

| AQF LEVEL | AQF LEVEL 8 CRITERIA – BACHELOR HONOURS DEGREE | PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES |
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| PURPOSE | The Bachelor Honours Degree qualifies individuals who apply a body of knowledge in a specific context to undertake professional work and as a pathway for research and further learning | |
| KNOWLEDGE | <p>Graduates of a Bachelor Honours Degree will have coherent and advanced knowledge of the underlying principles and concepts in one or more disciplines and knowledge of research principles and methods</p> | <p>Graduates of the Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) will have coherent and advanced integrated knowledge of the underlying principles and concepts in one or more disciplines of urban, regional, transport and environmental planning, as well as knowledge of research principles and methods necessary to undertake and apply high quality research within the discipline.</p> <p>This will include high level knowledge of the appropriate methodological approaches and principles necessary to undertake and apply high quality practice within the discipline. Specifically, they will have knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan making and plan implementation at a range of scales in a variety of planning environments • research designs and strategies to address a range of contemporary planning challenges • key legal principles and practices in plan making and implementation, including planning, land, and environmental laws • the institutional and governance arrangements relevant to planning decisions • the diversity of populations served, including Indigenous cultures, minority and special needs groups and different age groups • history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their rights and interests • the historical development of urban and regional planning systems in Australia and other relevant countries • the development and application of theories of planning to planning practice • land use, urban form, infrastructure, natural systems, transport, the integration of land use and transport, landscape and human settlement patterns • scientific approaches to undertaking scholarly research. |

SKILLS

Graduates of a Bachelor Honours Degree will have:

- cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge to identify and provide solutions to complex problems with intellectual independence
- cognitive and technical skills to demonstrate a broad understanding of a body of knowledge and theoretical concepts with advanced understanding in some areas
- cognitive skills to exercise critical thinking and judgement in developing new understanding
- technical skills to design and use research in a project
- communication skills to present a clear and coherent exposition of knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences

Graduates of the Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) will have developed a range of cognitive, technical, creative and communication skills central to the study and practice of the planning discipline that provides them with the capacity to:

- locate, review, analyse and synthesise knowledge to identify and provide solutions to complex problems with intellectual independence
- demonstrate a broad understanding of knowledge and theoretical concepts in urban and environmental planning with a depth in some areas, including procedural and substantive applications
- exercise critical and creative thinking in developing new understanding
- design and use research to solve complex problems at a range of scales
- present a clear and coherent exposition of knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences, using oral, written, graphic and interpersonal communication skills
- utilize relevant technical tools and techniques for design thinking, data and spatial analysis, mapping, urban modelling and project management
- review, critically analyse and interpret relevant academic and policy literature in planning and cognate disciplines
- develop and sustain convincing arguments using critical reasoning
- develop new research strategies when addressing planning problems
- develop new technical skills based on their existing research experience
- work effectively as a team member with appropriate interpersonal skills, including respect, reliability, mutual supportiveness and time management
- develop a deep understanding and ability to apply ethical considerations to planning practice.

**APPLICATION OF
KNOWLEDGE &
SKILLS**

Graduates of a Bachelor Honours Degree will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- with initiative and judgement in professional practice and/or scholarship
- to adapt knowledge and skills in diverse contexts
- with responsibility and accountability for own learning and practice and in collaboration with others within broad parameters
- to plan and execute project work and/or a piece of research and scholarship with some independence

Graduates of the Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) will be able to demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- with initiative and judgement to undertake all steps in the full cycle of the project/research planning process including implementation
- to adapt knowledge and skills to address novel research questions in rigorous and plausible ways within diverse urban and environmental planning contexts
- with responsibility and accountability for their own learning and practice and in collaboration with others during projects/research
- to plan and execute project/research work by thinking strategically and apply planning concepts, skills and knowledge in a range of spatial settings
- undertake research design, planning and execution as part of the planning process
- use current best practice and creative innovation informed by current research within multi-disciplinary planning perspectives
- contribute to the preparation of plans to address and manage land use and development issues and opportunities via strategic and statutory frameworks
- work effectively in diverse employment situations requiring the application of the theory, knowledge and practice of planning cognizance of social, economic, environmental, and cultural dimensions
- communicate their knowledge of the discipline and research findings successfully to various professional, policy and community audiences
- operate in a manner that recognises cultural diversity, the need for equity in outcomes and the application of high ethical standards
- act competently in complex and responsible ways and in a professional and ethical manner while in the pursuit of understanding, promoting and actively seeking public benefits.

The program encourages the spirit of critical inquiry and creative innovation informed by current research. Graduates will be socially responsible, capable of being engaged in their communities and equipped to work effectively with diverse groups of people in a wide range of organisations within the planning discipline and to contribute to the environmental, social and economic structures to improve the quality of people's lives.