

# MA International Planning and Sustainable Development



- **Central London (Marylebone)**
- **1 year full-time or 2 year part-time**
- **Fees for 2009/10:**  
**Full-time: UK/EU £5,100, Overseas £10,100**  
**Part-time: UK/EU per module £560, Overseas per module £1,225**
- **Accreditation The MA International Planning and Sustainable Development (Spatial Planning Pathway) is fully accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) as a 'combined planning programme'.**

This course is for planning, architecture and other built environment professionals who need updating in current best practice in spatial planning, urban design and regeneration to improve career prospects in their country or enter international practice. It addresses in an inter-disciplinary manner, the growing problems of sustainable development facing cities and communities in a rapidly urbanising world. The course offers the possibility of study in London and access to internationally-recognised experience of spatial planning for sustainable development and regeneration. It explores contemporary theories, public policy thinking and good practice in planning that spans both developed and developing world contexts.

The course is aimed mainly at international students and taken full-time. It is also open, both to full-time and part-time UK-based students wishing to explore an international pathway for their career development.

## Course content

### Core modules

- Dissertation/Major Project
- International Spatial Planning Practice
- Introduction to International Planning and Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Neighbourhood Development
- Urban Research Methods and Spatial Analysis

For the pathway award of MA International Planning and Sustainable Development (Spatial Development Planning) you must also take the Urban Design and Development Planning Skills double module.

### Option modules

- Conservation Policy and Practice
- Disaster Reconstruction and Development Practice
- International Perspectives on Urban Policy
- Public Space and the Public Realm
- Sustainability, Climate Change and the Built Environment
- Sustainable Communities and Regeneration
- Urban Regeneration

Options may be chosen from other postgraduate courses offered in the School.

## Facilities

Teaching takes place at Marylebone. Facilities include library and extensive computing resources. Marylebone is easily accessible from all the main railway stations. Our central London location also means that we are close to government departments, leading research libraries and the major professional institutions.

## Teaching

Teaching and learning are organised to help you develop core competencies in spatial planning for sustainable development in the international context. Much of the teaching is centred on development planning projects at a variety of scales. A wide variety of teaching and assessment methods are used and contributions from visiting speakers and external practitioners are fully integrated in the modular format.

You can also study for an intermediate award of Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate.

## Teaching staff

The course is staffed by a team of full-time academics, with additional part-time staff drawn from practice.

## Assessment

Assessment is continuous and based on project assignments including reports, seminar papers or essays. There are no exams and the coursework is designed to develop practical skills informed by a robust theoretical and analytical perspective.

## Research

Teaching staff are actively involved in consultancy and research for variety of public, private and third sector organisations, including both UK-based and international research. The course draws particularly on the work of the Max Lock Centre.

## Associated careers

Graduates from this course can expect to find employment as planners or urban designers, urban regeneration or environmental management specialists in private consultancy, local and national government, and non-governmental sector in their own country or internationally, including in international development agencies.

## Scholarships

Course specific scholarships are available from the University and those offered a place are also eligible for the DFID Commonwealth Shared Scholarships Scheme. Additionally, the University offers a wide range of scholarships, full and partial, for students. University scholarships are available for students from all developing countries, for students from Eastern and Central Europe, and from countries recently affected by a natural or man-made disaster. (see: [www.wmin.ac.uk/page-9319](http://www.wmin.ac.uk/page-9319)).

## Entry requirements

You should have one of the following:

- a good first degree (normally second class honours or above) in a relevant built environment or land management discipline (planning architecture, landscape design, civil engineering, and administration) from a higher education institute in the UK or EU, or a comparable qualification from another country
- a good first degree (normally second class honours or above) in a relevant human geography, social or environmental science subject from a higher education institute in the UK or EU, or a comparable qualification from another country; and relevant practical experience of working in a built environment discipline.

In addition, where English is not your first language, you require an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent, with a score of 6.5 in all elements. If you have an IELTS score of at least 6.0, or equivalent, you can apply for the five-week Pre-Sessional English course prior to the start of the Master's degree. Those with the requisite IELTS score but without evidence of an acceptable standard in academic English may be assessed on arrival and recommended or requested to take this course as a condition of acceptance on the MA.

The University offers scholarships open to those offered a place on this course. For further information visit [www.westminster.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.westminster.ac.uk/scholarships)

## How to apply

Applications may be made in two ways:

- Through UKPass – the new postgraduate application service. This is a free national service which will allow you to apply, track and make changes to your application online at [www.ukpass.ac.uk](http://www.ukpass.ac.uk)
- Directly to the University, either online via the University website at [www.westminster.ac.uk](http://www.westminster.ac.uk) or by using a paper application form. Your completed application should be sent to:  
Marylebone Admissions and Marketing Office,,  
University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road  
London NW1 5LS  
Email: [mrdmark@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:mrdmark@westminster.ac.uk)

## Related courses

- MA Housing Practice
- MA Real Estate Development
- MA Urban and Regional Planning
- MA Urban Design
- MA Urban Regeneration

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