



UniSA

# Urban and Regional Planning

# 2012

## Why study Urban and Regional Planning at UniSA?

- » The longest established town planning program in Australia
- » Recognition by the Planning Institute of Australia
- » Research conducted from within the discipline of Urban and Regional Planning has been identified as world class in the 2010 Excellence in Research Australia assessment

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The recent Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) awards recognised UniSA's **Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment** with world-class rankings for leading research in the areas of Mathematical Sciences, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Chemical Sciences, Physical Chemistry (Including Structural), Environmental Sciences, Environmental Science and Management, Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Materials Engineering, Resources Engineering and Extractive Metallurgy and Urban and Regional Planning.

# Welcome



The University of South Australia is a university of first choice for career-focused achievers. We provide the widest range of degree programs in South Australia and have a reputation for excellence in our four faculty divisions. At the University of South Australia, some of the world's

brightest minds teach and research in the areas of business, education, arts and social sciences, health sciences and information technology, engineering and the environment.

In the 2010 QS World University rankings, the University of South Australia recorded the biggest increase for an Australian university and we are now in the top 3 per cent of more than 10,000 universities in the world.

The quality of our teaching is regularly recognised by awards such as Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning, and two of our academics have won the nation's highest honour for university teachers, the Prime Minister's Award for University Teacher of the Year.

It's that quality teaching that helps our graduates in their careers; in 2010 almost 80 per cent of the University's domestic bachelor graduates secured full-time employment, which is above the national average.

Besides providing a high-quality teaching environment, the University of South Australia is a research leader. Our research institutes address research questions in a range of priority areas, including community sustainability, population health, defence and security, minerals science and business.

We have recently had proof that we are on the right track. The first Excellence in Research for Australia assessment – an official national evaluation of the quality of research – showed that 70 per cent of our assessed research is of world-class standard and in several areas we have built research that is performing well above world-class levels. The University's research informs our teaching and learning activities.

As a student at the University of South Australia you will have a world of opportunities open to you: you will be able to develop a capacity for critical and independent thinking; learn the value of research; develop the most up-to-the-minute knowledge of your chosen profession and learn the essential skills in communication and teamwork that will help you forge a successful career.

I wish you luck in all your academic endeavours.

Professor Peter Høj

Vice Chancellor and President

## Urban and Regional Planning

Our landscape is a mosaic of cities, towns, suburbs, neighbourhoods and rural areas. The practice of urban and regional planning is essentially about designing and managing the shared spaces in which people live. Planners have the social responsibility of setting the policy framework within which land use is managed and development takes place. This important role aims to make our cities, towns and regions visually appealing, ecologically sustainable, socially inclusive, efficient and economically productive. A particular emphasis is placed upon ensuring that areas cater for different groups and individuals in an equitable, ethical and inclusive manner and that our cities, towns and regions provide a high quality of life and a range of opportunities for all.

At UniSA, we encourage our students to challenge and question the way in which our cities and regions are currently designed and managed with a view to recognising what aspects should be maintained and what should be improved. It is these attributes that make graduates of our program in high demand by prospective employers.

For more information please visit: [unisa.edu.au/planning](http://unisa.edu.au/planning)

# Why Study Urban and Regional Planning at UniSA?

The School of Natural and Built Environments focuses on the unique relationships and synergies between natural and built environments, with a particular interest in teaching and research to support improved environmental and socioeconomic sustainability for the future.

Urban and Regional Planning students learn to design and manage the shared spaces in which people live, ensuring that our cities are ecologically sustainable, socially just and economically productive. All students undertake 70 days supervised work experience in an urban planning workplace. With the current industry shortage of planners, the graduate employment rate is high and employment opportunities are abundant.

The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning is recognised by the Planning Institute of Australia.

## 60 Years of Planning Education

UniSA's Urban and Regional Planning program commenced in February 1949 and is the longest established town planning program in Australia. In 2009 we celebrated 60 years of Urban Planning at

UniSA. This highly recognised program has a vast alumni network with industry and employers, that our graduates can utilise when searching for future employment.

