

Urban Research Centre

Short Course Offerings for 2011



Course	Length of Course	Dates Offered
<p><u>Managing Cities: History and Theory</u></p> <p>This unit concerns philosophical thought and critical thinking in public planning. It develops an understanding of planning theories and examines past and present trends in this area. It reviews theoretical frameworks for an insight into planning processes and analyses the economic, spatial and socio-political dimensions of activities involved.</p>	4 days	March 10,11 and 24,25
<p><u>Planning for Non Planners</u></p> <p>This one day course will provide non-planners with a robust introduction to the NSW Planning System. The morning session will examine the planning process in NSW (who does what and what all the terms and jargon mean). This will provide a framework for participants. The afternoon session will examine planning case studies in detail, from lodgement of the application for development through to the final planning approval. In addition, there will be a question and answer session where participants will have the opportunity to demystify the planning system.</p>	1 day	March 28
<p><u>Social Impact Assessment</u></p> <p>This is a two-day introductory course for people who want to prepare social impact assessments (SIAs), as well as for people who need to commission SIAs &/or review SIAs submitted to them. It deals with the role of SIAs in land use planning as well as other public policy contexts. It describes the research basis for understanding social wellbeing and discusses how to apply this to SIAs. The course also addresses common misconceptions about SIAs, sources of poor practice, ways to deal with short time frames and small budgets, ethical issues and standards of good professional practice.</p>	2 days	April 4,5
<p><u>Social Impact Assessment Advanced</u></p> <p>This two day course is available to students who have already completed the Social Impacts Analysis course, either in 2011 or in previous years. In this course participants will move from an overview of social impact assessment to detailed work on actual SIA processes by examining existing SIAs, and preparing a draft social impact assessment for a live issue or project, going through each of the steps in detail and identifying and resolving data collection issues.</p>	2 days	April 28,29

<p><u>Urban Governance: Cities, Communities and Workplaces</u></p> <p>What is governance? What are the principles of good governance? How can they be extended to all parts of your organisation? How can you audit your own practices? This unit answers these questions, reviews governance practice in urban organisations across the world and provides participants with knowledge about some key governance tools. Participants also get an opportunity as part of the course to prepare a governance audit for an organisation they are familiar with and provide recommendations about how governance in that organization could be improved. The central objective of the course is to provide urban managers with a sound framework with which to address governance issues in their own organisation and elsewhere.</p>	4 days	May 5,6 and 19,20
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<p><u>Introduction to Urban Design for Planners</u></p> <p>This is an introductory course which does not assume that participants have prior knowledge in the area of Urban Design. The course aims to provide an intensive introduction to the discipline of urban design (its key concepts and elements) and a solid, practical grounding in local area analysis and quality design outcomes, predominantly at the plan making stage, but also at the development assessment stage.</p>	4 days	June 30, July 1, July 28, 29
<p><u>Planning for Non Planners Advanced</u></p> <p>Follows on from Planning for Non Planners in more depth</p>	1 day	July 25
<p><u>Developing Sustainable Places</u></p> <p>This unit provides an understanding of environmental, economic and social issues arising from the effects of urban development within city regions and examines the relationship between sustainable development and metropolitan planning in the Australian and global context. It focuses on the concepts related to sustainability, sustainable development and sustainable cities. It also looks into recent initiatives towards the realisation of sustainable cities.</p>	4 days	August 4, 5 and 18, 19

<p><u>Financing Cities in the Global Economy</u></p> <p>Financing the large amounts of physical infrastructure required to keep cities running and growing at a time when many governments, who have been the traditional providers of this infrastructure, face financial constraints is a key challenge for urban managers. In order to be able to enter into the debate about financing cities it is important to develop a basic financial literacy and to understand the framework of public finance in Australia and elsewhere. This course undertakes both these tasks as well as providing a rigorous introduction to public private partnerships (PPPs) – seen by many as a key source of infrastructure financing. Lastly, the course undertakes a detailed case study in the economics of development which enables participants to practice their financial skills in a familiar urban context.</p>	<p>4 days</p>	<p>September 8, 9 and 22, 23</p>
<p><u>An Introduction to Property Development for Planners</u></p> <p>Planners are key stakeholders in the development process but how much do they really understand about the property development process and the economics of property feasibility. This hands on course uses a Parramatta case study to develop a detailed feasibility study for a development site. It gives planners an opportunity to look at all aspects of feasibility analysis. The course will involve practitioners involved in the property development process.</p>	<p>2 days</p>	<p>September 22 and 23</p>
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<p><u>Planning and Environmental Regulation</u></p> <p>This unit provides students with an understanding of the planning process from both a State government and Local Government perspective. The unit will cover concepts related to the planning process, focusing on development control and regulation issues, planning instruments and development applications. It will also address the areas of planning and environment law, with specific reference to the legal framework that regulates planning and development in NSW.</p>	<p>4 days</p>	<p>October 13,14 and 27,28</p>

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