

# Urban and Regional Planning

- + Graduate Diploma
- + Masters Degree

Experience. The Difference.



- + Plan our cities and regions to be more sustainable, productive, equitable and pleasant to live in
- + Advise private developers, government agencies, community groups and many others in the urban development process at local, state, national and international levels
- + A long-established and highly regarded professional qualification for graduates with a wide range of programs including environmental management, architecture, property, construction, environmental science, social science, economics and geography.

## About the program

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning program at UniSA prepares graduates from a wide range of backgrounds for challenging and well-paid careers in planning.

Planners work at a range of scales – local, state, national and international – and provide advice to governments, private developers, local communities and other participants in the urban development process.

The program provides a broad understanding of processes of urban and regional development and a grounding in the key areas of professional knowledge and skill required by planners. Core areas of the program include Planning Policy and Law, the Economics of Property Development, Social Planning, Sustainable Urban Design, Energy-Efficient Settlements and Buildings, Transport Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment. Students can also take elective courses and streams in a wide range of related areas, including Urban Ecology, Architectural and Cultural Heritage, Environmental Law, Professional Ethics and Planning in Developing Countries. A highlight of the program for many students is the opportunity to take part in an international urban design studio, held in Penang, Malaysia, each September. This studio, like most of the other elements of coursework in the program, focuses on real-world issues and on resolving contemporary social and environmental problems.

## Why study Urban and Regional Planning at UniSA?

UniSA is home to the longest-established planning school in Australia, celebrating 60 years of planning education in 2009. The postgraduate planning programs have a proud record of producing outstanding professionals who can be found working to make settlements more sustainable throughout Australia and in many other parts of the world. There is a national shortage of planners at present and career prospects are excellent.

## Where do our Graduates go?

Graduates in recent years have found themselves working in state and national agencies on projects such as the planning and design of new towns and suburbs, energy-efficient housing, new public transport services, the protection of heritage buildings and landscapes, coastal planning and many more. A number of planning graduates also work on the assessment of development proposals in local and state government planning agencies, including the assessment of the environmental impacts of major projects. The private sector is also a significant employer of planning graduates.



## // Anna Pullen

Master of Urban and Regional Planning graduate

Studying at UniSA provided me with lots of opportunities. I was lucky enough to undertake two overseas trips. The first as part of a team who competed in an international urban design student competition in Dubai, and the second was an overseas study trip working with students from the University Sains Malaysia. This provided me with first-hand insight into planning in South East Asia.

I landed my first planning job a couple of months shy of the masters course commencing. After working for two years as a planner, I am now working in communications and social planning – testament to the diversity of planning and the options available to graduates with such sought after skills. //

### School of Natural and Built Environments

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Large land developers such as Delfin-Lend Lease employ our graduates in the master planning of new communities throughout Australia, while other consultant firms specialize in urban design, transport planning, social planning, development assessment and a wide range of other fields. A growing trend in recent years has also been for graduates of the program to seek employment overseas soon after graduation and UniSA planning graduates are currently working in the UK, Holland, the USA, Greece, the Solomon Islands, the Philippines, Indonesia, India, New Zealand, Malaysia, China, Botswana and many other countries.

### Industry Experience

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning is taught primarily at the University's City East campus in the heart of the historically planned city of Adelaide. This city centre location is a great advantage in providing ready access to planners and other professionals working in practice. There are strong links between academic topics and professional practice throughout the program. A number of courses are taught by staff drawn from professional practice, while University staff work closely with the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) to ensure that students have access to professional seminars and events.

### Who is eligible

Students with first degrees in environmental management, architecture, property, construction, environmental science, social science, economics, geography and other disciplines have all entered the program in recent years and most other first degrees are appropriate. Mature aged students and those seeking a new professional direction are also welcome.

The Masters degree requires the completion of 54 units and usually takes 1.5 years to complete. A 1 year Graduate Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning is also available.

### Professional recognition

The Masters program leads to an internationally recognised qualification as an urban and regional planner and provides full exemption from the educational requirements for membership of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA).

UniSA Program Codes:	
Masters	IMUR
Graduate Diploma	IGUR
Location:	City East Campus
Program Options:	
Standard Duration:	2 years (13.5 units for 4 semesters)
Program CRICOS code	017018F
Fast Track Duration:	1.5 years (18 units for 3 semesters)
Program CRICOS code	048094D
Program Content:	54 Units
Intake:	Study periods 2 and 5