## Scholarships

The School offers a range of scholarships not only designed to help with the cost of tertiary education, but also to provide valuable work experience opportunities for overseas travel. New scholarships are constantly being developed, so please review the UniSA scholarship web page regularly. For more information on scholarships and selection criteria please visit [unisa.edu.au/scholarship](http://unisa.edu.au/scholarship)

## Global Experience

UniSA's Global Experience program is available to all undergraduate students enrolled at UniSA and counts towards your degree. Expand your knowledge through networks,

workshops and a range of activities including volunteering, language studies, mentoring and going on exchange. For more information please visit: [unisa.edu.au/globalexperience](http://unisa.edu.au/globalexperience)

## Student Exchange

Going on exchange contributes to students' personal and academic development and is considered favourably by many employers. UniSA provides scholarships of at least \$2500 for eligible students to take up exchange opportunities. For more information please visit [unisa.edu.au/exchange](http://unisa.edu.au/exchange)

## International Field Study

A highlight of this planning program for many students is the opportunity to take part in an international field study, held in Penang, Malaysia, each year. This studio, like most of the other elements of coursework in the program, focuses on real world issues and on resolving

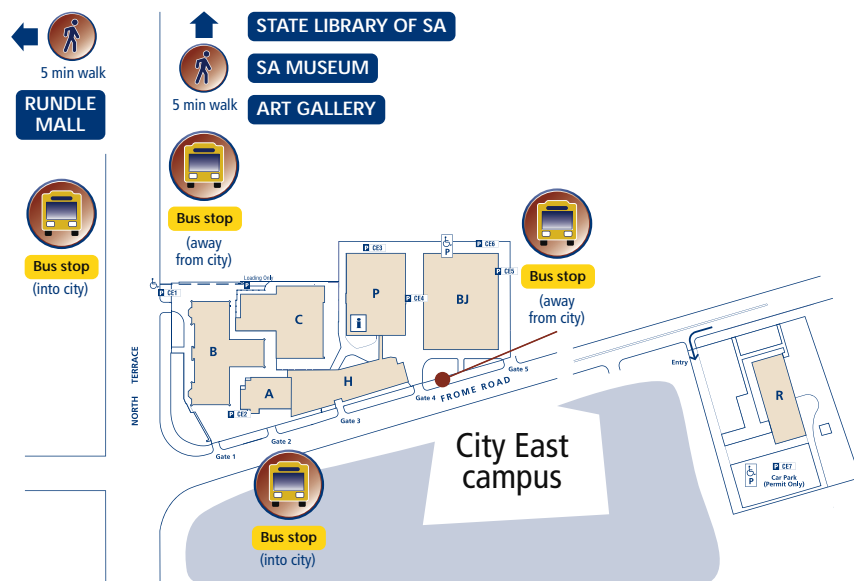
contemporary social and environmental problems.

