

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) (BURP) - BUrbRegPlan

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 907241; External: 907245

CRICOS code (International applicants): 098374D

	On-campus	External~
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	4 years full-time, 8 years part-time	
Program articulation:	From: Associate Degree of Spatial Science	

Notes:

In 2023 the program follows the Semester calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Semester calendar.

Footnotes

~ Students enrolled in the external mode of study should note that there are mandatory on-campus residential schools held at UniSQ Toowoomba and UniSQ Springfield for some courses in this program.

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Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) is accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia and graduates may seek Planner registration with the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA).

Program aims

The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) program provides students with the educational requirements to become a professional planner and the ability to undertake postgraduate studies. The program equips students with a core of theoretical, scientific, analytical, managerial, professional, research and communication skills that will permit them to undertake an in-depth study of the fundamental science and practice of Urban and Regional Planning. The program provides students with sufficient knowledge of urban and regional planning to be eligible to gain employment, certification and, where appropriate, registration as a professional planner.

In addition, students obtain knowledge of the natural, legal, commercial, industrial and social environments in which they will function as professionals. The program instils in students the need for continuing professional

development and is designed to identify, and award honours to, students who have the capacity to undertake study at an advanced level and to make an original contribution to the fundamental science and practice of urban and regional planning. The class of honours will be determined by academic performance. Refer to the Honours section of this entry for further details.

Program objectives

A student who successfully completes the Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) should be able to:

- review and apply theories, concepts, methods and technologies, with initiative and judgement, to a range of diverse contexts associated with urban and regional planning
- critically analyse, consolidate, synthesise and evaluate information to generate innovative and sustainable solutions to solve complex Urban and Regional planning problems
- apply advanced technical and cognitive skills to design, collect, store and manipulate research data
- accept responsibility for own learning and autonomously apply well-informed judgements regarding professional practices, theories and processes
- employ a range of advanced oral and written communication skills to clearly and coherently communicate concepts, information and ideas to relevant stakeholders
- consistently apply academic norms and ethical standards to decision making processes when working collaboratively in a professional capacity.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View UniSQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Have achieved a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of **65.6**, or equivalent qualification.[^]
- Subject Pre-requisite: English (Units 3 & 4, C).
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

Applicants are advised to also address the following:

- [Assumed knowledge](#) expectations: General Mathematics

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

^ These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2023 ATAR and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about UniSQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a student's higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program structure

The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) is a 32-unit program comprising academic courses plus Practice courses.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 10 years to complete this program.

Electives/Approved courses

Approved courses are part of the Academic program and students must select approved courses from a specified list.

Practice courses

The majority of the practical and professional experience requirements for the program are contained within the major recommended enrolment pattern in the following table. These are zero unit courses, which are a **compulsory part** of the program, however they do not attract a student contribution charge for Australian Residents or a tuition fee for international students.

Practical experience

Practical experience is desirable and encouraged but is not required for the completion of the Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) program. Students are encouraged to obtain practical experience during vacation periods.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements, please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Residential schools

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. To find out more about [residential schools](#), visit the [Residential School Schedule](#) to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the [Policy and Procedure Library](#).

Students are required to undertake practical and professional activities relevant to their program through enrolment in a series of **Practice courses** in the program. Practice courses are zero unit courses that may be undertaken in either on-campus or external mode and the final grades available are Pass (P)/Fail (F) only. They are a compulsory part of the program and do not attract a student contribution charge for Australian residents or a tuition fee for international students. The recommended enrolment schedule for Practice courses is shown in the Recommended Enrolment Pattern for the program in this Handbook.

External students must attend a number of [residential schools](#) during their program to obtain experience in practical and professional activities appropriate to the program. The residential schools are included in Practice courses which are conducted in Semester 3 or during the recess periods. The dates for each residential school Practice course are shown in the [Residential School schedule](#) in this Handbook and external students should ensure they are able to attend the residential school prior to enrolling in a Practice course. Personal protective equipment is compulsory in many engineering, construction and spatial science laboratories, students should confirm the requirements before attending residential schools for Practice courses.

