

Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title
HHMSP	MSc Sustainable Planning MSc Sustainable Planning and Environmental Management MSc Sustainable Planning and Transport

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- The MSc in Sustainable Planning programme gives students the skills they need in order to meet contemporary sustainability challenges in planning. The course offers students opportunities to gain valuable skills that make them highly employable and allows them to contribute to a much needed and fast changing professional area. The course provides graduates with excellent career opportunities in planning, environmental management, urban design, community development, regeneration, transport management, climate change mitigation and other planning related careers.
- Students may enrol for a Semester A or Semester B start, on a full-time or part-time basis. Full-time starters in Semester A (Sept 2022) take 12 months to complete 180 credits, full-time starters in Semester B (Jan 2023) take 15 months.
- The part-time mode of delivery ensures that study can be combined with full-time employment. Part-time students normally take 90 credits for each year of study, over 24 months for September intakes, or over 26 months for January intakes. At induction, in discussion with the Programme Leader, part-time students confirm which modules they will take in their first and second year of their studies.
- Full-time and part-time students are taught together on modules that are mainly delivered in 2- or 3-day blocks, which are followed by assignments in the following 4-8 weeks.
- Attendance at regular weekday Research Methods tutorials is compulsory for full-time students, however all students are invited to attend Research Methods tutorials. The non-credit bearing Study Skills module is compulsory for full-time and part-time students. Attendance at all timetabled sessions for this module is normally compulsory. Where a student has provided valid evidence for absence, a catch-up session or completion of alternative work that assesses the learning outcomes associated with the missed session may be set. Students who fail to attend any timetabled sessions without valid reason or fail to engage in alternative activities, may be required to re-enrol on the module.
- All MSc students will carry out a Sustainable Planning Dissertation that will take the form of a report containing individual research into a spatial planning problem. All students have to complete and pass the Study Skills module in order to be eligible for the MSc award.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- *Semester A runs from Monday 25 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024*
- *Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024*
- *Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024*

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Incidental entertainment and expenses on student field trip. This will cover the cost of food and drink throughout the trip other than bed and breakfast which is covered in the course costs. Students will also need to cover any entertainment/travel costs they choose to expend which are not part of the itinerary.	1	Optional	£20-30 per day over five days
Additional expenses may be incurred for dissertations, depending on the nature and location of the research, and methods used. Examples include travel to and from research sites. These will be specific to each dissertation and can be taken into consideration when research topics are developed.			
No additional expenses have been specified for this course.			

Please be aware that some teaching sessions may be delivered online. Therefore, to study online you will need access to a suitable computer or similar electronic device and a good reliable Internet connection, which may incur additional expenses.

Please note that our Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) have PCs and Macs available to use, including hi-spec PCs. The university also has laptop loans available at both LRCs and provide a remote desktop portal service to allow users to access the software on Lab and LRC Windows PCs when not on campus.