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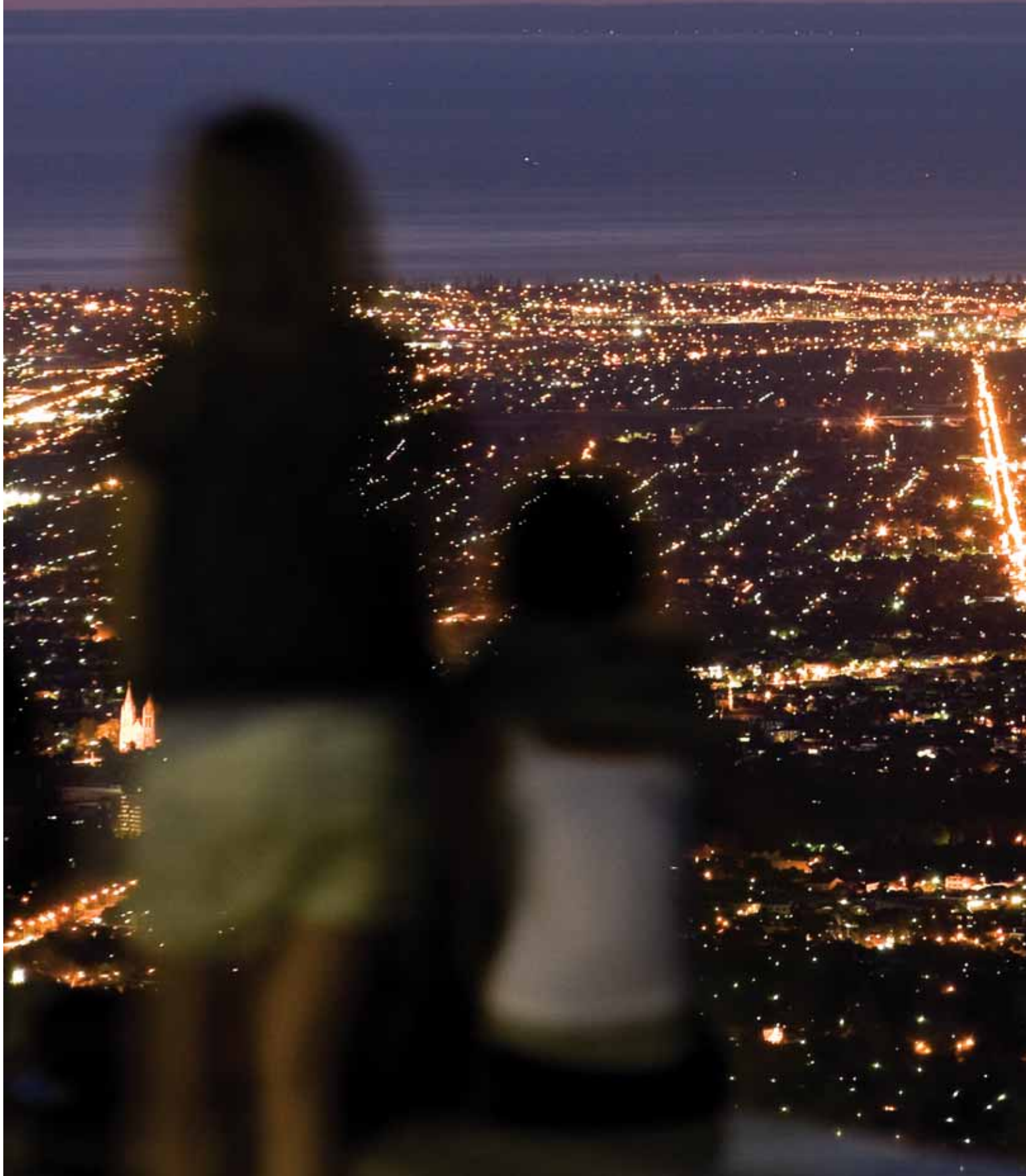
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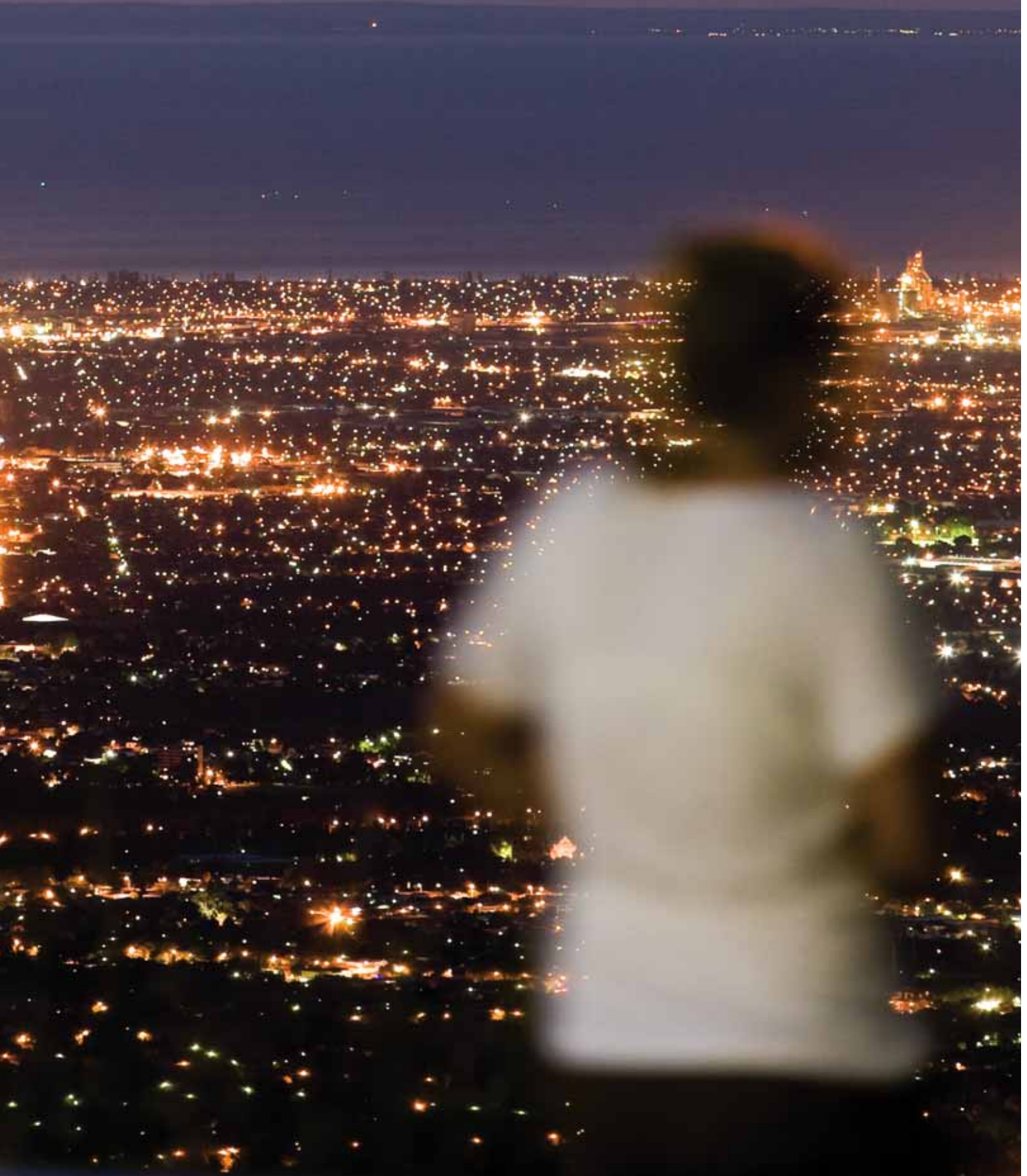
This program is located in the heart of the city centre and is easily accessible by public transport from all Adelaide suburbs.



