

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The Postgraduate Diploma in Planning and Sustainable Development is a full-time taught programme running for two semesters from the date of first registration.

Transfer to the MPlan

Students who pass all modules with an aggregate score of 50% (i.e. 600 out of 1200 marks) may opt not to be conferred with the Postgraduate Diploma and may transfer their registration to the Second Year of the MPlan (Masters in Planning and Sustainable Development) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mplpsd/>) (MPlan2) in the following academic year (full-time). Such students must inform the Student Records and Examinations Office (exams@ucc.ie) that they will not be conferred with the Postgraduate Diploma and opt instead to progress to Second Year of the Masters in Planning and Sustainable Development (M.Plan2) in the following academic year (full-time).

Exit Award from the MPlan (Masters in Planning and Sustainable Development)

Candidates on the MPlan (Masters in Planning and Sustainable Development) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mplpsd/>) who pass Year 1 modules to a value of 60 credits may opt to exit the programme and be conferred with the Postgraduate Diploma in Planning and Sustainable Development.

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Students take 60 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
PD6105	Housing, Social Change and Community Needs	5
PD6106	Infrastructure and Transport in Land Use Planning	5
PD6110	Foundations in Planning and Sustainable Development	5
PD6111	Contemporary Concepts in Planning Theory	5
PD6112	Drawing, Communication and Observation Skills	5
PD6113	Information and Engagement Skills in Planning	5
PD6114	Planning Processes, Administration and Participation	5
PD6116	Urban and Metropolitan Spatial Planning	5
PD6117	Regional, National and Transnational Planning	5
PD6118	Principles of Urban Design and Place-making	5
PD6205	Planning and Management of Natural Resources	5
LW6101	Introduction to Planning Law	5
Total Credits		60

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Planning and Sustainable Development, (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate effective and informed analysis and communication of issues in planning and sustainable development;
- Communicate an informed appreciation of the values, social obligations and environmental considerations which govern the practice of planning in contemporary times throughout the world;
- Identify the main principles that govern the spatial coherence, quality and design of contemporary cities, towns, regions and neighbourhoods throughout the world;
- Describe the key legal, economic, global development and political contexts and principles within which planning operates;
- Show an appreciation of how stakeholders and communities engage in contemporary planning in different places;
- Demonstrate a critical capacity for working with others to address spatial planning challenges at various scales;
- Explain the relationship between key principles, debates and techniques of sustainable development as they relate to spatial planning and development.