



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Professional Development and Practice		
Module Code	UBGL34-15-1	Level	Level 4
For implementation from	2019-20		
UWE Credit Rating	15	ECTS Credit Rating	7.5
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology	Field	Geography and Environmental Management
Department	FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Management		
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Educational Aims: This module is designed to enhance student understanding about planning as an academic discipline and as an area of professional activity. It also introduces students to the value of professional development and career planning</p> <p>Outline Syllabus: The first part of the module considers the origins of the planning profession and how it is practised today, both across the UK and the wider world. It provides insight into what planners do, the range of organisations they are employed by, and the type of work they are typically engaged with. The module unpacks the sectors and specialisms that planners can work within, and considers the type of skills, knowledge and behaviours that planners are expected to have. Sessions will also highlight some of the challenges and pressures that planners are likely to encounter through their work. These pressures might be quite generic in nature, such as those relating to project or time management, or be more specific, such as those relating to confidentiality, professional ethics and customer and client management. The module will also allow students to consider the type of change that is likely to pervade the profession in the future, such as the transitions arising from the application of new technology. The module will re-introduce the professional and subject bodies that support, promote and accredit the profession, and will outline the steps that need to be taken for becoming a professional, chartered planner. Students will develop an understanding of the current composition of the profession and recognise the ongoing attempts to extend and diversify. Finally, this part of the module will consider how planning is practised internationally, with a selection of case studies being included</p>

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to show the nature of the planning profession in a selection of countries.

The second part of the module will focus on planning as an academic discipline and the contribution it makes, in a multidisciplinary sense, to the management of our built and natural environments. Students will be introduced to the role of universities and other research centres as the generators and disseminators of knowledge. The module will support the development of key library skills by helping to identify the sources through which research, knowledge and opinion is advanced, and provide appropriate frameworks through which publications can be reviewed and critiqued. As part of this, exposure will be given to some of the most noteworthy scholars and texts that have supported the profession to date.

Teaching and Learning Methods: The module will be delivered via a workshop-based approach to learning, supported by a suite of online resources.

Part 3: Assessment

The module is assessed by two components. Component A requires the production of a 10-minute video presentation. Component B requires the progressive development of an online portfolio. Both components are weighted at 50%.

The video presentation requires students to prepare a resource capable of promoting, and adding identity, to planning as an academic discipline and as an area of professional activity. By drawing from scheduled workshops and personal research, students will need to reflect on the evolution of both and consider the prospects for the future. They will also need to consider the knowledge, skills and behaviours that practising planners are expected to have, the type of jobs they undertake, and the kind of legal, social, ethical and professional issues that they are likely to encounter through their work. While students will be encouraged to review and critique similar resources, module sessions will provide support with respect to identifying best-practice concerning both visual and verbal communication. In-class guidance, together with relevant online resources, will be used to offer appropriate support to students as they progress the task.

The online portfolio is intended to support an individual student's academic and professional development. By synchronising with a series of online resources, students will need to complete a series of exercises split across two integrated elements. Both elements will need to be presented and submitted via the portfolio. The first element requires students to complete a Library Research Exercise (Element B1) that builds upon the Library's Online Workbook. This resource provides guidance with respect to searching for information, reading and notetaking, academic writing and referencing.

The second element (Element B2) develops an understanding of professional development and reflection. Exercises will require students to reflect on the knowledge, skills, behaviours that they personally possess. Students will be asked to research and identify a personal professional goal relating to a specific job, or employment sector, of interest. Exercises will require the student to unpack the requirements and expectations surrounding the goal and develop a strategy for how they can be successful in securing it. To support this part of the portfolio, sessions will provide students with insight about application processes and allow them to practise writing covering letters and curriculum vitae (and their equivalents). Although students will need to prepare their portfolio individually, they will be expected to collaborate with students, staff and relevant professional services within the university.

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Presentation - Component A		50 %	Video presentation (10 mins)
Online Assignment - Component B		25 %	Online Portfolio: Library Research Skills (1,500 words)
Online Assignment - Component B	✓	25 %	Online Portfolio: Professional Development (1,500 words)
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Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods																	
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Reading List	<p>The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:</p> <p>https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/56B05218-61AE-1357-E77D-3A4E270B5256.html</p>																

Part 5: Contributes Towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Urban Planning Practice {Apprenticeship} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][2yrs] CertHE 2019-20