The Bartlett Development Planning Unit

MSc Urban Economic Development

This programme equips students with the analytical skills and experience to engage with key issues in urban economic development. We aim to prepare a generation of influential actors in public, private and civic spheres to creatively and effectively deal with the challenges of urbanisation and sustainable urban development.

MPhil/PhD Development Planning

The MPhil/PhD research programme constitutes a course of self-selected academic study in urban development, focusing on the political, economic, social, and institutional dimensions of development. It embraces the range of areas of study that are central to DPU’s four research clusters: Environmental Justice, Urban Transformations, Diversity, and State & Market.

MSc Social Development Practice

This programme explores ‘people-centred’ approaches to international development, in which citizens are active agents in shaping development agendas. Students engage with the implications of promoting well-being and citizenship in the context of social diversity, extending the traditional realm of the social sector as an entry point to influence wider contestations of rights and citizenship.

MSc Building and Urban Design in Development

This programme reconceives urban design as a transformative practice that transcends physical form and function. It upholds the principles of social justice through the principles of social justice. Students will learn to critically reflect on design research practices to produce holistic, strategic and just spatial outcomes.

MSc Environment and Sustainable Development

This programme interrogates the notion of sustainable development, what it means, why it matters and how to deliver it. Participants will develop skills to advance environmental justice in urban development planning.

MSc Urban Development Planning

This programme explores the room for manoeuvre for socially and spatially just urban development planning, building on a critical understanding of the structural processes, institutional frameworks and collective action that generate change in diverse urban contexts.

MSc Development Administration and Planning

This programme is committed to the critical study of the theories and practices of development administration and management. It seeks to provide practitioners with an understanding of the processes generating social change, and the skills to reflect upon and engage with such processes.

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Planning for socially just and sustainable development in the Global South
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London, has more than 60 years experience of urban development education, training, research, and consultancy. Our activities are:

**Urban Transformations**
What can design and planning contribute to collective initiatives that seek to bring about social and spatial justice in cities of the global South?

**State and market: governance and policy for development**
How can design and planning promote progressive interactions between state, society and market actors and institutions?

**Environmental justice, urbanisation & resilience**
How can design support transformative synergies between urban resilience and environmental justice?

**Diversity, social complexity & planned intervention**
How do issues of social diversity and citizenship play out in the urban setting, where issues of space and rapid change create heightened possibilities for social fragmentation and conflict, but also for transformation?

**Embodied**
Knowledge situated by social, spatial and institutional experiences and struggles.

**Collective**
Knowledge production as a common endeavor pursued by networks.

**Reflective**
Questioning the theoretical and methodological frames, producing new possibilities of thinking and action.

**Relational**
Questioning the unequal relations of power of the political economy of knowledge production.

**Active**
Cultivating collective action and imaginations sensitive to the potential of transformative change.

**Trans-disciplinary**
Complexity is celebrated revealing multiple perspectives through diverse voices.

**Embedded**
Knowledge situated by concerns, experiences and struggles.

**Diverse**
Knowledge situated by concerns, experiences and struggles.

**Thinking and practice across 4 Research Clusters**

**Engagement map**
From 2000 to present.

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