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# Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning

## May Information Sessions

Mawson Lakes campus: Wednesday 25 May

**For more information and to register visit**

[unisa.edu.au/mayinfosessions](http://unisa.edu.au/mayinfosessions)

## Open Day 2011

City West campus: Sunday 21 August

**For more information visit**

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## Preview Day 2011

City East campus: Sunday 11 September

**For more information and to register visit**

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- » Give you the knowledge and confidence to question and, where necessary, to challenge current planning wisdom, and the creativity to develop alternative planning proposals.
- » Instill the significance of respect and commitment in you to make necessary and effective community consultations and interdisciplinary collaboration crucial to planning practice.
- » Equip you with the professional knowledge and skills to work effectively as urban and regional planners in a variety of agencies.

## What will I study?

Courses on sustainability set the context for much of the planning program. You will learn methods and techniques for analysing trends in urban development, for predicting the future form and requirements of our communities and for ensuring that these communities are well designed.

Workshop courses address the development and management of real places and scenarios, introducing students to practical skills and situations which are valuable in the workplace. Third year students are required to complete a 70 day planning field placement in a planning department working with professional planners.

The field placement is arranged for students by the planning discipline. Prior to the placement, you will study planning law and development assessment issues as practical preparation. The placement ensures that you will develop a sound understanding of the professional requirements of working in the planning industry, increasing their employment prospects and strengthening their professional networks.

