

GEOGRAPHY AND URBAN STUDIES

(B.SOCIAL SCIENCE, M.URBAN MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING OR ELECTIVE STREAM)

Career Opportunities

Graduates frequently find employment in areas such as:

- Urban and Regional Planning
- Urban Research and Policy
- Strategic Planning Policy
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
- Community Planning
- Housing Policy, Economics and Allocation
- Education (Human Society and its Environment Key Learning Area)
- Social and Cultural Planning

The Bachelor of Social Science (pathway to Master of Urban Management and Planning) degree is a four year program in urban and regional planning. The Bachelor 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.

Recommended Study Pattern

The Bachelor of Social Science (pathway to Master of Urban Management and Planning) degree is made up of eight core units of study, with a ten unit major and six electives, which can be used to give a sub-major to broaden your individual career aspirations. The Master of Urban Management and Planning is an additional year with seven core units and one elective.

Social Science Units

- 101553 Organisations, Communities and Communication
- 101551 Understanding Society
- 101556 Geographies of Social Difference
- 101557 The Individual and Society
- 101555 Ethics in the Social Sciences
- 400337 Social Research Methods
- 101552 Applied Social Research
- 101554 Contemporary Debates in Social Science

Geography and Urban Studies Unit Pool

- 101589 Cities: Introduction to Urban Studies
- 101594 The Economics of Cities and Regions
- 101646 Analysis of Spatial Data
- 101590 Cultural and Social Geographies
- 101645 Transport Access and Equity
- 101593 Planning the City: Development, Community and Systems
- 101481 Geographies of Migration
- 101592 Housing Markets and Policy
- 101588 Introduction to Urban Design
- 101572 Development and Sustainability

Course Details

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The Bachelor of Social Science degree is a broadly based, inter-disciplinary three year program offering flexibility and choice within a range of offerings in the social sciences. The degree seeks to equip all students with the interdisciplinary and specialist skills and knowledge that a new graduate would need on entering the workforce or on proceeding to advanced study. Students are encouraged to choose from more than one of the social sciences, to allow for personal and occupational interests, and prepare themselves to extend their studies at the major and sub-major levels. The majors and sub-majors include Child and Community, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Geography and Urban Studies, Peace and Development Studies, Sociology and Heritage and Tourism. In addition to this, students are able to select eight elective units from across UWS subject to availability and UWS rules. The Bachelor of Social Science aims to expand understanding of the social world in three ways: through social theory, social research and the applications of these ideas and knowledge to practice through social engagement. It provides a wide base for understanding issues in the complex, culturally diverse and ever-changing social environment of the 21st century. It also allows for a fourth year honours program for high achieving students who meet entry requirements.