

## 831-AA Postgraduate Diploma in Urban Design

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2009
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>	
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<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>The graduate courses in urban design at the University of Melbourne help develop professionals who are capable of seeing the city from multiple viewpoints and who relish working with interdisciplinary teams. The Postgraduate Diploma equips students with the skills necessary to undertake design research and to learn about urban history, theory and communications. Successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma can lead to admission to the Master of Urban Design, a studio based course in which students gain expert knowledge, enabling them to forge a career in urban design or a related field.</p> <p>The strengths of both these courses are the people involved and the atmosphere they create. People who make urban design at the University of Melbourne what it is are the staff and students. Our core group of staff brings together experience and active involvement in current urban design research, design research and education. A broader teaching team with expertise in landscape architecture and urban planning adds diversity and richness. Urban design students contribute their own experiences, energy, new themes and aspirations and add to a multicultural complexity that make our courses special.</p> <p>Our urban design courses encourage interaction and an appreciation of creativity and difference which creates an atmosphere of collegiality and common endeavour.</p> <p><b>Course specialities</b></p> <p>The key quality of the urban design programs, and particularly the Master of Urban Design, are their combined strength of urban design theory and three design studios. Studio projects are always approached as design-research exercises, where innovation and discovery represent a major part of the educational experience. Studios emphasise the importance of place and fieldwork represents a significant component of studio work. Professional and wider community involvement is a regular part of the Master of Urban Design studio experience.</p>
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>The course aims to develop skills in urban design-related topics and to fill in gaps in student's knowledge and skill-base, such as design or theory, to enable them to enter the Master of Urban Design if they wish.</p> <p>The course aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># provide a postgraduate level education in urban design which meets the fundamental market expectations in urban design practice;</li> <li># provide students with skills in urban design and related areas;</li> <li># serve an integrating role between the disciplines of the Faculty, building cross-disciplinary strength and teaching efficiency; and</li> <li># lead to further academic studies.</li> </ul>
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>Students must complete 100 points of study, of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># a <b>25 points graduate level studio design</b> subject chosen from the Melbourne School of Design; and</li> <li># <b>75 points</b> must be chosen from graduate level subjects.</li> </ul>

Note: after completion of 50 points of study (including a 25 points studio design subject), exceptionally successful students may be permitted to transfer into the Master of Urban Design course at the discretion of the Course Coordinator.

### Course Stream Subjects

Students in the Postgraduate Diploma of Urban Design will be required to select subjects, in consultation with the a course advisor, from the offerings available in the Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning postgraduate programs. Students should select subjects from outside of their current field of practice, for example, architects should choose subjects from the Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning areas whilst planners should choose subjects from Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

Details on the programs may be viewed at the following course handbook descriptions:

- # Master of Architecture
- # Master of Landscape Architecture
- # Master of Urban Planning

A selection of suitable subjects are listed below.

### Subject Options:

Students select appropriate subjects offered by the **Melbourne School of Design** in consultation with the course coordinator. A selection of appropriate subjects are listed below.

For a complete listing of subjects offered by the Melbourne School of Design please visit: <http://www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/environments-and-design-students/msd-graduate-school-elective.html> (<http://www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/environments-and-design-students/msd-graduate-school-elective.html>)

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
705-835 Advanced Urban Planning & Design (PG)	Not offered 2009	12.500
705-815 Contemp'ry Theory & Aust Landscape (PG)	Semester 1	12.500
705-637 Healthy Communities	Semester 2	12.500
702-883 Environmental Design (PG)	Semester 1	12.500
702-650 Political Economy of Design (Masters)	Semester 1	12.500
705-658 Planning Theory & Governance (Masters)	Semester 1	12.500
102-511 Imaging Australian Spaces	Semester 2	12.500
702-606 Master of Architecture Studio C	Semester 1, Semester 2	25.000
702-607 Master of Architecture Studio D	Semester 1, Semester 2	25.000
702-506 Master of Architecture Studio E	Semester 1, Semester 2	25.000

### Entry Requirements:

The Postgraduate Diploma is available to applicants who have a minimum three-year undergraduate degree in the same or a closely related discipline.

**For all course enquiries and details on application closing dates please visit:**

<http://www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/graduate-school/urban-design.html> (<http://www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/graduate-school/urban-design.html>)

### Core Participation Requirements:

<p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this

subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: <http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability>