

BUILT ENVIRONMENT URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING

University courses - Victoria



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CAREERS DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching urban and regional planning university courses in Victoria. Please use entry requirements and indicative ATARs listed in this document as a guide only and check university websites for updates.

Disclaimer: information taken from university websites and VTAC. Universities featured in this guide reserve the right to change course information, admissions and entry requirements at any time and without notice. Written by Sandie McKoy, sandie.mckoy@ccw.vic.edu.au



Indicative ATAR

The lowest selection rank (ATAR plus adjustment factors such as academic and equity adjustments) for the 2022 January intake. Please use indicative ATARs as a guide as they may change for future intakes.



English prerequisite

EAL = English as an Additional Language. 'Any other English' includes English, English Language and Literature.



Undergraduate

This is usually your first course at university. For example - bachelor's degree.



Graduate

This is study you do once you have graduated from a bachelor's degree. For example - Master.

HOW TO BECOME A QUALIFIED PLANNER IN VICTORIA

Step 1

Complete an accredited planning course at one of the following universities:

RMIT University
The University of Melbourne
La Trobe University
Monash University

Step 2

Apply to become a member of the Planning Institute of Australia,

Step 3

Undertake ongoing professional development.

Key website

Planning Institute of Australia,
www.planning.org.au

PLANNERS CAN SPECIALISE IN

Urban development
Regional and rural planning
Development assessment and land use
Social and community-based planning
Urban design and place-making
Environmental planning and natural resources management
Transport planning
Heritage and conservation
Neighbourhood and urban renewal
Infrastructure and services planning
International development

COURSE SUMMARY

URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING

Undergraduate (school to university)

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Planning (Honours)	Bendigo	N/A - new course
RMIT University	Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours)	Melbourne City	70.45

Graduate (must complete a Bachelor degree first)

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
La Trobe University	Master of Planning (Urban & Regional)	Bendigo	
	Master of Planning (Community Planning)		
RMIT University	Master of Urban Planning & Environment	Melbourne City	
Monash University	Master of Urban Planning & Design	Caulfield	
The University of Melbourne	Design pathway	Parkville	
	Bachelor of Design		85.00
	Bachelor of Design (Chancellor's Scholar)		99.90
	Bachelor of Design / Master of Urban Planning (Graduate Degree Package)		96.00
	Arts pathway		
	Bachelor of Arts		85.00
	Bachelor of Arts (Chancellor's Scholar)		99.90
	Bachelor of Arts / Master of Urban Planning (Graduate Degree Package)		96.00
	Master of Urban Planning		Graduate entry
	Master of Urban Design		Graduate entry

WHAT IS PLANNING?

It's a dynamic field that's all about improving quality of life and creating vibrant communities in which people love to live, work and play.

Good Planning:

- creates more accessible, equitable, efficient and beautiful communities
- provides adequate housing and services
- gives future generations realistic and fair opportunities
- helps communities, governments and the private sector envision how their community can grow and develop.

WHAT DO PLANNERS DO?

They balance the built and natural environment, community needs, cultural significance and economic sustainability to create better places and public spaces for everyone to enjoy. Planners work in areas as diverse as the communities they shape. From housing, energy, health and education, to communications, leisure, tourism and transport. They assess proposals and create policies to guide future development.

CAREER OUTLOOK

The demand for planners in Australia is growing as quickly as our population. Which is exactly why we need them to manage these changes. Liveability, environmental sustainability and managing urban growth for future generations are important factors in building our communities.

Source: Planning Institute of Australia.



LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

www.latrobe.edu.au

Undergraduate course

Bachelor of Planning (Honours)

Graduate course

Master of Planning

These courses give you the opportunity to shape communities and establish peaceful, productive, and environmentally sustainable places to live.

You'll explore a range of ways to improve how we live and interact, from policy planning and local politics to urban design and transport.

Articulating a vision and promoting the benefits of change are important to effective planning.

Industry experience

A core aspect of your studies will be travelling to communities to learn and evaluate what works and what doesn't.

You will participate in field trips to a range of locations, from country towns in rural Victoria to metropolitan cities in Asia and Europe.

Professional accreditation

The courses are accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia.

Undergraduate entry pathways

Includes information on the Regional Benefits Program, the Aspire Early Admissions Program, Diploma and Associate Degree entry, etc., <https://bit.ly/2UPULoZ>

Graduate entry

The following is a suggested study pathway for entry into the Master of Planning.

Undergraduate

Complete a Bachelor degree or Bachelor + Honours degree at any university.

