

Short Form Unit Details

Unit Title	Evolution and Scope of Town Planning
Level	1
Reference No. (showing level)	LTP 1.157
Credit Value	15 CAT points
Student Study Hours	Contact hours: 39 Student managed learning hours: 111
Pre-requisite learning	None
Co-requisites	None
Excluded combinations	None
Unit co-ordinator	Ruth Richards
Faculty/Department	Arts and Human Sciences / Urban, Environment and Leisure Studies
Short Description	This unit provides a basic introduction to the history, evolution and current scope of the UK planning system, with a focus on England. It covers the underlying rationale for having a planning system and the range of powers and policies. Also, how the planning system interacts with the use and development of land and property. It will be of interest and relevance to students on a wide range of degree and diploma courses.
Aims	This unit aims to provide a wide ranging and stimulating introduction to the development of town planning and current issues and how these relate to theory and practice. It aims to show the historical and contemporary importance of the subject in relation social, economic and political issues.
Learning Outcomes	<p>Knowledge and Understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding of the origins and rationale for the development of town and country planning in Britain, its spirit and purpose • awareness of how the planning system is structured and works and the actors and agencies involved • understand the impact planning can have on the major land uses and property development. <p>Intellectual Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an ability to engage in critical analysis of historic and contemporary planning policy, both in written and oral form. <p>Practical Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ability to communicate understanding in both oral and written form <p>Transferable Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • essay writing • seminar preparation/participation • group discussion • oral presentations using the OHP / Powerpoint Presentation • referencing • exam technique
Employability	<p>This unit prepares students for employability by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing an introduction to the operation of the planning control system, the underpinning theories and current powers and practice • developing an understanding of the role of planning in society • providing an awareness and understanding of the range of issues

	and activities in professional practice.
Teaching and learning pattern	Each week students will receive a lecture followed by a seminar. You are expected to contribute to the discussions in the seminars. Other teaching tools such as videos, and workshops, will be used when appropriate.
Indicative content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical review of land policy and planning in the UK. For example, 19th century urban problems, private and public sector solutions, the garden city movement, new towns, the treatment of compensation and betterment from the 1947 Town & Country Planning Act, the role of central and local government and agencies in land policy. • The nature and aims of town and country planning, the planning system today. Systems of control over the use and development of land, the development plan and development control. Planning appeals, enforcement and the range of special controls e.g. green belts. • The politics of planning; local government decision making; local regional and national relationships; public participation and the role of interest groups. • Introduction to planning concerns via current planning issues, (to be selected from topical events and situations); the issues and implications; the role of various agencies and the scope for action by the planner. <p>An exploration of the development of policy and practice in relation to each of these topic areas linked to seminars and field study</p>
Assessment <i>Elements & weightings</i>	<p>Individual Coursework Essay (2000 words) 50%</p> <p>Examination (2 hours) 50%</p>
Indicative Sources <i>(Reading lists)</i>	<p>Cullingworth JB & Nadin V 2006 <i>Town & Country Planning in Britain (14th edition)</i>. Routledge: London</p> <p>Howard E 1898 <i>Garden Cities of Tomorrow</i>. Attic Books: Eastbourne</p> <p>Greed C 2004 <i>Introducing Planning</i>, Continuum Publishing</p> <p>The CLG web site is an excellent source of planning information of all kinds: find it at http://www.communities.gov.uk/</p>