Students who enrol in on-campus mode for Practice courses normally undertake a series of weekly activities and/or attend a compulsory residential school.

- [GPL2901 GIS and Planning Practice 1](#)
- [GPL3902 GIS and Planning Practice 2](#)
- [PSG3900 Professional Week 1~](#)
- [PSG4900 Professional Week 2~](#)

~ The [residential school](#) for [PSG3900](#) and [PSG4900](#) will be held at the Springfield Campus.

Exit points

Students who, for whatever reason, are unable to complete the Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) and who satisfy all of the requirements of the [Associate Degree of Spatial Science](#) may be permitted to exit with that award.

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [UniSQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Work Experience

Work and industrial experience that has not been formally assessed, does not normally qualify for course credit in the Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) program.

Honours

The level of honours awarded will be determined based on the UniSQ procedure. Please refer to the [Class of Honours Standard Schedule](#), using Schedule B for overall GPA and EITHER: the average grade across both

PSG4111 Research Project A and PSG4112 Research Project B; OR the grade in PSG4112 Research Project B alone (whichever is the higher) to satisfy the 'Performance in honours project component'.

Recommended enrolment pattern

To satisfy the requirements of the program students must complete all of the Academic and Practice courses in the following table that shows the recommended enrolment patterns for on-campus and external students for our Toowoomba campus. Students following a non-standard enrolment pattern should consult the [course specification](#) to ascertain if a course is offered in another term.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1, Semester 1								
Academic Courses								
ANT1001 Cultural Diversity: an Introduction to Anthropology [£]	1	1				1,3		
GIS1402 Geographic Information Systems [£]	1	1				1		
URP1001 Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning	1	1				1		
ENG1003 Problem Solving in Engineering and the Built Environment ^{\$}	1	1				1,2		
Year 1, Semester 2								
GIS1401 Geographic Data Presentation	1	2				2		
ENG1002 Introduction to Engineering and Built Environment Applications	1	2				1,2		
LAW1501 Business Law and Ethics	1	2				2		Enrolment is not permitted in LAW1501 if LAW1500 has been previously completed.
URP2002 Local Government Planning Practice and Technology	1	2				2		
Year 2, Semester 1								
Academic Courses								
ENV2201 Land Studies	2	1				1		
PRL2002 Community Consultation and Engagement	2	1				1		
URP2001 Planning Structures and Statutory Planning	2	1				1		
Approved course (Select from the approved course list)	2	1				1		
Year 2, Semester 2								
ECO1002 Market Behaviour	2	2				2		Enrolment is not permitted in ECO1002 if ECO1000 has been previously completed
STA2100 Evaluating Information	2	2				2		Enrolment is not permitted in STA2100 if STA3100 has been previously completed.
SVY1110 Introduction to Global Positioning System	2	2				2		
URP3201 Sustainable Urban Design and Development	2	2				2		
Practice Courses Year 2								
GPL2901 GIS and Planning Practice 1 [£]			2	3			M	Pre-requisite: (GIS1401 and GIS1402) or (URP2001) or (Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCNS or GDNS or MENS)

