

ENP103 Planning Theory, Governance and Politics

School: School of Law and Society

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UniSC Sunshine Coast

**BLENDED
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Please go to usc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

You will be introduced to government, politics and governance; the complexity of planning across three levels of government in partnership with NGOs, Business and Indigenous communities. You will consider the role of politics in planning because planners deal with the allocation of resources - a political process. It will be discussed how Planners need to understand the formal authority of governments, along with informal arrangements. Field experience on Fraser Island, a World Heritage Area, will highlight issues associated with successful spatial governance and sustainable development.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – Course content delivered online through learning materials/content in Canvas.	1hr	Week 1	8 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – On campus tutorial	2hrs	Week 1	8 times
Fieldwork – 3 Day off Campus Fieldtrip. Details to be advised by Course Coordinator	18hrs	Week 4	Once Only

1.3. Course Topics

- Spatial governance
- Planning practice in Queensland
- Indigenous worldviews in planning and design
- Planning theory and its purpose
- Ethics in planning

2. What level is this course?

100 Level (Introductory)

Engaging with discipline knowledge and skills at foundational level, broad application of knowledge and skills in familiar contexts and with support. Limited or no prerequisites. Normally, associated with the first full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES		GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...		Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1	Understand the nature of spatial planning at all levels of government in Australia.	Knowledgeable Empowered
2	Reflect on your field trip and practical experience.	Creative and critical thinker Engaged
3	Apply theoretical and practical understanding about spatial planning to undertake a practical exercise.	Empowered Sustainability-focussed

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Reflection and review of all content is encouraged in weekly interactive tutorials, and feedback will be given in class.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Oral and Written Piece	Group	30%	10 minute oral presentation	Week 5	In Class
All	2	Portfolio	Individual	30%	6 to 8 A3 sheets	Week 7	Online Submission
All	3	Quiz/zes	Individual	40%	90 minutes	Week 10	Online Test (Quiz)

All - Assessment Task 1: Fieldtrip workshop

GOAL:	To apply your knowledge and skills in undertaking a practical study of local spatial planning issues during a fieldtrip. The solution requires integrated approaches across levels of government and non-government organisations.		
PRODUCT:	Oral and Written Piece		
FORMAT:	You will work in groups - materials will be provided for the completion of creative work.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Data collection and analysis - Including identification of policies and actors and their roles in K'gari management	1 2
	2	Recommendations - Relevance and clarity of conclusions and recommendations	1 2 3
	3	Quality and depth of notes shared with the class	1 2 3
	4	Quality of class presentation - Relevant and effective photos and illustrations to present key ideas and observations. Presentation should be clear and tell a compelling story.	1 2 3

All - Assessment Task 2: Planning and Place Design Analysis

GOAL:	Reflect individually on your understanding of spatial governance issues in Australia through the analysis of a specific area of K'gari. You will produce an analysis and recommendations for planning and place design improvements.		
PRODUCT:	Portfolio		
FORMAT:	A portfolio constituted of 6 to 8 A3 sheets. All your recommendations should be explained through and supported by images and simple illustrations such as diagrams.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Demonstrate an understanding of the complexity of spatial governance in Australia and its effects on planning	1
	2	Demonstrate ability to critique the existing planning and place arrangements and provide solutions	1 2
	3	Use relevant references (readings and precedents) about spatial planning and governance, and place design, to support and comment on the decisions made and the knowledge applied	1 3
	4	Presentation of final portfolio (including layout and spelling)	1 2 3

All - Assessment Task 3: Examination

GOAL:	To test your understanding of the key concepts and knowledge discussed throughout this course.		
PRODUCT:	Quiz/zes		
FORMAT:	Online test		

CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Ability to identify the difference between levels of governance and the nature of informal and formal plans 1
	2	Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of spatial planning carried out at the Commonwealth, State and regional levels of government in Australia 1
	3	Demonstrate an understand of the roles undertaken by various types of non-government organisations in spatial planning across Australia 1

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

Information regarding prescribed texts or other associated resources will be made available on Canvas

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Risk assessments have been performed for all field activities and a low level of health and safety risk exists. Some risks concerns may include working in an unknown environment as well as slip and trip hazards. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%

The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.
- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.
- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

10.4. SafeUniSC

UniSC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUniSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](tel:0754301168) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](tel:0754563864) or email safe@usc.edu.au.

The SafeUniSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](tel:0754301226) or email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.8. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.9. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.10. General Enquiries

In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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