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| MA Urban Design  ORIENTATION TIMETABLE | | |
| Hello and welcome to the University of Westminster,  The new academic year is fast approaching and preparations are already underway for another successful year of our MA Urban Design. We look forward to meeting you in September for a series of orientation events at which we will introduce the course and the facilities offered by the department. In the first weeks of term, we will also provide you with a more detail description of the options available and you will have the opportunity to select the route that best suits your interests and aspirations.  This will begin with an initial meeting on **Thursday 19 September 2019,** at which time you will be introduced to various aspects of the programme and the wider facilities within the School of Architecture and Cities (see Programme enclosed). We will also provide detailed information about teaching and timetable, as well as initial guidance on using the library, computers and other facilities. This will also be an opportunity to meet the staff who will be guiding you through your studies. The induction includes information vital to your studies and enrolment, so it is very important that you attend. To round off the day, you will have the opportunity to see the exhibition of graduating MA students work, with refreshments provided. This is a first chance for you to acquaint yourselves with our postgraduate environment and to meet staff and students from other MA courses within the School.  All introductory events and course activities will take place at our Marylebone site, 35 Marylebone Road. For further details and directions, please see the University website: [http://www.westminster.ac.uk/about-us/visit-us/directions/marylebone](http://www.westminster.ac.uk/about-us/visit-us/directions/marylebone )   For the benefit of European and international students there is an optional free Pre-arrival week Welcome Programme to be held the week before induction week starting on the 9th September 2019.  For details please visit: [http://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/advice-and-visas/when-you-arrive/welcome-and-orientation/welcome-programme](http://www.westminster.ac.uk/international/advice-and-visas/when-you-arrive/welcome-and-orientation/welcome-programme )   For those of you who are new to London, you may be interested in ‘London Open House’ weekend on 21 and 22 September 2019 (see <http://www.londonopenhouse.org.uk>). You will be able to visit buildings which cover all periods of architecture as well as the finest contemporary work.  Many properties are inaccessible to visitors at any other time so it is an ideal chance to explore the best of what the city has to offer if you are in London at that time. We will also organise an optional walking tour of Marylebone and the City of London on **Friday 20th of September**.  We look forward to meeting you in September, and I wish you an enjoyable summer and every success with your studies at the University of Westminster.  Bill Erickson  Course Leader. | | |
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| **READING LIST**  As part of the course, you will be expected to undertake general reading and background research to support your studies. However many textbooks are written around specific issues and are best approached in an integrated way as part of your study so knowledge can be applied in your project work. For this reason we do recommend specific preparatory reading. However, the course will assume a level of background knowledge. You are likely to have done some reading on the topic in the past perhaps out of interest or else as part of a previous degree.  Much of the critical thinking on urban design originates in key texts form the 1960’s in particular Gordon Cullen, Kevin Lynch, and Jane Jacobs. It is expected that you will be familiar with their work if not you are advised to look at it. Useful starting points:  Kevin lynch *The Image of the City*  Gordon Cullen *The Concise Townscape*  Jane Jacobs *The Death And Life Of Great American Cities*    If you are joining us from a non-European country you are might find it useful to read a general urban social history to understand the evolution of the European city such as;  Mark Girouard *Cities and People, A Social and architectural history*  Richard Sennett, *Flesh and stone the body and the city in Western civilization*  Spiro Kostof *The City Shaped*  Lewis Mumford *The City in History*.  Or if you would like to understand London better:  Peter Ackroyd *London the biography*    Alternately you may like to consider the substance of urban design and approach some of the current issues, such as public space, sustainability or the future of the city.  Jan Gehl *Life between buildings: using public space*  Richard Rogers *Cities for a small planet*  If you are considering buying general text book o help you on the course and undertake you project work we recommend the following:  Greed, C & Roberts, M (2001), *Approaching Urban Design: Interventions and Responses:* Longman, Harlow  Carmona,M.;Heath, T.;Oc,T. & Tiesdell,S. (2003) *Public Places – Urban Spaces: The dimensions of urban design,* Architectural Press, Oxford | | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION **Field trip timing and Visas.**  We will be offering a 5 day filed trip as part of the course of Study.  This year we will be going to Montpellier in France.  Exact dates are not set but is likely to be around **8-11 Nov [provisional dates only]** This trio is run over a week end and involves additional time off work for part time students.  This trip will be to France and unless you hold an EU or UK passport you may need a visa. **Please check you will need to arrange a SCHENGEN VISA for the trip.** If need be we can provide additional information once you are enrolled if needed however the university does not arrange the visa.