

BACHELOR OF PLANNING (PATHWAY TO MASTER OF URBAN MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING) (1732)

Approved Abbreviation: BPlan(PathMUrbPl)
Western Sydney University Program Code: 1732
AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 085662C

This program applies to students who commenced in 2020 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2015 - 2019 please refer to 1732.1 - Bachelor of Planning (Pathway to Master of Urban Management and Planning) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1732.1>)

For Commencement Year 2014 - please refer to 1678.2 - Bachelor of Social Science (Pathway to Master of Urban Management and Planning) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1678.2>)

The Bachelor of Planning (pathway to Master of Urban Management and Planning) degree is a four year program in urban and regional planning. This degree equips students with the range of specialist and generic skills that graduates need for the workforce or for proceeding to advanced study. The Geography and Urban Studies major and Master of Urban Management and Planning components cover the history, theory and method of Geography and Planning, as well as preparation for professional practice as a Town Planner. Key themes include metropolitan governance, urban finance and sustainability, in the complex, culturally diverse and ever-changing social environment of 21st Century cities. The Bachelor component offers flexibility to choose subjects offered elsewhere in the social sciences.

- Director of Academic Program - Dr Emma Power

Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part time.

Program Advice

Anna Leditschke (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/64861/>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	Anna Leditschke (a.leditschke@westernsydney.edu.au)
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	Anna Leditschke (a.leditschke@westernsydney.edu.au)

Penrith Campus	Full Time	Internal	Anna Leditschke (a.leditschke@westernsydney.edu.au)
Penrith Campus	Part Time	Internal	Anna Leditschke (a.leditschke@westernsydney.edu.au)

Accreditation

This program, when completed in conjunction with the Master of Urban Management and Planning, is accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA).

Admission

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points as per the recommended sequence provided.

Included in the 240 credit points are:

- 180 credit points of core social science subjects, focus planning subjects, and an embedded major in Geography and Urban Studies (0010)
- 20 credit points of pool subjects
- 40 credit points of elective subjects

Elective subjects can be used to complete a minor. Recommendations for related minors are available below. Students can discuss alternative minors with the Academic Program Advisor.

Recommended Sequence

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points	Select one elective	40		
Autumn session				Credit Points		
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10	BEHV 1021 The Individual in Society	10		
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10	CULT 1017 Understanding Society	10		
HUMN 1008	Cities: Introduction to Urban Studies	10	HUMN 1008 Cities: Introduction to Urban Studies	10		
Select one elective		10	Select one elective	10		
				Credit Points		
Spring session				40		
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10	CULT 2005 Ethics in the Social Sciences	10		
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10	HUMN 2053 The Economics of Cities and Regions	10		
HUMN 1015	Development and Sustainability	10	ENVL 2001 Analysis of Spatial Data	10		
Select one elective		10	Select one pool subject	10		
				Credit Points		
Autumn session				40		
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10	HUMN 2066 Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10		
HUMN 2018	Cultural and Social Geographies	10	HUMN 2018 Cultural and Social Geographies	10		
Select two electives		20	Select two electives	20		
				Credit Points		
Spring session				40		
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10	HUMN 3050 Housing Markets and Policy	10		
HUMN 2053	The Economics of Cities and Regions	10	HUMN 3041 Geographies of Migration	10		
ENVL 2001	Analysis of Spatial Data	10	HUMN 3118 Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective	10		
Select one pool subject		10	ARCH 3006 Urban Design	10		
				Credit Points		
Autumn session				40		
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10	CULT 3001 Applied Social Research	10		
ENVL 3005	Planning the City: Development, Community and Systems	10	ENVL 3005 Planning the City: Development, Community and Systems	10		
ENVL 3006	Transport, Access and Equity	10	ENVL 3006 Transport, Access and Equity	10		
Select one pool subject		10	Select one pool subject	10		
				Credit Points		
Spring session				40		
HUMN 3050	Housing Markets and Policy	10	HUMN 3050 Housing Markets and Policy	10		
HUMN 3041	Geographies of Migration	10	HUMN 3041 Geographies of Migration	10		
HUMN 3118	Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective	10	HUMN 3118 Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective	10		
ARCH 3006	Urban Design	10	ARCH 3006 Urban Design	10		
				Credit Points		
Total Credit Points				240		
Pool Subjects						
Students are also required to complete two of the following pool subjects.						
Subject	Title	Credit Points				
Select two of the following:						
HUMN 3117	Place-Making for Tourism and the Cultural Economies	10				
HUMN 2032	Issues in World Development: Rich World, Poor World	10				
HUMN 3077	Sustainable Futures	10				
TOUR 3005	Tourism Policy and Planning	10				
Total Credit Points						
20						

Full-time mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points		
Year 1				
Spring session				
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10	Equivalent Core Subjects	
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10	The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2020 or earlier.	
HUMN 1015	Development and Sustainability	10	CULT 1020 Working with Communities, replaced by HUMN 1060 (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-	

[details/humn1060/](#) Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies

HUMN 2049 Social Research Methods, replaced by HUMN 2066 ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn2066/](#)) Investigating and Communicating Social Problems

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2022 or earlier.

CULT 3016 Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective, replaced by HUMN 3118 ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn3118/#text](#)) Indigenous Cultures: A Global Perspective

Equivalent Pool Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2022 or earlier.

CULT 3014 Heritage Interpretation, replaced by HUMN 3117 ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn3117/#text](#)) Place-Making for Tourism and the Cultural Economies

BUSM 3073 Tourism Policy and Planning, replaced by TOUR 3005 ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/tour3005/#text](#)) Tourism Policy and Planning

Minor elective spaces

Elective subjects may be used toward obtaining an additional approved minor (40 credit points). Western Sydney University offers minors in a range of areas including Sustainability and Indigenous Studies.

Global Sustainability Minor ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/](#))

Indigenous Australian Studies Minor ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/](#))

Sustainable Futures, Minor ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/sustainable-futures-minor/#structuretext](#))

Western Sydney University also offers the following innovative transdisciplinary Challenge Minors ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/](#)) which we encourage those students who have elective space to consider.

Equitable Technologies ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/equitable-technologies-minor/](#))

Urban Evolution ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/urban-evolution-minor/](#))

Migration and Global Change ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/migration-global-change-minor/](#))

Personal Innovation ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/personal-innovation-minor/](#))

Innovating, Creating and Problem Solving ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-creating-problem-solving-minor/](#))

Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/eco-socially-conscious-design-manufacturing-minor/](#))

Water for Life ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/water-life-minor/](#))

Climate Justice ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/climate-justice-minor/](#))

Creative and Visual Communication ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-visual-communication-minor/](#))

Global Workplaces ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-workplaces-minor/](#))

Innovating For Humans ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/](#))

Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-living-cultural-wellbeing-minor/](#))

Ideate.Strategise.Innovate. ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/ideate-strategise-innovate-minor/](#))

Humanising Data ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/humanising-data-minor/](#))

For more information, visit the Challenge Minor ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/](#)) website.

Search for majors and minors ([https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/](#))

Students can apply for an elective minor via Western Now.

WesternNow ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernnow/](#))