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
GPL3902 GIS and Planning Practice 2 [£]			2	3			M	Pre-requisite: (GIS1402 or URP2001) Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: GPL2901
Year 3, Semester 1								
Academic Courses								
SVY3202 Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing	3	1				1		
CMG1001 Introduction to Construction Management and the Built Environment ^{##}	3	1				1		
CLI3301 Climate and Environment Risk Assessment					3	1		
Approved course (Select from the approved course list)	3	1				1		
Year 3, Semester 2								
REN3302 Sustainable Resource Use	3	2				2		
URP4001 Movement Network Planning	3	2				2		Pre-requisite: URP1001 or SVY4203 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BENH or MEPR
URP3200 Regional planning	3	2			3	2		Pre-requisite: URP1001
ENG4110 Engineering Research Methodology	3	2				2		
Practice courses Year 3								
PSG3900 Professional Week 1 [~]				2			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSPS or BSPH or BURP
Year 4, Semester 1								
Academic Courses								
SVY4309 Practice Management for Spatial Scientists	4	1				1		
URP4002 Urban and Regional Planning Theory	4	1				1		Pre-requisite: URP1001 or URP3201 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GDST or MSPT or GCNS or GDNS or MENS or GCBU or MPPM
Approved course (Select from the approved course list)	4	1				1		
PSG4111 Research Project A ^{^+}						1		Pre-requisite: (PSG3900 or ENG3902) and ENG4110 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSPS or BSPH or BURP. Students must complete PSG4111 and PSG4112 in the same year.
Year 4, Semester 2								
Approved Course (Select from the Approved Course list)	4	2				2		
SVY3302 Property Valuation and Development	4	2				2		
GIS2407 Web Based Geographic Information System	4	2				2		Pre-requisite: GIS1402 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCST or GDST or MSST

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
								or MSPT or GCNS or GDNS or MENS
PSG4112 Research Project B ^{^++}						2		Pre-requisite: PSG4111 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Program s: BSPS or BSPH or BURP. Students must complete PSG4111 and PSG4112 in the same year.
Practice Courses Year 4								
PSG4900 Professional Week 2 [~]				2			M	Pre-requisite: (PSG3900 or ENG3902) and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BSPS or BSPH or BURP. Students cannot enrol in PSG3900 and PSG4900 in the same semester.
Approved Courses (Select 4 courses from the following)								
ACC1201 Data Insights and Financial Performance [£]		1,2				1,2		Enrolment is not permitted in ACC1201 if ACC1101 has been previously completed.
ANT3006 Indigenous Peoples in the Nation State [*]		2				2		
AGR3304 Soil Science		1				1		
ECO3030 Sustainable Economies						2		
ECO2000 The Macro-economy and Business						2		
LAW2107 Environmental Law ^{**}						2		Pre-requisite: LAW1501 or LAW1101 or LAW1500 or ENG2002 or REN1201 or (Students enrolled in BEDU (Legal Studies) or BLAW or LLBP or BALW or BCLW or BZLW - Pre-requisite: LAW1111)
CLI3302 Adaptation to Climate Change						2		
GIS2405 Spatial Analysis and Modelling		2				2		
GIS3406 Remote Sensing and Image Processing		2				2		
MGT1101 Human Capabilities for Business [£]		1				1,2,3		Enrolment is not permitted in MGT1101 if MGT1000 has been previously completed.
PRL3005 Reputation, Issues and Crisis						1		
SVY1102 Surveying A						1		
SVY4304 Land and Cadastral Law ^{^*}		2				2		

Footnotes

- £ In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 November 2023 and concluding on 12 January 2024
- \$ Unavailable online S2 2023
- ## Only available in on-campus mode at Springfield.
- ~ The [residential school](#) for [PSG3900](#) and [PSG4900](#) will be held at the Springfield Campus.
- ^ It is recommended that these courses are undertaken in the same academic year.
- + It is recommended that students should have completed [PSG3900](#) prior to undertaking this course.
- ++ It is recommended that students should also be enrolled [PSG4900](#) while undertaking this course.
- * This course is offered in odd years only.
- ** Course is offered in the interim trimester layer, please consult for interim trimester dates.
- ^* Unavailable Semester 2, 2023 Springfield On-campus and Toowoomba On-campus

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <https://www.unisq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.
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Notes:

For students transferring from one program to another a complete list of enrolment requirements are available in the [course specification](#).

Students may undertake only one appropriate level five or level eight course from this program or another program in the area of Engineering and Built Environment as an approved course with the approval of the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences.