

## MSc/PGDip

# Urban Design and City Planning

This is a Master's programme with an innovative focus on urban design as a creative planning tool and the interface between urban design and city planning. Students will gain a good understanding of the interface between the two subjects, and as such develop the ability to think in critical, creative and analytical ways across the different scales of the city, from strategic to local, and across urban design, planning, real estate and sustainability arenas. This Master's course builds upon a recognised long-term urban design research specialisation of the Bartlett School of Planning. This is a unique urban design programme offering a comprehensive understanding and exposure to both theory and practice across two closely related disciplines that only together can address the full complexity of the 21<sup>st</sup> century's greatest urban challenges.



## Overview

This programme stresses the vital importance of planning as a creative, positive and propositional force for good, and of urban design as a discipline within which the physical shaping of places is accompanied by an equal concern for their economic, social and environmental well-being. More specifically it will equip those wanting to work in the urban design, planning and development sector in the UK, Europe and internationally with the necessary skills, knowledge and aptitudes to become creative, problem-solving professionals, and, across urban scales to address the complex urban challenges of our age. It is designed for those with an initial training in planning, architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, real estate, or other allied disciplines and who wish to expand or complete their professional education. It is equally suited to those with professional experience and those with none.

As well as a focus on the nature and purpose of urban design and planning, this unique programme exposes students to urban design as both a direct (project-based) and indirect (policy and guidance-based) discipline, to the critical interfaces between urban design and real estate and urban design and sustainability, to project work across scales (strategic to local), to theoretical debates and problematics, and practical and professional design, planning and graphics skills, and to the importance of research within the planning/urban design field.

## Structure/Content

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).

The programme comprises the following modules:

- BPLN0035 City Planning (15 credits)
- BPLN0033 Collaborative City Planning Strategies (15 credits)
- BPLN0042 Urban Design: Place-making (15 credits)
- BPLN0032 Critical Debates in Urban Design (15 credits)
- BPLN0031 Design and Real Estate (15 credits)
- BPLN0034 Sustainable Futures by Design (15 credits)
- BPLN0056 Urban Design: Layout, Density and Typology (15 credits)
- BPLN0057 Urban Design: Guidance, Incentive and Control (15 credits)
- BPLN0039 Dissertation in Planning or BPLN0052 Major Research Project (60 credits)

## Field Trips

All students joining the Urban Design and City Planning MSc will participate in two field trips. In Term 1, there is a two day field trip to a city within the UK, for example Newcastle. In Term 2, there is a week-long field trip to a European city outside the UK, for example Barcelona, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm or Amsterdam. The trip will cover a range of urban design versus development and sustainability themes, linking directly to the Master's programme.

## Entry Qualifications

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 welcomed but not required. The programme is primarily directed at those with an initial training in planning, architecture or other allied disciplines.

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

Graduates are employed in urban design and planning or in planning-related jobs; their employers range from private consultancies to local authorities. An increasing proportion (over a third) of graduates enter urban design consultancy work, whilst others go onto work on the development sectors, the public sector or non-profit organisations. A smaller group continues to higher degree studies and PhD research. The programme maintains a good connection with graduates who are in practice in public and private offices in the UK and abroad in urban design and planning. Among the employers of our recent Bartlett graduates are: ARUP, TfL, Publica, PLP Architecture, Populous, Croydon Council, WYG Planning & Environment, Gallions Housing Association, Bioregional, Foster and Partners and Urban Initiatives and Movement.

	Term 1 Oct-Dec	Term 2 Jan-Mar	Term 3 Apr-May	Summer Jun-Sep
City planning	BPLN0035 (PT yr 1) City Planning	BPLN0033 (PT yr 1) Collaborative City Planning Strategies	BPLN0039 (PT yr 2) Dissertation in Planning or BPLN0052 (PT yr 2)	
Integrative thinking	BPLN0042 (PT yr 1) Urban Design: Place-making	BPLN0032 (PT yr 1) Critical Debates in Urban Design	Major Research Project	
Delivering quality	BPLN0031 (PT yr 2) Design and Real Estate	BPLN0034 (PT yr 2) Sustainable Futures by Design		
Planning for quality	BPLN0056 (PT yr 2) Urban Design: Layout, Density and Typology	BPLN0057 (PT yr 2) Urban Design: Guidance, Incentive and Control		