

# EUROPEAN PLANNING

This MPlan is a unique degree, offering a complete four-year pathway in professional planning education, with a specialisation in European Planning. Innovative features include an emphasis on understanding European-wide planning issues, and overseas study at a European university, as well as opportunities for work placement. This provides unique insights into the diversity of planning cultures and challenges across the continent, allowing graduates to grasp a wide range of employment opportunities in the UK, Europe and beyond.

## COURSE CONTENT

The first two years are shared with the BSc in Planning, Environment and Development degree and students will be eligible to transfer from one degree to the other at the end of the second year. In the third year, MPlan students begin to concentrate on aspects of European planning, including specialised language training.

The degree includes fieldwork in Stages 1–3, including field studies in Europe during Stage 3 (recent destinations have included Amsterdam, Barcelona and Krakow). The fourth year is spent at a partner university in Europe. We currently have partners in Sweden, the Netherlands and France, and new partners are always added.

### Stage 1

- Planning, Health and Well Being
- Planning Skills and GIS
- Design Principles in the Built Environment
- Spaces, Places and Plans
- Contemporary Issues in Urban and Rural Planning
- Institutional Context of Planning Practice

### Stage 2

- Site Layout and Design
- Theory and Practice of Development Management
- Planning Theory and Society
- Planning and Climate Change
- Economy and Space
- Theory and Practice of Spatial Planning Policy
- Work Placement Component

### Stage 3

- Planning Practice Field Study
- Themes in European Planning
- Legal Studies in Planning
- European Planning Perspectives
- Researching European Planning
- Infrastructure and Transportation Planning
- Conservation of the Built Environment

### Stage 4

- Advanced European Planning Studies (i)
- Advanced European Planning Studies (ii)
- Independent Research Project in European Planning
- Work-based Study in European Planning Practice

## WHY QUEEN'S?

**Unique:** this degree is unique in the UK in that it offers a four-year combined programme in Planning, linked to specialisation in European Planning.

**Ranking:** In the recent National Student Survey, Queen's Planning was ranked 1st in the UK, for teaching satisfaction (95%), 1<sup>st</sup> for Assessment & Feedback (95%) and 1<sup>st</sup> for Academic Support (100%).

**Accreditation:** this degree is accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) & Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

**Placement:** Students can avail of the option to spend a year working in professional practice to consolidate the skills they have developed throughout the academic year. Dedicated placement training is delivered through the University's 'Careers, Employability and Skills' team



## MPlan Honours

European Planning 4 yrs (K490)

See also BSc in Planning,  
Environment and Development

## Entrance Requirements

### A-level:

ABB + GCSE Mathematics grade C

### BTEC Extended Diploma:

A BTEC Extended Diploma with 120 credits at Distinction and 60 credits at Merit + GCSE Mathematics grade C

### For students whose first language is not English

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

This degree builds on the University's established reputation for high-quality planning education. On past experience of the BSc in Planning, Environment and Development and the MPlan's, we anticipate that graduates will find employment in areas such as:

- Planning authorities and municipalities
- Private planning practice/property development
- Design consultants
- Housing authorities and agencies, such as housing associations
- Health trusts
- Policy advisers in planning, urban regeneration and the environment, particularly at the level of the EU
- Conservation and environmental NGOs
- Teaching (particularly geography)
- Public bodies, such as advisory bodies on the environment, heritage, transport and heritage
- Various graduate programmes (including banking and management)
- Further study (PhD) and research positions

We regularly consult with employers, links which are further enhanced through formal partnership meetings with the bodies that accredit our courses (RICS and RTPI), having a practising planner as one of our External Examiners, and involving a wide range of potential employers in student projects and regular careers events.



*"The MPlan offered the chance to study and live in the Netherlands and opened the door to working abroad after graduation. If you are interested in understanding first-hand the dynamics of sustainable European cities and would like the opportunity to study abroad for a year, then this is the course for you."*

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(National Student Survey 2023)

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### Entrance requirements

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