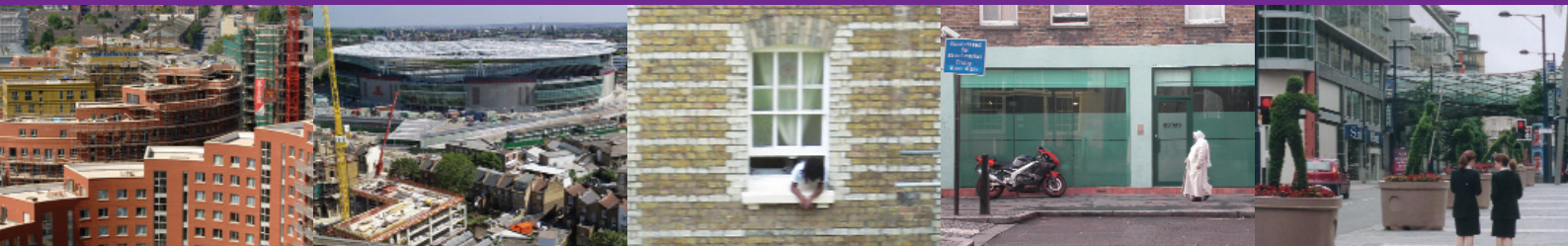


City Regeneration

MA



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

In London there are a large number of major regeneration projects taking place including Thames Gateway, the Olympics developments in the Lower Lea Valley and Stratford, and Kings Cross, Arsenal and Paddington Basin plus a host of other regeneration programmes and agencies across all London boroughs. London Metropolitan University is at the centre of many of these regeneration projects, which will require a large and skilled staff over the coming years.

Whilst regeneration and sustainable communities are high on the policy agenda, there is increasing concern that the skills are not in place to deliver them. To quote Chris Murray, the Interim Chief Executive of the new national Academy for Sustainable Communities (ASC);

"The biggest single barrier to the implementation of the Sustainable Communities Plan is the lack of skills to deliver it." (Murray, 2005).

London Metropolitan University has an extensive range of skills in regeneration and has developed this MA to meet the needs of graduates who are working in the sector and want to develop their skills and understanding, and for those who want to move into regeneration, and may have experience in the public, private or voluntary sector. The course offers a combination of modules, enabling participants to explore theory, policy and practice, and is based on real case studies from London, other UK cities and across the world. The MA brings together theory, policy, community development and research with a series of options on areas such as housing, health and creative and cultural regeneration.

The aims of MA City Regeneration are:

- To provide you with a thorough knowledge of the changes taking place in the social, economic and physical structure of cities
- To allow you to critically reflect on theoretical understandings of the dynamics of change of cities

- To equip you with acknowledge of the regeneration policy responses to the changes taking place in cities
- To enable you to critically appraise regeneration policy
- To enable you to gain the skills appropriate to working in partnerships and with different communities in regeneration projects
- To equip you with a range of generic skills to work on developing regeneration projects
- To enable you to develop and undertake your own research study including planning, carrying out, writing up and disseminating the results of research

Duration and attendance

Full-time: 1 year, daytime and evening

Part-time: 2 years, day/evening

Dates/timetable

Autumn semester: September – January

Spring semester: February – June

Course structure

The MA course comprises six taught modules plus a dissertation of 15,000 words.

Full-time students will follow three core taught modules in the autumn term followed by a fourth core module and a choice of two options in the spring as well as the dissertation.

Part-time students will normally follow the course over two years. In Year One you follow three core taught modules and one option. Year two consists of a final taught module and a further option plus the dissertation.