Graduate

Complete the Graduate Diploma of Planning at La Trobe University

Graduate

Complete the Master of Planning at La Trobe University. Choose the Urban & Regional Planning or the Community Planning specialisation.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Planning (Honours)	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Bendigo	N/A - new course
Master of Planning	Entry requirements, https://bit.ly/3N1xF9b	Bendigo	

RMIT UNIVERSITY

www.rmit.edu.au

Undergraduate course

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours)

Graduate course

Master of Urban and Regional Planning

Learn what it takes to create a liveable and sustainable city or region. Discover how international leaders tackle urban issues and learn from expert teachers that bring contemporary research into the classroom.

Urban and regional planning is more than just creating physical environments – it's a way of sustainably changing and shaping the world.

These courses are suitable for anyone with a passion for geography, urban design, history, economics, politics, or environmental studies.

You'll learn to understand the influences that affect the way we live, work, play and commute, and consider the many factors involved in creating sustainable and liveable cities and regions.

Industry experience

In your final year, you will undertake a 30 to 60-day work placement.

Professional accreditation

The courses are accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia.

Graduate entry

The following is a suggested study pathway for entry into the Master of Urban Planning & Environment.

Undergraduate

Complete a Bachelor degree in any discipline.

If you have successfully completed studies majoring in urban and regional planning, geography, urban design, architecture, landscape architecture / design or environmental studies, you may be eligible for advanced standing.

Graduate

Complete the 2-year Master of Urban Planning & Environment.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne City	70.45
Master of Urban Planning & Environment	Entry requirements, https://bit.ly/3a7exSo	Melbourne City	

MONASH UNIVERSITY

www.monash.edu

Monash University offers an accredited urban planning qualification at the graduate level.

Applicants will need to complete an undergraduate degree first. The following is a suggested study pathway at the University.

Undergraduate

Complete a Bachelor degree (see suggested undergraduate study areas).

Graduate

Complete the 2-year Master of Urban Planning & Design.

This course clearly puts you ahead of the competition by training you to integrate design with traditional policy-based knowledge.

There are many directions your career might take and you can be employed in challenging positions in a range of organisations.

You may go into local government as a strategic or statutory planner working on local development proposals or resolving community disputes.

You may work in state agencies that manage environmentally sensitive areas or providing transport and other infrastructure.

You may work with Australian or international firms that specialise in community planning or delivering affordable housing.

Other graduates fill roles in not-for-profit organisations in underdeveloped or overdeveloped places far and wide, where you'll confront diverse climatic and cultural issues.

Suggested undergraduate study areas

The degree seeks applicants from a diverse range of disciplines: architecture and design, economics, engineering, environmental science, geography, international development, and landscape architecture.

Professional accreditation

The Master of Urban Planning & Design is accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus
Master of Urban Planning & Design.	Entry requirements, https://bit.ly/3KUQhWC	Caulfield

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

<https://bit.ly/3cfH2Pk>

The University of Melbourne offers an accredited urban planning qualification at the graduate level. Applicants will need to complete an undergraduate degree first. The following is a suggested study pathway at the University.

Undergraduate

Complete the 3-year Bachelor Arts or Bachelor of Design with a major in Urban Planning.



Graduate

Complete the 2-year Master of Urban Planning.

Urban Planning

At Melbourne, you can focus on your studies in urban planning from day one and complement your course with subjects from outside your discipline.

Urban Planning through Design

With a Bachelor of Design, you can complete a major in urban planning and acquire extensive knowledge in the field.

In the Urban Planning major, you will develop a broad knowledge of the history, theory, leading concepts and principles of urban planning and design.

You will understand the role of planners in influencing environmental sustainability, economic resilience and social equity in cities and towns, and be able to identify the main trends and factors shaping the development of local, national, regional and global communities.

Graduate studies

Next, you will complete the Master of Urban Planning to qualify as a professionally accredited urban planner.

This is a professional degree that focuses on Australian and International policy and planning and how we cope with these challenging population and environmental issues.

Professional accreditation

The Master of Urban Planning is accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia.

Guaranteed entry

Applicants can secure guaranteed entry into the Master of Urban Planning via acceptance into the Graduate Degree Package or the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars, <https://bit.ly/3a9OoT9>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Minimum ATAR (2022)
Bachelor of Design or Bachelor of Arts	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English	Parkville	85.00
Bachelor of Design or Bachelor of Arts (Access Melbourne entry)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English	Parkville	76.00
Bachelor of Design or Bachelor of Arts / Master of Urban Planning (Graduate Degree Package)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English	Parkville	96.00
Bachelor of Design or Bachelor of Arts- Melbourne Chancellor's Scholar	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English	Parkville	99.90

