, disaster response, health issues, the environment, rural and regional sustainability, development planning and practice, and more. There is also the option of completing a minor thesis or minor research project, allowing you to further develop your knowledge of a particular area.

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Doctoral/PhD education offered at School/department

Social Science - Doctor of Philosphy (By reasearch)

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT) 4

Part time option Yes

Social Science - Doctor of Philosophy (By reasearch)**Number of years usually required for completing the degree part-time (PT)**

8

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS**Teaching languages**

English

Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum**Curriculum/approach description**

The Doctor of Philosophy by research is normally awarded for a thesis based on original research that contributes to knowledge in the area investigated. In some circumstances, candidates can be awarded the degree for project-based research. Applicants should have a research interest in any of the following areas:

Globalism and global culture
International development
Sustainable urban and regional development and planning
Environmental policy and sustainability
Contemporary policy relating to work, gender, youth and family
Housing and homelessness
Social work theory and practice
Public sector evaluation and applied research methods

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Part time option

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