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Our landscape is a mosaic of cities, towns, suburbs, neighbourhoods and rural areas and the practise of urban and regional planning is essentially about designing and managing the shared spaces in which people live.

Planners have the social responsibility of setting the policy framework within which land use is managed and development takes place. This important role aims to make our cities, towns and regions visually appealing, ecologically sustainable, socially inclusive, efficient and economically productive. A particular emphasis is placed upon ensuring that areas cater for different groups and individuals in an equitable, ethical and inclusive manner and that our cities, towns and regions provide a high quality of life and a range of opportunities for all.

At UniSA, we encourage our students to challenge and question the way in which our cities and regions are currently designed and managed with a view to recognising what aspects should be maintained and what should be improved. It is these attributes that make graduates of our program in high demand by prospective employers.

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Open Day 2009

City West Campus: Sunday 16 August, 70 North Terrace, Adelaide
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Career Information Session 2009

City East Campus: Wednesday 2 September at 6.00pm

Program Information Session 2009

City East Campus: Wednesday 9 December at 6.00pm
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SATAC code	414161
UniSA program code	IBPG
CRICOS code	
(international students only)	024219E
TER (February 2009 cut-off)	65.1
Program length	4 years
Prerequisites	None
Assumed knowledge	None
Home campus	City East
Accepts Special Entry (STAT)	Yes
External study available	No
Part-time study available	Yes
TAFE credit available	Yes
Honours study available	Yes
Program fees	Commonwealth supported
Program fees	
(international students only)	(A\$) \$19,500 per annum
Scholarships available	unisa.edu.au/scholarship

Program overview

The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning is the only undergraduate planning degree in South Australia to introduce students to the concepts of sustainable development, spatial planning, urban design, environmental management, land economics, property markets, regional planning, social and community planning, and community consultation.

The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning aims to:

- » Provide students with a broad understanding of the forces and processes shaping cities, regions and the built and natural environments in Australia and other countries.

- » Create awareness of the physical, economic, social and environmental factors that strongly influence the practice of urban and regional planning.
- » Provide students with an understanding of the principles and operation of the planning system in Australia and in other countries.
- » Give students the knowledge and confidence to question and, where necessary, to challenge current planning wisdom, and the creativity to develop alternative planning proposals.
- » Engender in students the respect and commitment necessary to make effective community consultation and interdisciplinary collaboration crucial to planning practice.

- » Equip students with the professional knowledge and skills to work effectively as urban and regional planners in a variety of agencies.

What will I study?

Courses on sustainability set the context for much of the planning program. Students learn methods and techniques for analysing trends in urban development, for predicting the future form and requirements of our communities and for ensuring that these communities are well designed. Workshop courses address the development and management of real places and scenarios, introducing students to practical skills and situations which are valuable in the workplace.

Third year students are required to complete a six-month planning field placement. Prior to the placement, students study planning law and development assessment issues as practical preparation. The placement ensures that students develop a sound understanding of the professional requirements of working in the planning industry, increasing their employment prospects and strengthening their professional networks.

High-achieving final year students have the opportunity to graduate with Honours, which provides a concise recognition of outstanding academic achievement through the writing of a final year thesis.

Opportunities to specialise are also available through two options for majors in the final year: a major in Environmental Planning or a major in Social and Community Planning.

The Environmental Planning option prepares students for a career specialising in environmental aspects of planning and is particularly relevant to some branches of state government or to private sector consultancy.

The Social and Community Planning specialisation prepares students for a career in the social aspects of planning and is particularly relevant to work in local and state government departments, non-governmental agencies and consultancies.

What does it take?

In order to make a useful contribution to the management of cities and regions, planners need to be interested in analysing and understanding the ways that places change over time; be willing to challenge and to question the way our cities and regions are presently designed and managed; be perceptive enough to recognise what needs to be maintained, modified or changed; be creative enough to seek out effective ways of putting ideas into practice; and be capable of fostering collaborative and consensual building approaches to planning.

Who will employ me?

Planning graduates from UniSA have found employment with federal, state and local government bodies, private planning consultancies and as advisors to property development firms. Private consultancies vary in nature: smaller local firms provide planning advice to local authorities and individuals, while larger firms may have interstate and overseas offices and may be engaged in regional development projects in Asian or Pacific countries.

Planning graduates also work in national park planning, coastal protection and heritage conservation. A number of graduates have found employment interstate within Australia and there are also many international opportunities for planning graduates to work overseas, especially in the United Kingdom.

According to the Graduate Careers Australia website, GradsOnline, 90 per cent of urban and regional planning graduates secured full-time employment after graduating. Median starting salaries are around A\$44,500.