High-achieving final year students have the opportunity to graduate with Honours, which provides a distinct recognition of outstanding academic achievement through the writing of a final year thesis. Honours graduates are eligible for Australian Government scholarships for Masters and PhD higher research degrees. Opportunities to specialize are also available through two options for majors in the final year: a major in Environmental Planning or a major in Social and Community Planning.

The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning is the only undergraduate degree in South Australia accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA), the national professional association for planners. Accreditation is recognised by national, state and local governments and confers advantages in terms of salary and conditions. PIA maintains an active professional development program, allowing members to keep abreast of debates in the profession and improve their professional knowledge. PIA also offers a mentoring program that enables graduates to be mentored by an experienced planner. Social networks provide by PIA provide significant pathways into employment for our graduates.

The program is offered at the University of South Australia City East Campus on North Terrace, Adelaide. The campus is well resourced and co-located with major libraries and other educational institutions. The location of the program in the heart of the city offers a vibrant, urban ambience that is particularly appealing and relevant to students of planning.

SATAC code	414161
UniSA program code	IBPG
CRICOS code	
(international students only)	024219E
ATAR (February 2011 cut-off)	66.80
Program length	4 years
Prerequisites	None
Assumed knowledge	None
Home campus	City East
Accepts Special Entry (STAT)	Yes
External study available	No
Part-time study available	Yes
TAFE credit available	Yes
Honours study available	Yes
Program fees	Commonwealth supported
Program fees	
(international students only)	(A\$) 22,250 per annum
Scholarships available	<a href="http://unisa.edu.au/scholarship">unisa.edu.au/scholarship</a>

## Program overview

The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning is the only undergraduate planning degree in South Australia that will introduce you to the concepts of sustainable development, spatial planning, urban design, environmental management, land economics, property markets, regional planning, social and community planning, and community consultation. The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning aims to:

- » Provide you with a broad understanding of the forces and processes shaping cities, regions and the built and natural environments in Australia and other countries.
- » Create awareness of the physical, economic, social and environmental factors that strongly influence the practice of urban and regional planning.
- » Provide you with an understanding of the principles and operation of the planning system in Australia and in other countries.

The Environmental Planning option prepares you for a career specialising in environmental planning to address environmental policies and is particularly relevant to some branches of state government or to private sector consultancy addressing issues to do with climate change, ecological sustainability and environmental protection. The Social and Community Planning specialisation prepares students for a career in social policy and planning and is particularly relevant to work in local, state and national government social policy, social inclusion and strategic planning departments, national, state and local government community development departments, non-governmental agencies, international development organisations and private consultancies.

#### What does it take?

In order to make a useful contribution to the management of cities and regions, planners analyse the ways that places change over time; challenge and question the way our cities and regions are presently designed and managed; recognise what should be maintained, modified or changed; seek out effective ways of putting ideas into practice and foster collaborative and consensual approaches to planning.

#### Who will employ me?

There is currently a national shortage of planners. Planning graduates from UniSA are employed in federal, state and local government departments, private planning consultancies and as advisors to property development firms. There are opportunities to work in city, regional and country locations. Private consultancies vary in nature: smaller local firms provide planning advice to local authorities and individuals, while larger firms may have interstate and overseas offices and may be engaged in regional development

projects in Asian or Pacific countries. Planning graduates also work in national park planning, coastal protection and heritage conservation. Graduates are employed interstate within Australia and there are also many international opportunities for planning graduates to work overseas, especially in the United Kingdom, Canada and the USA.

Most of our graduates are employed as professional planners within 3 months of graduation with many obtaining paid work from their field placements in government planning departments and commercial consultancies. Starting salaries for Urban and Regional Planners graduates were approximately A\$50,000 per annum in 2011 according to Payscale Australia. Graduates can expect to be earning \$70,000 per annum within two years of graduating.

#### Professional recognition

The Bachelor degree in Urban and Regional Planning is recognised by the Planning Institute of Australia.

#### Honours

The degree may be awarded with Honours. Students selected for the Honours stream will enrol in the courses Planning Research Project (Hons) 1 and 2.

