



UNSW Course Outline

PLAN3009 Planning Practice: Policies and Processes - 2024

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General Course Information

Course Code : PLAN3009

Year : 2024

Term : Term 2

Teaching Period : T2

Is a multi-term course? : No

Faculty : Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture

Academic Unit : School of Built Environment

Delivery Mode : In Person

Delivery Format : Standard

Delivery Location : Kensington

Campus : Sydney

Study Level : Undergraduate

Units of Credit : 6

Useful Links

[Handbook Class Timetable](#)

Course Details & Outcomes

Course Description

Planning Practice: Policies and Processes unpacks the complexities of the policy-making process to help you understand how and why decisions get made in the diverse world of planning. You will explore how wide-ranging strategies are converted into actions, how diverse

interests intersect in pragmatic ways, and the advantages of state and local vehicles for policy innovations. Building on this, you will also reflect upon and develop your understanding of the multiple roles planners play in urban development processes: at the strategic level; through development assessments; and within the decision-making processes of the development industry.

Central to the practice year experience, this course will guide you through your first role in the planning sector, provoke you to draw upon your own experiences to think more critically about the planning sector's complexity and competing objectives, and inform your development as a planning professional. You will bring real world examples of the opportunities and challenges of your professional placement into the classroom, and learn from the diversity of other students' experiences, to integrate insights across theory and practice.

Course Learning Outcomes

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CL01 : Identify the complexities of policy decision-making and its impact on planning activity.
CL02 : Assess the success and failings of policies as well as the delivery process through monitoring and evaluation.
CL03 : Analyse the planner's role in the urban development process.
CL04 : Critique the contested nature of the development process.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment Item
CL01 : Identify the complexities of policy decision-making and its impact on planning activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock Planning Panel • Final Test
CL02 : Assess the success and failings of policies as well as the delivery process through monitoring and evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realities of Planning Processes • Final Test
CL03 : Analyse the planner's role in the urban development process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock Planning Panel • Final Test
CL04 : Critique the contested nature of the development process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realities of Planning Processes • Final Test

Learning and Teaching Technologies

Moodle - Learning Management System | Blackboard Collaborate

Additional Course Information

Participation expectations and access to final quiz

Your practice year courses are all about ensuring you have the skills - both hard and soft - to make the most of your work experience over the course of this year and set yourself up for your future career. All of the courses are taught by experienced planning practitioners, and you should treat them as an extension of your work in the office. With this in mind, there is **a clear expectation for these courses that you attend regularly and participate actively in all of the class sessions.**

It is expected that you engage and interact in the online evening sessions. To encourage this, **the final quiz for this course has a participation hurdle tied to it** - meaning active participation in the workshops and online classes in order to gain access to complete the final quiz.

Participation goes beyond just attendance - you need to be thoughtfully and proactively engaged in the discussions that happen during the workshops and online sessions (this includes having your camera on!) You won't be excluded from the quiz if you miss a single session, but if you're repeatedly absent without a reason (or effectively absent - i.e. just sitting in the online session, camera off, not talking), you can be excluded from the final quiz. Given the quiz is worth 30% of your final mark, it's important to make sure this doesn't happen - so be sure to get involved!

Assessments

Assessment Structure

Assessment Item	Weight	Relevant Dates
Mock Planning Panel Assessment Format: Group	30%	Due Date: Week 6: 01 July - 07 July
Realities of Planning Processes Assessment Format: Individual	40%	Due Date: Week 12: 12 August - 18 August
Final Test Assessment Format: Individual	30%	Start Date: Not Applicable Due Date: Week 12: 12 August - 18 August

Assessment Details

Mock Planning Panel

Assessment Overview

In groups, you will review a development proposal to identify and argue the planning issues and merits, presented in the format of a planning panel. Grading will be done against assessment criteria. Verbal feedback will also be provided.

Course Learning Outcomes

- CL01 : Identify the complexities of policy decision-making and its impact on planning activity.
- CL03 : Analyse the planner's role in the urban development process.

Assessment Length

15 minutes

Submission notes

This assessment task will take place in class on Tuesday 2 July.

Assignment submission Turnitin type

This is not a Turnitin assignment

Realities of Planning Processes

Assessment Overview

You will prepare a report, using a combination of text and graphics, that addresses a real-world planning problem, presented in a format used in planning practice. Grading will be done against assessment criteria accompanied by written feedback.

Course Learning Outcomes

- CL02 : Assess the success and failings of policies as well as the delivery process through monitoring and evaluation.
- CL04 : Critique the contested nature of the development process.

Assessment Length

2000 words

Assignment submission Turnitin type

This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Final Test

Assessment Overview

You will be tested on course material and your reflections on practice year experiences. Grading will be done against assessment criteria accompanied by written feedback.

Course Learning Outcomes

- CLO1 : Identify the complexities of policy decision-making and its impact on planning activity.
- CLO2 : Assess the success and failings of policies as well as the delivery process through monitoring and evaluation.
- CLO3 : Analyse the planner's role in the urban development process.
- CLO4 : Critique the contested nature of the development process.

Submission notes

Submit by 'week 13'

Assignment submission Turnitin type

This is not a Turnitin assignment

General Assessment Information

For assessment tasks in this course, you may use AI-based software to research and prepare prior to writing your assessment. You are permitted to use standard editing and referencing functions in word processing software in the creation of your submission (note: this is limited to spelling and grammar checking and reference citation generation). You must not use any functions that generate or paraphrase or translate passages of text, whether based on your own work or not. Please note that your submission will be passed through an AI-generated text detection tool. If your marker has concerns that your answer contains passages of AI-generated text you may be asked to explain your work. If you are unable to satisfactorily demonstrate your understanding of your submission you may be referred to UNSW Conduct & Integrity Office for investigation for academic misconduct and possible penalties.