Part-time

Year 1

Autumn semester

Core modules	Optional modules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City Theory ■ Community Development 	No Autumn options

Spring semester

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regeneration and Economic Development Policy 	Max 1 of modules listed in Spring Options for Year 2 below
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**Part-time
Year 2**

Autumn semester

Core modules	Optional modules
■ Research Methods for Regeneration	No Autumn options

Spring semester

No further core modules	Total 2 of options (including option taken in Year 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Creative and Cultural Regeneration■ Health in the City■ Housing and Regeneration■ Project Management■ Social Structures and Policy■ Sustainable Communities■ Urban Patterns and Spatial Analysis
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Core modules

- **City Theory** – traces the ways in which complex cities have been portrayed by a variety of social and urban theorists. Different standpoints are debated and their relevance to rapidly changing cities in different parts of the world examined. It explores how theoretical debate informs our understandings of urban life, influences urban politics and directs policy development.
- **Community Development** – you will be equipped with a strategic and theoretical underpinning and enhance their practice skills.
- **Regeneration and Economic Development Policy** – introduces you to contemporary city regeneration and economic development thinking and policy.
- **Research Methods for Regeneration** – looks at the concepts which underpin research methodology and at debates about social research and policy. It includes a two-day short course focussed specifically on the skills required in presenting and managing data for regeneration projects.

Optional Modules

- **Creative and Cultural Regeneration** – explores the increased use of culture and creativity in regeneration policy. It provides critical policy analysis and traces the growing international adoption of cultural and creative strategies. Case studies are used to explore the practical problems of devising and implementing cultural and creative regeneration.
- **Health and the City** – you will have the opportunity to focus on health issues, inequalities and policy in London in particular.
- **Housing and Regeneration: Building Houses or Building Communities** – introduces you to the changes which have taken place in the housing sector both market and policy changes, and to contemporary issues concerning sustainable communities and affordable housing.
- **Project Management** – equips people working in public services (statutory, voluntary or private) with a range of tools for designing, developing and managing and monitoring projects.
- **Social Structures and Policies** – introduces perspectives on institutions, agencies and social policies in UK society in the context of global changes. It uses theoretical perspectives from a range of social science disciplines to analyse contemporary social policies.
- **Sustainable Communities** – examines the concepts of sustainable communities and sustainable development with a focus on environmental sustainability and on how development and regeneration can contribute to the creation of sustainable communities using good practice examples and Thames Gateway as case studies.
- **Urban Patterns and Spatial Analysis (GIS)** – introduces you to the social geography of cities and to the main sources of social data and their management for use with Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

IT training

IT training is provided in the Research Methods for regeneration core module while the optional module Urban Patterns and Spatial Analysis provides skills training in Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

Teaching and learning

This course is delivered through a variety of means. Most modules will include weekly lectures, presentations and small group workshops. Many modules will incorporate site visits, visiting practitioner speakers and extensive use of case studies.

Assessment

This will include a range of methods including written reports and essays, project development and examinations. A 15,000 word dissertation will also be required.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the course are expected to be able to develop careers in public, private or community sector organisations concerned with the delivery, development, or strategic planning of regeneration initiatives.

Fees

See our website, www.londonmet.ac.uk/tuition-fees or call the Admissions Office (see Further Information below).

Entry requirements

The minimum entry requirement will normally be a lower second class Honours degree. Degrees obtained overseas and in any discipline will also be considered. Applicants will need the study and communication skills necessary for postgraduate study and places may be offered subject to satisfactory completion of a preparatory course. Refugee students should contact Andrew Clarke, Teaching and Learning Coordinator at the Refugee Assessment and Guidance Unit (RAGU) on 020 7133 2344. Applicants for whom English is not their first language must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in both written and spoken English. The minimum requirement is:

- IELTS 6 or above
- TOEFL (old examination) 580 minimum
- TOEFL (new examination) 237 minimum

Accommodation

The University provides guaranteed hall accommodation if you live more than 25 miles away and accept a place by the August deadline for courses starting in September. The University Accommodation Service also provides help finding privately rented accommodation. See www.londonmet.ac.uk/accommodation

How to apply

Contact the Admissions Office for an application form or you may download one from: www.londonmet.ac.uk/how-to-apply

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Additional information

For any further information on the MA, the short course programme or any other aspect of regeneration learning please contact Jane Lewis or Alice Bigelow – Principal Lecturers in Urban Regeneration on 020 7133 5138 or email: j.lewis@londonmet.ac.uk, a.bigelow@londonmet.ac.uk

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