ABPL30019 Sustainability Policy and Planning

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2011.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 36 hours: 1x 2 hours of lectures per week; 1 x1 hour of tutorial per week Total Time Commitment: 120 hours
Prerequisites:	Successful completion of <u>ABPL20026 (705-228) Australian Urban Planning</u> (// view/2008/705-228) or the approval of the subject coordinator.
Corequisites:	None specified
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None specified
Non Allowed Subjects:	None specified
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	Sustainability is an ever more important component of policy in an increasingly global and complex world. This subject explores what sustainability means for planning 21 st century cities. How can global, national, state and local policies shape the sustainability of cities? What will it take to achieve the sustainable city? How will we know if sustainability has been achieved? The subject firstly provides critical analysis of the concept of sustainability, its many definitions
	and interpretations. The concept is explored in terms of its historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic implications and the interrelationship between these. Possibilities for sustainability will be investigated through an analysis of the management of physical environments with a focus on water management. Policy case studies will be presented and international examples are used as lessons for, and comparisons to, Australia.
Objectives:	 # critically evaluate the achievement of sustainability in cities, in particular the sustainable management of water resources; # critically evaluate conventional and alternative water management approaches in relation to their ability to achieve sustainable management; # identify elements of built form which do, and do not, contribute to the sustainable management of natural resources; # demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between urban form, community attitudes to natural processes, resource management and policy promoting sustainability; # analyse and evaluate government policy and propose innovative institutional solutions.
Assessment:	Short essay 1500 words (20%); A field trip report of 2500 words (45%); Group poster and presentation (20%); Class attendance and participation (15%).
Prescribed Texts:	None specified
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.

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