

# BACHELOR OF PLANNING (HONOURS)

Planning is a professional discipline focused on influencing towns, cities and regions by managing development, infrastructure and services. Planners, also known as ‘urban planners’ or ‘town planners’ specialise in designing and creating the vibrant places and spaces in which we live, work and play by balancing the built and natural environment with community needs, social equity, cultural significance and economic sustainability.

**Location:** Geelong Waterfront Campus

**Duration:** 4 years full-time study (or part-time equivalent)

**Deakin Code:** S449

**VTAC code:** 1400410161 (CSP)

## Course overview

New in 2015, Deakin’s Bachelor of Planning (Honours) is a distinctive course that brings together the disciplines of planning, design, urban studies and society in a single degree program. This unique course will equip graduates with the knowledge, skills and competencies to practice as professional planners with a broad view of society, business and citizenship.

## Career opportunities

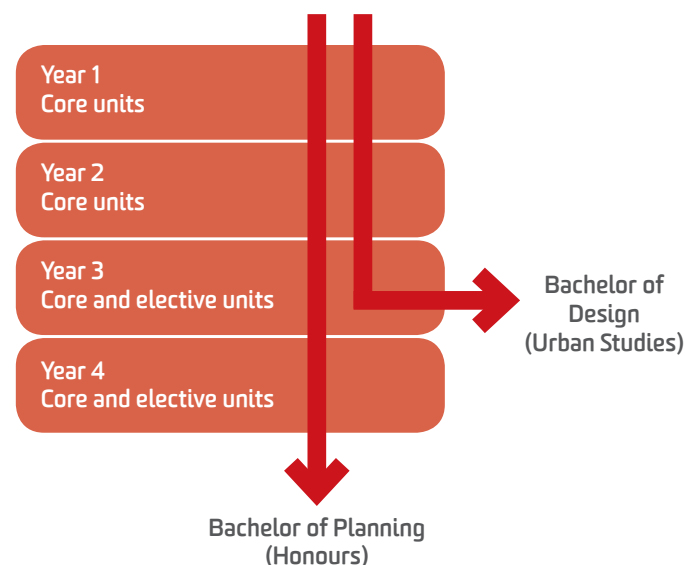
As cities and towns continue to grow, there is increasing demand for planners to manage change. Not only do planners assess development proposals and devise policies to guide future development, they also work in areas as diverse as housing, energy, health, education, communications, leisure, tourism and transport. They frequently work with engineers, architects, building surveyors, economists, developers, politicians, scientists, and environmental scientists to create new, and revitalise existing, public spaces, conserve places of heritage and enhance community value.

There is high demand for planners in Australia and the employment prospects are excellent for professionals with an interest in and commitment to the creation, planning and design of innovative, livable and sustainable environments and strong communities.



## Course structure

The Bachelor of Planning (Honours) consists of 32 credit points of study, comprising 25 core units (27 credit points) and elective units (5 credit points) as outlined below. Students who do not wish to undertake the final year Honours component can exit early with a Bachelor of Design (Urban Studies) following successful completion of 24 credit points of study.



**Core units:** comprise theoretical, technical and practical units in addition to studio project units which enable students to explore ideas in simulated and project-based learning environments. The final year research methods and thesis units are also core for students wishing to complete the Bachelor of Planning (Honours).

**Elective units:** enable students to choose units according to their own interests and aspirations, and enhances the distinctive of their degree.

For more information about this course, including further details of the course structure and units involved, please visit [deakin.edu.au/handbook](http://deakin.edu.au/handbook).

## Industry experience

Industry placements and work integrated learning opportunities are available in the Bachelor of Planning (Honours). As a student, you will have the opportunity to learn from industry guest speakers, develop professional networks and gain valuable hands-on experience before you graduate.

## Teaching methods

Based at the Geelong Waterfront Campus, you will be taught using a range of located learning methods including classes, seminars and practical experiences. Classes typically comprise a large number of students, while seminars are generally smaller, more informal and allow for open discussion of topics raised during classes. A range of units are also available via cloud (online) learning, and can be taken as part of a full-time or part-time degree. Some units are also available during Trimester 3. You can take advantage of this flexibility to study when, where and how you like, and to fit your studies around your work and personal commitments.



### Become a planner and you could:

- Shape the world we live in by creating sustainable, livable places and communities
- Discover a diverse career in this ever changing field
- Take advantage of the high demand for planners in Australia
- Gain employment overseas (Australian qualifications are internationally recognised)
- Embrace excellent career opportunities and employment prospects
- Be highly sought-after for well-paid work.

## Contact hours

A typical full-time student undertakes 4 credit points of study per trimester, with an average of 10 hours per week of study expected for each credit point undertaken. This comprises a combination of contact hours spent attending classes, seminars and practical experiences in addition to private study undertaken to research, prepare assessments and participate in online activities.

## Professional recognition

The Bachelor of Planning (Honours) has been designed in consultation with the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) with the objective of attaining accreditation as a course recognised toward corporate membership. Deakin is actively seeking professional accreditation for this course from PIA ([www.planning.org.au](http://www.planning.org.au)).



## Pathways

Deakin provides a number of pathway options for students seeking admission to its courses. TAFE pathways for application to the Bachelor of Planning (Honours) include the Diploma of Local Government, Diploma of Sustainable Landscape Design and Diploma of Landscape Design.

For those interested in pursuing postgraduate study after successful completion of the Bachelor of Planning (Honours), this course satisfies the entry requirements for application to the PIA-accredited Master of Planning (Professional), the Master of Urban Design and the AILA-accredited Master of Landscape Architecture offered at Deakin University.

## Information for applicants

**Applications:** Applications for Trimester 1, 2015 can be made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au). Applications for Trimester 2, 2015 must be direct to the University via the applicant portal, [deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply](http://deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply).

**Year 12 prerequisites:** VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.

**Non-Year 12 requirements:** Educational history including GPA. Applicants who wish for experience to be considered must include this information on their VTAC Personal Statement.



### More information

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[deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course](http://deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course)

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