

ARCH 7005 URBAN MANAGEMENT PRACTICE: GOVERNANCE AND POWER IN THE CITY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101314

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Description Governance is a central but often overlooked issue in Urban Management. What is governance? What are the principles of good governance? What are some of the governance challenges in major metropolitan cities that cover multiple jurisdictions? How do statutory local governments engage with specialist state agencies in fields such as economic development, environmental planning, and infrastructure planning? This subject answers these questions, reviews governance practices in major cities across the world and provides students with knowledge of key governance tools. Students will prepare a research report dealing with a significant urban governance challenge, and provide recommendations about how to implement solutions to that challenge. The central objective of the course is to provide students with a sound framework and set of tools with which to address governance issues.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Urban Design and Regional Planning

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

1. Compare and evaluate different historical and contemporary governance structures, in Australia and internationally.
2. Explain the various functions of urban governance structures at different scales, and the statutory systems that enable them
3. Identify the range of stakeholders and social groups involved in urban planning and development, including participatory governance processes, elections, mayors and urban leadership, and executive models of urban development.
4. Critique the effectiveness of administrations, institutions and policies against principles of good governance
5. Recognise and respond to the political nature of planning and governance, with ethical reflection and dispute resolution techniques.

Subject Content

1. What is governance?
2. Governance in Public Administration
3. Principles of good governance
4. Australian Urban Governance

5. Governance audits
6. Comparative models of urban management
7. Tools for good governance
8. E Government – <http://www.planetizen.com/node/23187> (<http://www.planetizen.com/node/23187/>)
9. Agile government
10. Strategic governance - the relationship between strategic planning and good governance
11. Effective consultation
12. Dispute resolution
13. Evaluation
14. Negotiation

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Literature Review	500 words	15	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	Y
Report	1,500 words	50	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

On-site

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