



Master of Planning and Urban Design



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Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
 - Benefit from small class sizes
 - Connect with professional networks
- Support through scholarships for merit and equity
 - Discover great accommodation options

THINK RESILIENCE

JCU Planning has a distinctive focus on strong, sustainable urban design resilient to disasters in a tropical location – a region with 40 per cent of the global population.

DESIGN COMPASSIONATE CITIES

JCU students benefit from meaningful partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and local governments, building knowledge that can help shape the world.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

JCU Planning graduates use knowledge developed through project-based learning and internships, as experience has no substitute.

DEVELOP A FUTURE FOCUS

Experience urban design and sustainable town planning on multiple levels. JCU students have opportunities to visit regional towns and international design landmarks like the Helix Bridge in Singapore.



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✓ Learn to make careful and creative decisions for sustainable development with the Master of Planning and Urban Design at JCU. Develop essential skills for planning in tropical urban and regional areas. Become an expert in providing infrastructure that stands up to changing environmental conditions and weather events.

✓ Take part in field-based learning in Singapore, Indigenous communities, tourist areas, and regional farming locations. Get hands-on experience with Disaster Resilience units, changing populations, and eco-tourism areas to gain an understanding of a range of issues in planning.

✓ Make a positive impact in communities and navigate political planning with this degree accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA).

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Cairns, Townsville, Singapore
Start Dates:	February, July
Duration:	2 years full-time Part-time available
Prerequisites:	Completion of an appropriate Bachelor Degree in a related discipline (such as geography, environmental studies, planning, engineering or similar), at this or another University. You may be able to apply for credit from previous study or work experience.

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.

Themes

You have the option of studying themed subjects. These subjects complement each other to provide a broader understanding of a theme.

Development Planning

Explore the phenomenon of 'development' in Asia-Pacific contexts. Consider globalisation and transnationalism through an anthropological lens and take practical workshops on research methods used in development anthropology. Learn how to assess sustainability and practical sustainability initiatives. Compare global issues across international cases and understand the links between tropical landscapes and livelihoods.

Disaster Resilience

Plan for disasters and help communities recover with a thorough, multi-disciplinary process. Learn effective management skills for working with individuals, communities, and organisations. Become a confident leader in emergency management for cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, lightning, landslips, flood, drought, and disease.

Sustainable Tropical Urbanism

Learn how to communicate design ideas using a range of graphic formats. Examine theories relating to urban ecosystems, biodiversity, hydrology, climate policy, and human ecology. Develop practical field skills for geographical research. Consolidate your learning for a thorough understanding of creating responsible, sustainable, and commercially feasible urban design.

Progress your studies

Pursue your passion to a higher level. You can enter directly into a Master of Planning and Urban Design, or use the Graduate Certificate of Science, majoring in Planning and Design, as a stepping stone towards your Masters. Find qualification number of units.

Graduate Certificate of Science, majoring in Planning and Design

(12 CREDIT POINTS)

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“The best part of my degree has been the opportunities and hands-on experiences at JCU, such as travelling overseas for a field study in Singapore with other planning students. The staff here are really helpful and want people to succeed and that was the best thing for me; you’re not considered a number but a student.”

Dit Sang Lee

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“The JCU Master of Planning and Urban Design creates future leaders in city, urban, and regional development and offers students opportunities to plan for better social inclusion, for energy efficiency, and for innovation.”

Associate Professor Lisa Law
COURSE COORDINATOR AND LECTURER

Career Opportunities

JCU Planning and Urban Design graduates are prepared for the challenges of planning in tropical environments and as such are highly equipped to work in Australia and the wider Asia-Pacific region.

Graduates go on to work across Australia in government, not-for-profit organisations, and private companies.

You could find employment as a tropical urban or regional planner, policy advisor, researcher, or developer.





Postgraduate coursework applications

Apply directly to JCU, either by a form you download, complete and return, or by using the [Online Application Portal](#).

Your application must reach us before the deadline for your course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Postgraduate courses will usually require completion of an appropriate undergraduate degree for entry. You'll need to include certified copies of qualifications and academic records with your application. For some programs, appropriate work experience or equivalent qualifications will be considered.

The entry requirements for each course are included on the Apply now page for the course.

FURTHER INFORMATION

To find out more, call 1800 246 446 or contact the [Student Enquiry Centre](#).

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