Professional recognition

The Bachelor degree in Urban and Regional Planning is recognised by the Planning Institute of Australia.

Honours

The degree may be awarded with Honours. Students selected for the Honours stream will enrol in the courses Planning Research Project (Hons) 1 and 2.

Program requirements

FIRST YEAR

Understanding Cities and Regions

Geospatial Information Science

Introduction to Planning

Environment:

A Human Perspective

Infrastructure Workshop

Planning Heritage Workshop

Land Use Planning

Sustainable Development:

A Global Perspective

SECOND YEAR

Social and Community Planning

Analytic Methods for Planning

Urban Design Workshop

BUGE Elective 1

Introduction to Property

Economics

Planning Policy

Planning Information

Management

Development and Design Studio

THIRD YEAR

Planning Law

Social Planning Techniques

Regional Planning Workshop

Policy and Development

Assessment Workshop

Planning Field Placement A

Planning Field Placement B

FOURTH YEAR

Planning and Professional Ethics

Planning Project 1

or Planning Research Study

(Honours) 1

Comparative Planning

Elective

Planning Project 2

or Planning Research Study

(Honours) 2N

BUGE Elective 2

Elective



Tom Kasauskas

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning

'I was really interested in the way we use land, especially when it comes to environmental sustainability, and UniSA offered a focused approach to town planning, rather than trying to combine it with other fields.'

While learning about planning for people with disabilities, we were given wheelchairs to push each other around the city. It was really hard to tackle some walkways and this gave us a really different perspective on planning that we could only get from experience.'

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Entry requirements

For Undergraduate Bachelor Degrees and Associate Degrees

Applicants are required to have one of the following qualifications:

- » Qualified for SACE; and
 - Recorded achievement in five SACE subjects taken at stage 2 level; and
 - Included at least four Stage 2 subjects which are approved Higher Education Selection Subjects (HESS); and
 - Obtained a competitive TER
- » Completed interstate or overseas qualifications that the University considers equivalent to the SACE
- » Completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma
- » Completed or partly completed a recognised higher education program at a recognised higher education institution
- » Completed at least four Open Universities Australia (OUA) courses at the appropriate level
- » Completed an award from TAFE or from another registered training organisation at AQF Certificate IV or above

- » Qualified for Special Entry and completed the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). A personal competencies statement and/or employment experience may also be considered
- » Completed the University Foundation Studies program.

Please note that some programs have prerequisites. Applicants should check all entry requirements before applying. For some programs, applicants may also be required to attend an interview or present a folio.

For more information on entry requirements, visit unisa.edu.au/future

Equity and Special Access

UniSA offers various programs and services to assist rural and/or socio-economically disadvantaged students, Indigenous Australians and people with a disability to apply to UniSA.

For more information, contact (08) 8302 2376 or 1300 UNINOW or email study@unisa.edu.au

USANet Special Access Scheme

The USANET Special Access Scheme is an equity initiative established to increase access to UniSA for school leavers who may have been educationally disadvantaged. USANET offers bonus points and support services to encourage students to enrol and succeed in undergraduate programs at UniSA.

Students will be automatically eligible for USANET if they have attended a school recognised by UniSA as either significantly disadvantaged, or if they are rural or isolated or students who are on the School Card (or state equivalent) and/or Youth Allowance attending any other school in Australia. To download an application form, go to unisa.edu.au/usanet/apply.asp

The completed form needs to include your SATAC application number, the school stamp and be verified by the school principal or delegate.

For more information, contact Future Student Enquiries, phone (08) 8302 2376 or 1300 UNINOW (local call cost) or email study@unisa.edu.au

Student contributions

Student contributions are the amount you pay towards the cost of your program. The University determines the amount that you contribute within a range set by the Australian Government. The contribution that applies depends on which courses you choose to study and the contribution band in which those courses are classified. The amount of your student contribution also depends on the unit value of your courses of study (the equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) value of the course).

As per the Australian Government guidelines, the student contribution amounts for 2009 are:

Band	Fields of study	Student contribution
National priorities	Nursing, Education	A\$4,162
Band 1	Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, foreign languages, visual and performing arts	A\$5,201
Band 2	Mathematics, statistics, computing, built environment, health, engineering, science, surveying, agriculture	A\$7,412
Band 3	Law, accounting, commerce, administration, economics, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science	A\$8,677

Note: these amounts are for 1 EFTSL in 2009. The student contribution amounts for 2010 will be advised by the Federal Government in October 2009, and these will be available to view via unisa.edu.au/future/fees at that time.



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