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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title
HHMSP	MSc Sustainable Planning MSc Sustainable Planning and Environmental Management MSc Sustainable Planning and Transport

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

The MSc in Sustainable Planning programme gives students the skills they need in order to meet contemporary sustainability challenges in planning. The course offers students opportunities to gain valuable skills that make them highly employable, and allows them to contribute to a much needed and fast changing professional area. The course provides graduates with excellent career opportunities in planning, environmental management, urban design, community development, regeneration, transport management, climate change mitigation and other planning related careers.

Full-time and part-time students are taught together on modules that are mainly delivered in 2-or-3 day blocks, which are followed by assignments in the following 4-8 weeks. For full-time study, a student studies 180 credit points within 1 year for September intakes, or 15 months for January intakes. Attendance at regular weekday Research Methods tutorials is compulsory for full-time students, however all students are invited to attend Research Methods tutorials. Non-credit bearing Study Skills is compulsory for full-time and part time students. Attendance at all timetabled sessions for this module is normally compulsory. Where a student has provided valid evidence for absence, a catch-up session or completion of alternative work that assesses the learning outcomes associated with the missed session may be set. Students who fail to attend any timetabled sessions without valid reason or fail to engage in alternative activities, may be required to re-enrol on the module.

The part-time mode of delivery ensures that study can be combined with full-time employment. Part-time students normally take 90 credits for each year of study, over 24 months for September intakes, or over 26 months for January intakes. At induction, in discussion with the Programme Leader, part-time students confirm which modules they will take in their first and second year of their studies.

Students may enrol for a Semester A or Semester B start, on a full-time or part-time basis. Full-time starters in Semester A (Sept 2021) take 12 months to complete. Full-time starters in Semester B (Jan 2022) take 15 months.

All MSc students will carry out a Sustainable Planning Dissertation that will take the form of a report containing individual research into a spatial planning problem. All students have to complete and pass the Study Skills module in order to be eligible for the MSc award.

In the academic year 2021/22, teaching and learning will take place in small groups to allow for social distancing if required. Sessions of more than 30 are expected to continue to be delivered online.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2021 – 2022

The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. Normally most undergraduate programmes use Semesters A and B, additionally postgraduate programmes and specific undergraduate programmes use Semester C. Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 27 September 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022
- Semester B runs from Monday 24 January 2022 to Friday 13 May 2022
- Semester C runs from Monday 16 May 2022 to Friday 09 September 2022

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Incidental entertainment and expenses on student field trip. This will cover the cost of food and drinks throughout the trip other than bed and breakfast which is covered in the course costs. Students will also need to cover any entertainment/travel costs they choose to expend which are not part of the itinerary.	1	Optional	£20-30 per day over five days
Additional expenses may be incurred for dissertations, depending on the nature and location of the research, and methods used. Examples include travel to and from research sites. These will be specific to each dissertation, and can be taken into consideration when research topics are developed.			