

Urban Planning

Creating a sustainable urban future



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Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours)

BUrbPlan(Hons)

Full-time: 4 years

Professional urban planners play a critical role in shaping our urban environments – economically, environmentally, socially and culturally, having a significant impact on the factors that influence our lives. The Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) programme is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills required for urban planning practice in an increasingly complex and diverse world.

The new undergraduate programme focuses on:

- Policy formulation and implementation
- Urban sustainability
- Urban design
- Urban economics
- Housing
- Transportation planning
- Social and cultural issues
- Infrastructure design

The programme provides a unique studio-based learning environment and the opportunity to address real-world issues. It is a professional degree recognised by the New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI).





Jan Grabowsky MPlanPrac

Policy Analyst Auckland Council

Jan started his career as Junior Consultant with a leisure and tourism management consultancy in Germany. In 2007 Jan moved to a hands-on role, working as Operations Manager for a thermal bath and leisure pool facility before immigrating to New Zealand in May 2008 to work in a similar role.

Jan graduated from The University of Auckland in 2011 and now works as Policy Analyst at Auckland Council. He specialises in recreation and aquatic facilities, undertaking needs assessments, feasibility studies and engages with the community. Through his work Jan displays a passion for leisure and recreation and creating more liveable communities in Auckland.



Julie-Anne Genter MPlanPrac

Green Party MP

Julie-Anne completed a Master of Planning Practice, at The University of Auckland leading to work as a transport consultant in Auckland. Her work included intensive research at the intersection of transportation economics and urban design. She also advised local authorities on the paradigm shift in parking management, developed public transport, walking and cycling strategies, and undertook traffic modelling and impact assessment.

In 2011 Julie-Anne was elected to Parliament as a list member for the Green Party. She is currently spokesperson on transport, commerce, broadcasting, associate economics and finance and associate climate change.

"Urban planning is about finding solutions that will enable human settlements to thrive long term. That's what makes it so relevant and exciting."



Nicola Albiston BPlan(Hons), MUrbDes

Urban Planner/Urban Designer

Nicola was drawn to planning as a career as it covers multiple fields including environmental law, design, the built environment and social sciences.

"I wanted a professional career away from the 'big three' of medicine, law and engineering which could offer exciting job prospects well suited to my strengths and passions."

Nicola now works as an urban planner/designer and specialises in advancing sustainable urbanism. Nicola has worked across public and private sectors, managing a diverse range of projects such as a town centre regeneration plan for Waikanae (near Wellington) to a structure planning exercise for the rural activity centre of Lincoln.



Keita Kohere BPlan

Principal Heritage Advisor, Auckland Council

When Principal Heritage Advisor Keita Kohere completed her degree in planning at The University of Auckland she wanted to change the world. With three distinct concurrent roles at council, Keita is definitely making a difference, helping to change Auckland by protecting our unique Māori identity.

"I wear three hats," says Keita, who has been assisting with two projects as well as holding down her main job. In her heritage role, Keita advocates for and advises on Māori heritage protection on Council projects. On top of that, she contributes to the draft Auckland Unitary Plan and to developing Environmental Strategy and Policy's (ESP) Māori Responsiveness Plan. *"I love working on projects I'm passionate about, and I certainly don't struggle to come to work in the morning."*



Ian Munro BPlan, MPlan, MArch (Urban Design) MEnvLS (Hons)
Senior Associate, Urbanism+

After his postgraduate studies at The University of Auckland Ian worked with the North Shore City Council in both the policy and environmental services teams. He now works for a leading urban design consultancy on projects of all scales from individual developments to major sub-regional planning projects in New Zealand and Australia.

As an award-winning urban planner, Ian has worked on significant projects including the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy and a number of New Zealand's larger urban development projects.

"One of the most satisfying pieces of work I've been involved with is a development framework project for about 100 hectares of land belonging to a Māori group in Tauranga."



Chris Donelly BPlan
Resource Management Planner at GHD

Studying urban planning at The University of Auckland opened up a diverse career path for Chris.

"My degree provided me with the basic fundamentals of planning practice and effective communication skills. This has furthered my working relationships, where I now deal with my own set of clients, which is great given the early stage in my working career."

Over the past five years Chris has worked on a number of projects in a variety of roles, from providing traditional resource consenting through to more complex stakeholder management.

"Working in professional services has given me the opportunity to work with some of the biggest companies in New Zealand. The greatest thing to come out of urban planning is the variety of projects. I have been able to challenge myself and put into practice what I have learnt."



Lara Clarke BPlan
Planner at Auckland Council

Lara currently works for Auckland Council as a Compliance and Monitoring Officer based on the North Shore. Her role encompasses a diverse range of environments and projects including regional monitoring of major infrastructure projects, areas of further growth and development of varying densities for both residential and commercial purposes.

"I am lucky to have the opportunity to interact with many stakeholders both in the public and private sector providing valuable insight in the economics of development and the intricacies of project management."

"My degree has provided a great foundation for my career in planning at an international level and in my present role involving Auckland's dynamic urban environment and the challenges and opportunities available in the region into the future"



Deanne D'souza BPlan
Urban Design Consultant, Auckland Council

"Wherever I go, I am always curious about the environment surrounding me. This is one reason why I was attracted to planning. In my perspective it is a programme unique to the University, and encapsulates many areas of knowledge and a variety of firsthand experiences."

"Studying urban planning is captivating in terms of the issues and creative subjects covered. Over the years, aspects of the course I enjoyed the most include the interactive studio work environments, numerous invaluable site visits, and the opportunity to travel to China on a field trip. Together, this took education for me to a new level."

Master of Urban Planning

MUrbPlan

Full-time: 2 years / Part-time: 4 years

The Master of Urban Planning is a professionally recognised postgraduate degree designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills required for urban planning practice in an increasingly complex and diverse urban world. Urban planners play a strategic role in shaping our urban environments – economically, environmentally, socially and culturally. The postgraduate programme focuses on issues such as:

- Policy formulation and implementation
- Urban sustainability
- Urban design
- Urban economics
- Social and cultural issues
- Infrastructure design

The research-led teaching programme draws on the latest developments in planning scholarship and examines a range of New Zealand and overseas examples of urban planning ‘best practice’.

This postgraduate programme is available to graduates of degrees with allied backgrounds including the social sciences, humanities, environmental science, law, engineering, architecture, landscape architecture and business studies.



Urban planning is an exciting profession that plays a strategic role in shaping our present and future urban environments. Urban planners work within communities, collaborating with a wide range of people including architects, lawyers, politicians, business people and engineers, helping to build our cities and shape our countryside.

A career in urban planning will appeal to those who have a strong interest in social, cultural, economic and environmental issues, and who like to solve problems, think strategically and make things happen.

With increased interest in delivering sustainable urban futures and urban design, urban planners are in great demand. A wide range of jobs are available to graduates, including: within central and local government, community groups, Iwi authorities, NGOs and private practice.

Our graduates are currently working throughout New Zealand, Asia, the Pacific, the UK, Australia and North America.

You can enter a career in planning by studying at either an undergraduate BUrbPlan(Hons) or postgraduate MUrbPlan level. Both degree programmes are professional planning programmes recognised by the New Zealand Planning Institute.

Studying Urban Planning at The University of Auckland offers you the chance to gain a professionally recognised degree from an internationally recognised university.*

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