#### Additional notes

##### Majors

The degree can be taken with a specialisation in the form of either a major in Environmental Planning or a major in Social and Community Planning.

##### Planning Electives

The degree has two planning electives in the final year. Students can choose from a suite of courses within the School of Natural and Built Environment, which allows considerable freedom to specialise or broaden your education.

#### International options

The Urban and Regional Planning program has strong relations with allied programs in international universities. Students may choose to study abroad for a semester at universities in Denmark, Canada, the USA, the UK, Japan and China in exchange for credit for a semester of study at the University of South Australia. Travel grants are provided to support students while they are abroad. The degree also offers a two week study visit to Malaysia as a Year 4 Planning Elective.

#### Program requirements

##### FIRST YEAR

###### First Half

(Study Period 1, 2 or 3)

Understanding Cities and Regions

Geospatial Information Science

Introduction to Planning

Environment: A Human

Perspective

###### Second Half

(Study Period 4, 5 or 6)

Infrastructure Workshop

Planning Heritage Workshop

Land Use Planning

Sustainable Development:

A Global Perspective

##### SECOND YEAR

###### First Half

(Study Period 1, 2 or 3)

Social and Community Planning

Analytic Methods for Planning

Urban Design Workshop

Undergraduate Elective 1

###### Second Half

(Study Period 4, 5 or 6)

Urban and Regional Development

Planning Policy

Planning Information

Management

Development and Design Studio

##### THIRD YEAR

###### First Half

(Study Period 1, 2 or 3)

Planning Law

Social Planning Techniques

Regional Planning Workshop

Policy and Development

Assessment Workshop

###### Second Half (Study

Period 4,5 or 6)

Planning Field Placement A

Planning Field Placement B

##### FOURTH YEAR

###### First Half

(Study Period 1, 2 or 3)

Planning and Professional Ethics

Planning Project 1

Comparative Planning

Planning Elective 1/Major

###### Second Half

(Study Period 4, 5 or 6)

Planning Research Study

Planning Elective 2/Major

# Entry requirements

## For Undergraduate Bachelor Degrees and Associate Degrees

Applicants are required to have:

- » Completed SACE;
- » Completed at least 80 credits of SACE at Stage 2 of which 60 must be Tertiary Admission subjects (TAS) and the other 20 either TAS, Recognised Studies or a mix of the two;
- » Completed any prerequisites for your chosen program;
- » Obtained a competitive ATAR;
- » Completed interstate or overseas qualifications that the University considers equivalent to the SACE;
- » Completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma;
- » Completed or partly completed a recognised higher education program at a recognised higher education institution;
- » Completed at least four Open Universities Australia (OUA) courses at the appropriate level;
- » Completed an award from TAFE or from another registered training organisation at AQF Certificate IV or above;

- » Qualified for Special Entry and completed the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). A personal competencies statement and/or employment experience may also be considered;
- » Completed the University Foundation Studies program.

Please note that some programs have prerequisites. Applicants should check all entry requirements before applying. For some programs, applicants may also be required to attend an interview or present a folio.

For more information on entry requirements, visit [unisa.edu.au/future](http://unisa.edu.au/future)

### Participation and Access

UniSA offers various programs and services to assist rural and/or socio-economically disadvantaged students, Indigenous Australians and people with a disability. For more information, contact (08) 8302 2376 or 1300 UNINOW or email [study@unisa.edu.au](mailto:study@unisa.edu.au)

## UniSA Advantage

UniSA Advantage is a bonus points scheme that encourages participation in education as well as rewards achievement in selected Year 12 subjects that better prepare students for university study. The scheme includes two strands – **Achievement and Aspire**.

