

MSc/PGDip Urban Regeneration

The MSc in Urban Regeneration was created in response to a great challenge facing Britain and the world: urban decline and the planned renaissance of our cities. The challenge is greater than restoring and rebuilding the physical fabric. We need to provide a new economic base to replace the one that has been lost, to restore hope to communities that have been shattered, and to provide urban citizens with a better quality of life.



Overview

The MSc in Urban Regeneration combines inputs from globally distinguished theorists and practitioners to offer hands-on, multidisciplinary education drawing on the best of UK and international experience. Urban Regeneration is a massive task that requires 'out of the box' thinking, intellectual rigour, collaboration and contributions from disciplines like urban design, urban planning, sociology, economics, finance and management.

The aim of the programme is to equip you with three important qualities necessary if you, as an urban professional, wish to engage with the challenges of urban regeneration:

- the ability to understand and critically analyse complex urban issues
- the boldness to address those issues in a creative, strategic manner
- the confidence to propose appropriate and realistic implementation plans

The programme draws students from a variety of academic backgrounds: urban planning, economics, architecture, sociology, anthropology, political science, civil engineering, art studies, history & the humanities, management, as well as professionals with design, property, administrative, business, housing and community experience. Past students have hailed from more than twenty countries across all five continents.

This diversity will foster your ability to co-operate and negotiate creatively with others. What unites the diverse group of people attending the course is their passion and enthusiasm to engage with and affect the course of urban transformations.

Structure/Content

To graduate from the programme you will need to take and pass 180 credits (120 for the Diploma). More specifically, you will take six modules of core studies (6x15=90 credits) and another 30 (2x15) credits of elective courses to develop your own particular interests. You will also write a dissertation (60 credits). The table below indicates the programme structure for each term.

Depending on which electives you choose you can pursue:

- (a) the RTP1 stand-alone accreditation route. You will need to take BENVGTC1 Planning Practice and either BENVGPL5 Spatial Planning: Concepts and Context or BENVGPL6 Comparative Planning Systems and Cultures as electives.
- (b) the liberal studies route. You can select electives from a wide range of modules taught throughout The Bartlett School of Planning, the Faculty of the Built Environment, UCL and the London Business School. Indicatively, these may include modules on economic development, the Global South, urban sociology, politics, the environment, sustainability and management.
- (c) the specialisation route. You can choose a specialism from those offered in The Bartlett School of Planning such as sustainability, real estate, housing, international planning, transport, urban design etc.

The programme can be completed in either 1 year of full-time study or in 2 to 5 years of modular/flexible study (which can be structured around your employment). Individual modules may also be taken as CPD elements.

In addition, the programme offers optional seminars on making films about the built environment (usually combined with the field trip and/or the BENVGUR4 module) as well as the opportunity to join regeneration workshops and internship schemes with academic and professional partner organisations in the UK and overseas. Please check the programme webpage for up to date information on the latest opportunities available.

Field Courses

The programme combines rigorous teaching with field experience of actual regeneration projects. As a student you can participate, free of charge, in the field trip to mainland Europe (Term 2), the Regeneration Away Day (Term 1) and in several UK site visits. These activities combine talks from key local stakeholders with visits to regeneration projects and workshops dealing with actual regeneration challenges. Students find them great educational and social experiences. Recent field trip destinations include Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Athens, Turin, Hamburg, Berlin and Madrid.

Entry Qualifications

You are welcome to apply if you have a keen interest in urban issues and would like to make a difference for yourselves, your employers and the communities you will engage with as urban professionals. Applicants must have obtained a minimum of a good second-class Bachelor's degree or other qualification of equivalent standard (preferably 2.1 or higher, but 2.2 with appropriate experience or equivalent will also be considered). Some practical experience in addition to academic qualifications is welcome but not required (the course is designed for graduates of all disciplines and those with no planning background at all, as well as welcoming those with some experience). A high level of competence in both spoken and written English is also required. Overseas students whose first language is not English will be asked to provide evidence of competency in English. A minimum overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each of the sub-tests is required.

Careers

After you graduate you could take jobs in a wide variety of public, private and third sector organisations in the UK and around the world, dealing with urban planning and regeneration issues: private consultancies, Local Authorities, real estate firms, NGOs, Housing Associations and local, regional or national agencies.

First destinations of recent graduates include

- Foster & Partners: Urban Strategist
- Regeneris Consulting: Research Consultant
- Mott McDonald: Graduate Planner
- Fudan University Urban Planning and Architectural Design Institute (Shanghai): Planner
- Santiago (Chile): Freelance Planning and Regeneration Consultant
- Municipal Art Society of New York: Project Manager
- Savills: Graduate Planner
- Circle Anglia Housing Association: Business Growth Communications Manager
- Colombian Green Building Council: Technical Director

Term 1 Oct-Dec	Term 2 Jan-Mar	Term 3 Apr-May	Summer Jun-Sep
BENVGUR6 Urban Problems and Problematics	BENVGUR2 Development Projects	BENVGPL7 Dissertation in Planning	(PT yr 2)
BENVGPLC Urban Design: Place Making	BENVGUR4 Preparing Re-generation Projects		
BENVGUR5 Implementing Re-generation Projects	BENVGUR9 Critical Debates in Urban Regeneration		
Elective A	Elective B		