



University of the
West of England

ACADEMIC SERVICES

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data	
Awarding Institution	UWE
Teaching Institution	UWE
Delivery Location	UWE, Frenchay
Faculty responsible for programme	Environment and Technology
Department responsible for programme	Planning and Architecture
Modular Scheme Title	Environment and Technology
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links <i>Name of PSRB</i> <i>Type of approval</i> Dates	None
Highest Award Title	BSc (Hons) Built Environment Studies
Default Award Title	None
Interim Award Titles	BSc Built Environment Studies Dip HE Built Environment Studies Cert HE Built Environment Studies
UWE Progression Route	
Mode(s) of Delivery	Full-time, Sandwich, Part-time
Codes	UCAS: no UCAS entry not recruiting externally JACS: ISIS2:K29B HESA: K29B (SW) K29B13 (FT/PT) K29B33 (BR))
Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Statements	Planning and Architecture
CAP Approval Date	14 th November 2012
Valid From	September 2012
Valid until Date	September 2018
Version	1

Part 2: Educational Aims of the Programme

This programme is designed for students who are unable to complete their original programme of study, due to failure in one or more core modules. It is intended to provide a flexible opportunity for students to continue to study to degree level in their broad discipline area. Students may not enroll directly onto this programme.

The following general aims apply:

- To equip students with a range of skills and knowledge that will enable them to embark on graduate careers or further study in higher education.
- To foster in students the interest and ability to become independent lifelong learners, able to reflect critically both on their practice and that of others.

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme


The award route provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, qualities, skills and other attributes in the following areas:

Learning Outcomes	Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategies
A Knowledge and Understanding	
<p>A Knowledge and understanding of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The history of urban planning and architecture. • The purpose of urban planning and the contribution of architecture and technology to creating more sustainable built environments • Key topics in the field of planning, technology, engineering and architecture, including: sustainability, design, plan making, infrastructure, renewable energy, climate change and environment. • Methods, techniques, and concepts in built environment subjects. • Professional and ethical issues in the built environment field. 	<p>Teaching/learning methods and strategies:</p> <p>Teaching and learning methods are specified in the relevant module specifications and are consistent with faculty practice in other programmes.</p> <p>Throughout, the learner is encouraged to undertake independent study both to supplement and consolidate what is being taught/learnt and to broaden their individual knowledge and understanding of the subject</p> <p>Assessment: A variety of assessment methods will be used. Particular range of assessment methods will depend on module choice.</p>
B Intellectual Skills	
<p>B Intellectual Skills</p> <p>By the end of the programme the student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze and synthesize issues, 	<p>Teaching/learning methods and strategies:</p> <p>Intellectual skills are developed in accordance with the module specifications</p>

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<p>information, and perspectives relating to different scenarios in <i>their chosen discipline area</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach problem solving creatively effectively and dynamically. • Critically appraise and evaluate alternative ideas and solutions. 	<p>Assessment: A variety of assessment methods will be used. Particular range of assessment methods will depend on module choice.</p>
C Subject, Professional and Practical Skills	
<p>C Subject, Professional and Practical Skills By the end of the programme students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select and use appropriate methods and techniques to analyse, plan, design, develop and deliver sustainable developments, places and buildings. • Appraise the environmental and social consequences of decisions and designs • Employ a variety of creative, technical methods of presenting and interpreting information. • Understand and comply with relevant legislation and professional standards pertaining to practice in the fields of architecture and planning. 	<p>Teaching/learning methods and strategies: A wide range of teaching methods will be used to teach subject, professional and practical skills. These could include, lectures tutorials, laboratory sessions, field trips, work based learning. Individual approaches will be specified in the module specifications</p> <p>Assessment: A variety of assessment methods will be used. Particular assessment methods will depend on module choice.</p>
D Transferable Skills and other attributes	
<p>D Transferable Skills and other attributes By the end of the programme the students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, using a wide range of media • Work independently and as part of a team. • Demonstrate the ability to plan, manage and complete a range of tasks to meet deadlines. • Read and make appropriate use of academic and professional literature • Use appropriate information and communication technologies to advance their understanding and command of the discipline area 	<p>Teaching/learning methods and strategies: Transferable skills will be embedded in all modules and will be acquired through a wide range of teaching methods, specifics dependant on module choice.</p> <p>Assessment: A variety of assessment methods will be used. Particular assessment methods will depend on module choice.</p>

Part 4: Programme Structure

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a full time student.