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  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Standard Diet of Modules**  This is the normal pattern of modules students take but may differ in special circumstances. | | | | | | | | | | **Full time** |  |  |  | |  | | | | **MA Urban Design** | Programme code PMPLH03F | [ 180 credits ] |  | |  | | | | **PG Dip Urban Design** | Programme code PDPLH03F | [ 120 credits ] |  | |  | | | | Semester 1 |  |  |  | |  | | | | 7PLAN027W | Urbanism and Design |  | MA and Diploma | | Thu am | | | | 7PLAN021W | Urban Design in context |  | MA and Diploma | | Thu pm | | | | 7PLAN024W | Urban Design Field Trip | [ 0 credit ] | MA and Diploma | |  | | | | 7PLAN019W | Sustainable Cities |  | MA and Diploma | | Wed pm | | | | 7PLAN030W | Place and Experience | [10 credits] | MA only | | Wed am | | | | 7PLAN017W | Research Methods | [10 credits] | MA only | | Wed am | | | | Semester 2 |  |  |  | |  | | | | 7PLAN015W | Public Realm OR other option\* |  | MA and Diploma | | Wed am | | | | 7PLAN023W | Development Process |  | MA and Diploma | | Wed pm | | | | 7PLAN008W | Master Planning |  | MA and Diploma | | Thu am | | | | Semester 2 and Summer |  |  |  | |  | | | | 7PLAN002W | Dissertation / Project | [40 credits] | MA only | |  | | | |  |  |  | |  | | |  | | | **Part time –year 1** |  |  |  | | |  | | | **MA Urban Design** | Programme code PMPLH03P | [ 180 credits ] |  | | |  | | | **PG Dip Urban Design** | Programme code PDPLH03P | [ 120 credits ] |  | | |  | | | Semester 1 |  |  |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN027W | Urbanism and Design |  | MA and Diploma | | | Thu am | | | 7PLAN021W | Urban Design in context | [ 0 credit ] | MA and Diploma | | | Thu pm | | | 7PLAN024W | Urban Design Field Trip (can be taken in second year ) | | MA and Diploma | | |  | | | Semester 2 |  |  |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN015W | Public Realm OR other option\* |  | MA and Diploma | | | Wed am | | | 7PLAN023W | Development Process |  | MA and Diploma | | |  | | | **Part time –year 2** |  |  |  | | |  | | | Semester 1 |  |  |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN019W | Sustainable Cities |  | MA and Diploma | | | Wed pm | | | 7PLAN030W | Place and Experience | [10 credits] | MA only | | | Wed am | | | 7PLAN017W | Research Methods | [10 credits] | MA only | | | Wed am | | | Semester 2 |  |  |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN008W | Master Planning |  | MA and Diploma | | | Thu am | | | Semester 2 and summer |  |  |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN002W | Dissertation / Major Project | [40 credits] | MA only | | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Pg Diploma Urban Design. Standard Diet of Modules**  This is the normal pattern of modules students take but may differ in special circumstances.  Some part time students opt to take 3 modules in each of two years | | | | | | | | | | | | **Full time** |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | **MA Urban Design** | Programme code PMPLH03F | | [ 180 credits ] | |  | | |  | | | **PG Dip Urban Design** | Programme code PDPLH03F | | [ 120 credits ] | |  | | |  | | | Semester 1 |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN027W | Urbanism and Design | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Thu am | | | 7PLAN021W | Urban Design in context | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Thu pm | | | 7PLAN024W | Urban Design Field Trip | | [ 0 credit ] | | MA and Diploma | | |  | | | 7PLAN019W | Sustainable Cities | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Wed pm | | | Semester 2 |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN015W | Public Realm OR other option\* | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Wed am | | | 7PLAN023W | Development Process | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Wed pm | | | 7PLAN008W | Master Planning | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Thu am | | |  |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | **Part time –year 1** |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | **MA Urban Design** | Programme code PMPLH03P | | [ 180 credits ] | |  | | |  | | | **PG Dip Urban Design** | Programme code PDPLH03P | | [ 120 credits ] | |  | | |  | | | Semester 1 |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN027W | Urbanism and Design | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Thu am | | | 7PLAN021W | Urban Design in context | | [ 0 credit ] | | MA and Diploma | | | Thu pm | | | 7PLAN024W | Urban Design Field Trip (can be taken in 2nd year ) | | | | MA and Diploma | | |  | | | Semester 2 |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN015W | Public Realm OR other option\* | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Wed am | | | 7PLAN023W | Development Process | |  | | MA and Diploma | | |  | | | **Part time –year 2** |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | Semester 1 |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN019W | Sustainable Cities | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Wed pm | | | Semester 2 |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | 7PLAN008W | Master Planning | |  | | MA and Diploma | | | Thu am | | |  |  | |  | |  | | |  | | | **PgCert in Urban Design. Standard Diet of Modules**  Students on this course attend the same classes as MA students take three modules, this means students attend half a day a week for one semester and one full day for one semester. Many choose to take this over 3 semesters i.e. one module term semester; this take 15 months. | | | | | | | | | | | | PG Cert Urban Design | | Programme code PCPLH03P | | [ 60 credits ] | |  |  | | | First year part time | |  | |  | |  |  | | | Semester 1 | |  | |  | |  |  | | | 7PLAN021W | | Urban Design in context | |  | |  | Thu pm | | | Semester 2 | |  | |  | |  |  | | | 7PLAN015W | | Public Realm - OR other option\* | |  | |  | Wed am | | | 7PLAN023W | | Development Process | |  | |  | Wed pm | |   **\* Option Modules.**  There are a number of option modules that are available to choose in Semester 2. We will give additional information on this once you arrive.  Most Urban Design Students choose 7PLAN015W Public Realm as option. Therefore we advise that you sign up for this module as Option in the first instance and change at a later date if need be. | | | |
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