Grading Basis

Standard

Requirements to pass course

The final quiz for this course has a participation hurdle tied to it - this means that you need to participate actively in the workshops and online classes to be able to gain access to complete the final quiz. Participation goes beyond just attendance - you need to be thoughtfully and

proactively engaged in the discussions that happen during the workshops and online sessions (this includes having your camera on!) You won't be excluded from the quiz if you miss a single session, but if you're repeatedly absent without a reason (or effectively absent - i.e. just sitting in the online session, camera off, not talking), you can be excluded from the final quiz. Given the quiz is worth 30% of your final mark, it's important to make sure this doesn't happen - so be sure to get involved!

Course Schedule

Teaching Week/Module	Activity Type	Content
Week 3 : 10 June - 16 June	Lecture	Online class Tuesday 6-8pm
Week 4 : 17 June - 23 June	Lecture	Online class Tuesday 6-8pm
Week 5 : 24 June - 30 June	Lecture	Online class Tuesday 6-8pm
Week 6 : 1 July - 7 July	Workshop	In person workshop Mon 1 July 9am - 5pm and Tues 2 July 9am - 1pm
Week 10 : 29 July - 4 August	Lecture	Online class Tuesday 6-8pm
Week 11 : 5 August - 11 August	Lecture	Online class Tuesday 6-8pm
Week 12 : 12 August - 18 August	Lecture	Online class Tuesday 6-8pm

Attendance Requirements

You are expected to be regular and punctual in attendance at all classes for the School of Built Environment courses in which you are enrolled. If and where individual courses have specific attendance requirements, these will be stated in the course outline.

If you do not attend, engage, or participate in scheduled class activities, including lectures, tutorials, studios, labs, etc, you run the risk of failing a course.

If illness or unexpected and beyond your control circumstances prevent you from completing a task on time, or substantially disturb your assessment performance, you should apply for [Special Consideration](#), as soon as practicable, accompanied by appropriate documentation.

No special consideration will be provided if you miss out on essential course information and materials, or if you miss assessment tasks and deadlines due to unexplained absences or an unapproved lack of attendance.

You may be advised by the Course Convenor to withdraw from the course if significant learning activities are missed.

Course Resources

Course Evaluation and Development

We encourage and support students to maintain regular contact with the course convenor to provide informal feedback throughout the course. For specific issues or detailed feedback, please arrange a meeting with the course convenor via email.

In this course there is an option for students to provide anonymous feedback via the course's Moodle page, which is directly sent to the convenor. As a final step, students are invited to share their insights and experiences by completing the MyExperience survey. The feedback gathered each year is integral to the continuous enhancement and development of the course.

Staff Details

Position	Name	Email	Location	Phone	Availability	Equitable Learning Services Contact	Primary Contact
	Ryan van den Nouwelant		ABL,		BY APPOINTMENT, VIA EMAIL	No	Yes

Other Useful Information

Academic Information

Due to evolving advice by NSW Health, students must check for updated information regarding online learning for all Arts, Design and Architecture courses this term (via Moodle or course information provided).

Please see: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/arts-design-architecture/student-life/resources-support/protocols-guidelines> for essential student information relating to:

- UNSW and Faculty policies and procedures;
- Student Support Services;
- Dean's List;
- review of results;
- credit transfer;
- cross-institutional study and exchange;
- examination information;
- enrolment information;
- Special Consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;

- student equity and disability;

And other essential academic information.

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

- Copying: Using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This includes copying materials, ideas or concepts from a book, article, report or other written document, presentation, composition, artwork, design, drawing, circuitry, computer program or software, website, internet, other electronic resource, or another person's assignment without appropriate acknowledgement.
- Inappropriate paraphrasing: Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original information, structure and/or progression of ideas of the original without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.
- Collusion: Working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student for the purpose of them plagiarising, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.
- Inappropriate citation: Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.
- Duplication ("self-plagiarism"): Submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

The UNSW Academic Skills support offers resources and individual consultations. Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study. One of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items. UNSW Library has the ELISE tool available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to introduce new students to studying at UNSW, but it can also be a great refresher during your study.

Completing the ELISE tutorial and quiz will enable you to:

- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
- use and manage information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- better manage your time
- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Use of AI for assessments

As AI applications continue to develop, and technology rapidly progresses around us, we remain committed to our values around academic integrity at UNSW. Where the use of AI tools, such as ChatGPT, has been permitted by your course convener, they must be properly credited and your submissions must be substantially your own work.

In cases where the use of AI has been prohibited, please respect this and be aware that where unauthorised use is detected, penalties will apply.

[Use of AI for assessments | UNSW Current Students](#)

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au

Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin, you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support, you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone, you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

Generally, assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via either Turnitin or a Moodle

assignment. In instances where this is not possible, alternative submission details will be stated on your course's Moodle site. For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle>

Late Submission Penalty

UNSW has a standard late submission penalty of:

- 5% per calendar day,
- for all assessments where a penalty applies,
- capped at five calendar days (120 hours) from the assessment deadline, after which a student cannot submit an assessment, and
- no permitted variation.

Students are expected to manage their time to meet deadlines and to request [Special Consideration](#) as early as possible before the deadline. Support with [Time Management is available here](#).

School Contact Information

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