<p>ENTRY</p> 	<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Compulsory Modules There are no compulsory modules at this stage of the award</p>	<p>Optional Modules Students must take 120 credits at level 1 and can choose any module from the following programmes, subject to any prerequisites that may apply. BSc Urban Planning BA Architecture & Planning BEng Architecture & Environmental Engineering BSc Architecture, Technology & Design BA Interior Architecture BSc Architecture</p>	<p>Interim Awards Cert HE Built Environment Studies 120 credits, of which not less than 100 are at Level 1 or above</p>
	<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Compulsory Modules There are no compulsory modules at this stage of the award</p>	<p>Optional Modules Students must take 120 credits at level 2 and can choose any module from the following programmes, subject to any prerequisites that may apply. BSc Urban Planning BA Architecture & Planning BEng Architecture & Environmental Engineering BSc Architecture, Technology & Design BA Interior Architecture BSc Architecture</p>	<p>Interim Awards Dip HE Built Environment Studies 240 credits, of which not less than 100 are at Level 2 or above and a further 120 are at Level 1 or above.</p>

Year 3	<p>Compulsory Modules There are no compulsory modules at this stage of the award</p>	<p>Optional Modules Students must take 120 credits at level 3 and can choose any module from the following programmes, subject to any prerequisites that may apply. BSc Urban Planning BA Architecture & Planning BEng Architecture & Environmental Engineering BSc Architecture, Technology & Design BA Interior Architecture BSc Architecture</p>	<p>Interim Awards</p> <p>BSc Built Environment Studies</p> <p>300 credits with at least 60 credits at level 3, plus a further 100 credits at level 2 or above and a further 120 credits at level 1 or above.</p> <p>Highest Award</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Built Environment Studies</p> <p>360 credits, of which at least 100 must be at Level 3 or above, at least a further 100 at Level 2 or above and a further 140 at Level 1 or above.</p>
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GRADUATION

Students may follow the programme in part-time mode but selection of modules will be subject to both timetable and prerequisite constraints and a student journey cannot be predicted for students on this highly flexible programme.

Part 5: Entry Requirements

The University's Standard Entry Requirements apply with the following additions/exceptions*:

Registration on this award is not permitted without prior registration on a programme of study within the Department of Planning & Architecture.

Part 6: Assessment

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures

Assessment Map

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An assessment map cannot be completed, as the diet of assessment is dependent on module choice.

Part 7: Student Learning

Teaching, learning and assessment strategies to enable learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated

At UWE, Bristol there is a policy for a minimum average requirement of 12 hours/week contact time over the course of the full undergraduate programme. This contact time encompasses a range of face-to-face activities as described below. In addition a range of other learning activities will be embedded within the programme which, together with the contact time, will enable learning outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated.

On the BSc (Hons) Built Environment Studies programme, teaching is a mix of scheduled, independent and placement learning.

Scheduled learning includes lectures, tutorials, supervised lab classes, project supervision, demonstrations / presentations, external visits. The number and range of each type of scheduled session varies depending on the module choices made.

Independent learning includes hours engaged undertaking: practical work, essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. These sessions constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices made.

Placement learning: may include an industrial placement, or year abroad.

Description of Distinctive Features and Support

This programme is designed to enable students who cannot continue on their original programme of study to transfer all accumulated relevant credit. Such students will be able to transfer all relevant credit to this new programme, and, as far as is possible, the students, guided by the programme leader, will have the opportunity to choose a coherent set of modules that will allow them to progress at each level in relation to their knowledge and understanding, cognitive, subject specific and study skills.

Module pre-requisites may limit the choices that are open to students. This programme aligns with the Faculty's teaching and learning strategy which in turn is aligned with the University's vision mission and strategy, and is designed in accordance with the principles of INSPIRE. The programme supports the faculty's aim to provide a high quality undergraduate experience by ensuring the curricula is dynamic, responsive, contemporary and relevant.

Students studying this programme will be supported in their module choice by programme leaders whose aim is to ensure that all graduates undertake a coherent, programme of study that is relevant to their individual academic interests and aspirations. Students will meet with their academic personal tutor individually at least three times each year to discuss their progress.

Part 8: Reference Points and Benchmarks

Description of **how** the following reference points and benchmarks have been used in the design of the programme:

QAA subject benchmark statements have been used to draw up the curriculum content and teaching methods drawing on the following QAA subject benchmark statements:

- QAA Architecture benchmark statement QAA361 09/10
- QAA Art & Design benchmark statement 2008.
- QAA Town and Country Planning benchmark statement 04/2008
- QAA Engineering benchmark statement 09/2010

We also have drawn on:

- UWE Employability Strategy
- QAA code of practice: section 8 Career Education, information, advice and guidance
- UWE Widening Participation Strategy
- UWE Sustainability Strategy
- UWE Teaching and Learning Strategy

University strategies and policies:

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Research

Teaching is informed by the research specialisms of the Department: Healthy Cities, Transport, Sustainable Development and Architecture.

Employer interaction and feedback

There is close close collaboration with local companies, local government, government agencies, community and third sector organisations. Theses liaisons influence the curriculum and also provide professional support, placement opportunities and quest speakers which are made available to students on this general programme.

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of individual modules can be found in module specifications, available on the University's website.