



PARTNERS ACADEMIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

Syllabus for Urban Planning

Subject Area

This syllabus is for PARTNERS applicants seeking to progress to the degrees of:

- K190 BA Hons Architecture and Urban Planning
 - K400 MPlan Hons Master of Planning
 - K421 BA Hons Urban Planning
 - LK74 BA Hons Geography and Urban Planning
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Aims

To allow students to demonstrate their potential to succeed in specified degree programmes by showing a grasp of entry-level subject-specific knowledge, understanding, cognitive and subject-specific skills.

Learning Outcomes

A good knowledge and understanding of ...

- To allow students to demonstrate their potential to succeed in specified degree programmes by showing a grasp of entry level subject-specific knowledge, understanding, cognitive and subject-specific skills.

The ability to apply this knowledge and critical understanding to...

- Students will be asked to apply the knowledge they have developed throughout the course to a series of real-life Planning scenarios, through a variety of different exercises and a formative assessment.
- Some of these will focus on previously built out schemes. Some will consider potential future developments on existing sites. These processes will enable students to actively and progressively test their learning during the programme.

Competence in...

- Research and data collection
- Critical and comparative analysis
- Urban Design

- Options Appraisal for Regeneration
 - Planning Policy and Process
 - Studio based learning approaches (AUP students only)
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Summer School Syllabus

Syllabus Topics

- Topic 1: What is Urban Planning
- Topic 2: Development Management (DM)
- Topic 3: Regeneration and Social Enterprise
- Topic 3: Urban Design
- Topic 5: Study Skills for Planners

Teaching Methods

A range of different teaching methods will be used, from formal presentations and pre-records to group discussions and walking workshops. Prospective participants should be aware that there will be a good deal of walking involved in the programme as we visit multiple locations across the campus and city centre.

Purpose/Objectives

- The core objectives of the programme are:
 - To give students a genuine sense of what it is like to study Urban Planning at Newcastle
 - To help them fully understand the process and practice of Urban Planning
 - To acquaint them with study in the built environment
 - To help them become familiar with the city of Newcastle
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Activities for Personal Study

These are entirely optional, but do some research/reading around various development projects both in their local area, nationally and globally. Also, have a think about why you are interested in Urban Planning in the first place.

On-Campus Teaching:

Sunday 28th (PM), Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th June

Online Teaching:

Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd (AM only) July

Formative Assessment Details

A 500-word essay

More details will be given during the event by your Academic Strand Lead.

Hand-in Method

Digital

Assessment deadline

Tuesday 7th July, 12pm