

Spatial Planning and Housing Strategy

MSc



Location: London North campus, Ladbroke House

Starts September	Yes
Starts February	Yes
Full-time	Yes
Part-time day	No
Part-time evening	No
Part-time day and evening	Yes

Aims of the course

This distinctive course combines two disciplines – spatial planning and housing strategy. The course aims to provide the fundamental knowledge and technical skills for both disciplines and covers the inter-action between the two. The course has been developed in response to new Government guidance and new organisational structures that require the integration of spatial planning and housing strategy and has been developed in response to specific demand.

The course will focus on analysing primary and secondary sources of data and case studies as well as the academic literature. Students will undertake group and project work as well as individual essays. The range of optional modules provided also enables students to develop specialist interests in for example housing design and standards, development economics and the development of London and the Southeast as a world city and metropolitan region.

This course is appropriate for existing spatial planning and housing strategy practitioners who are seeking more detailed theoretical and technical knowledge, and for those working in planning, housing or related professions who are seeking to move into more specialist posts.

Duration and attendance

Full-time: 1 year, day time and evening

Part-time: 2 years, day time and evening

Modular programme

Students may choose to undertake a phased programme of module completion over a longer period and seek to complete only up to certificate level (3 modules) or postgraduate diploma level (6 modules without dissertation).

Dates/timetable

Autumn semester: September – January

Spring semester: February – June

Course structure

The course consists of 4 core modules, 2 optional modules, and a dissertation of 12 –15,000 words.

Full-time

Autumn semester

Core modules

- National Planning Framework and Policy
- Housing Strategy Development
- Urban and Regional Planning

Optional modules

Spring semester

- Housing and Regeneration

2 optional modules from the list below

- Summer Dissertation

Part-time Year 1

Autumn semester

Core modules

- National Planning Framework and Policy
- Housing Strategy Development

Optional modules

Spring semester

- Housing and Regeneration

Part-time Year 2

Autumn semester

Core modules

- Urban and Regional Planning

Optional modules

Spring semester

2 optional modules from the list below

- Summer Dissertation

Core modules

National Planning Framework & Policy – introduces spatial planning by focusing on the statutory national policy framework and on its implementation at regional and local levels. It considers the purpose of planning in relation to public policy, its relationship to the market and presents different forms of planning and their relationship to other disciplines. Up to date developments in planning policy will be covered.

Housing Strategy Development – will cover both the need and context for housing strategy, the processes for development and implementation and stakeholder involvement. It will set the role of housing strategy within the broader social and economic context and especially the relationship with spatial planning at local and regional levels. Case study examples and research studies are used to show how the underlying evidence base for strategy development is assembled.

Urban & Regional Planning – provides a detailed understanding of regional and local plan-making practice. It is introduced by covering the history of regional planning in London and the Southeast and follows on with an examination of government guidance using case studies. The module also considers governance structures at regional and local level and the implications of the proposed introduction of integrated regional strategies on the relationship between plans and Sustainable Community Strategies at local level. The module includes comparative analysis of regional planning in other world cities such as Paris, Tokyo and New York.

Housing & Regeneration – introduces the changes that have taken place in the housing sector, including both market and policy changes, and how these are linked to delivery. Students will study how these changes have been informed by the regeneration agenda; housing strategic growth initiatives and the role that housing providers have played in both physical and social regeneration.

Optional modules

Housing Design and Standards – examines principles and practice relating to housing design and standards and their relationship with planning policy, housing strategy and urban design. It provides an introduction to housing design for students without a design background while providing a planning and housing strategy context for architecture students with an interest in housing projects. London is used as a case study and the module will involve some practical design work.

Planning for Housing Supply and Development Economics – introduces government policy guidance on planning for the supply of housing, including affordable housing. It examines methods for housing market assessment and the evidence base for setting targets at regional and local levels. London is the case study for housing capacity studies, strategic land availability assessments and the principles and practice of development appraisal using the 'Three Dragons' model on some individual development schemes. Also covered will be an analysis of the impact of the credit crunch on the property market and the development programme.

London and the Greater Southeast – provides students with an understanding of the history and development of London, its metropolitan region, relationship with the rest of the UK and its world city role. The demographic, social and economic dynamic of London and the Greater Southeast are covered together with the structures of governance and the delivery of services.

Teaching and learning

The course will be delivered by a variety of means. Most modules will include weekly lectures, presentations and group workshops. Where appropriate there will be site visits and visiting speakers.

Assessment

A range of methods is used including written reports, essays, group and individuals, class tests and examinations.

Career opportunities

Skills in planning and housing need to be retained and developed during this period of economic difficulty. The downturn provides the opportunity to invest in personal development and staff skills that will be vital for public and private sector planning and housing agencies, including local authorities, housing associations, consultancies and residential developers.

Professional accreditation

The University is seeking RTPI accreditation. However as a specialist course, students will have to have already completed an accredited undergraduate programme to be entitled to full RTPI membership. The course has Chartered Institute of Housing endorsement and will enable students to partially meet CIH membership requirements. Students will be entitled to student membership of the CIH.

Fees 08/09*

See our website, www.londonmet.ac.uk/tuition-fees or call the Admissions Office for more information.

*Tuition fees are subject to change.

Entry requirements

The standard entry requirement for the course is a good honours degree or equivalent.

How to apply

Apply directly to the University. Please contact Admissions for an application form or you may download one at www.londonmet.ac.uk/how-to-apply

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