Achievement bonus points will automatically be awarded if students score a C or better in Year 12 Tertiary Admission Subjects (TAS) relevant to their intended UniSA program. Find out more here [www.unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints](http://www.unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints)

**Aspire** bonus points are awarded automatically to students who attend a school recognised by UniSA as 'under represented' with respect to students going on to higher education. Students from rural and remote areas are also eligible for automatic bonus points while those students on School Card (or state equivalent) and/or Youth Allowance, and do not attend a recognised school, can apply for bonus points by downloading an application form at [unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints](http://unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints)

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## Student contributions

Student contributions are the amount you pay towards the cost of your program. The University determines the amount that you contribute within a range set by the Australian Government. The contribution that applies depends on which courses you choose to study and the contribution band in which those courses are classified. The amount of your student contribution also depends on the unit value of your courses of study (the equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) value of the course).

As per the Australian Government guidelines, the student contribution amounts for 2011 are:

Band	Fields of study	Student contribution
National priorities	Mathematics, statistics, science	\$0 – \$4,355
Band 1	Humanities, behavioural science (including clinical psychology), social studies, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, education, nursing	\$0 – \$5,442
Band 2	Computing, built environment, health (allied health and other health), engineering, surveying, agriculture	\$0 – \$7,756
Band 3	Law, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science, accounting, administration, economics, commerce	\$0 – \$9,080

Note: These amounts are for 1 EFTSL in 2011. The student contribution amounts for 2012 will be advised by the Federal Government in October 2011, and these will be available to view via [unisa.edu.au/future/fees](http://unisa.edu.au/future/fees) at that time.

# Glossary

## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

### Associate degree

An award for completing a two-year (or part-time equivalent) tertiary program.

### Direct Entry

Programs for which applications are not processed through SATAC but are made direct to UniSA.

### Bachelor degree

A program of three or more years duration (or part-time equivalent). Bachelor degree programs provide the relevant qualifications for many professions.

### Honours

An additional year of study in a Bachelor degree during which students specialise in a chosen area of study. In some cases, Honours study can actually be done as part of the degree.

### Graduate Certificate

An award for completing a postgraduate program of at least six months in duration (or part-time equivalent).

### Graduate Diploma

An award for completing a postgraduate program of at least one year in duration (or part-time equivalent).

### Master degree

A postgraduate degree undertaken after completion of a Bachelor degree (normally with Honours) which focuses on one area of specialisation.

### PhD

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs normally extend over three years (or part-time equivalent) and involve significant research work.

## HOW DOES YOUR PROGRAM WORK?

### Major

A set of related courses which comprises 36 units of study within a Bachelor degree.

### Sub-major

A set of related courses which comprises between 19 and 35 units of study within a Bachelor degree. In some programs these may be called 'general studies sub-majors'.

### Minor

A set of related courses which comprises up to 18 units of study within a Bachelor degree. In some programs these may be called 'cognates'.

### Program

Award in which you are enrolled, eg Bachelor of Arts.

### Course

A component of study within a program (previously known as a 'subject').

### Unit

A value assigned to a course which measures the amount of work involved in that course. Full-time students normally undertake 36 units of study per year (18 units per study period).

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### Assumed knowledge

Some first-year courses require knowledge of certain SACE Stage 2 subjects.

### Free Electives

A course chosen from any on offer outside your Division, provided that individual course prerequisites are met. Free elective courses are designed to broaden your knowledge and skills beyond your professional field of study.

### CRICOS code

Code identifying that a UniSA program has been registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

### Division

UniSA is split into four academic Divisions – Business; Education, Arts and Social Sciences; Health Sciences; and Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment – each offering a range of specialised programs and courses.

### Prerequisites

Are SACE Stage 2 (Year 12) subjects, or equivalent qualifications which are required for admission into the program.

### SACE

Is the South Australian Certificate of Education or a recognised equivalent qualification.

## SATAC Guide

A publication that lists every program offered by South Australian higher education institutions. The SATAC Guide provides information about the selection process, includes instructions on how to apply and is available every year from newsagents Australia-wide.

## Special Entry (STAT)

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is an alternative tertiary admissions test for people who do not have a recent Year 12 certificate.

## ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

A ranking of all students who have completed SACE in a particular year. The minimum ATAR required for the previous year is often a guide to how well you will need to perform to gain entry into a particular program. ATARs can vary from year to year and should be used as a guide only.



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