



Your Programme

MSc Rural Planning and Environmental Management

A programme that brings together rural land use planning and environmental management in both a **12 month full-time** and **24 month part-time** taught postgraduate degree **accredited by both the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)**.

Reasons to Study at Aberdeen:

- Targeted at UK students seeking an education in rural planning and environmental management which leads to dual accreditation from both the RTPI and RICS and opens up many employment opportunities. Although the programme specialises in rural issues, the core learning outcomes enable graduates to work in both the urban and rural environments.
- Full-time mode delivered over an intensive 12 month period.
- Part-time mode is delivered on a one day a week basis over 24 months facilitating attendance by those remaining in employment.
- Programme content developed with input from employers and professional bodies to ensure key skills are delivered.
- Successful completion of the degree will allow students to seek professional employment as town planners or surveyors. There is then a further period of training in employment culminating in an Assessment of Professional Competence. Refer to the following web sites for further details: www.rics.org or www.rtpi.co.uk

Aims

As land comes under increasing pressure and sustainable development part of every day language, rural land use planning and environmental management is developing as a specialism. This degree programme synthesises both topics to provide graduates with a flexible training in both specialist and generic issues which will enable them to work in a wide range of spatial planning contexts.

Entry Requirements

The normal entry requirement for the programme is at least a lower second-class (2:2) Honours degree or equivalent. Mature students who do not meet the normal entry requirement but who have appropriate professional or practical experience may also be considered.

Programme Rationale

The programme delivers key skills and knowledge for planning and surveying professionals in the developing field of environmental management and rural planning resulting in a professionally accredited degree leading to excellent employment opportunities.

The Programme is structured around three semesters:

Semester 1

- Planning Theory and Practice
- Rural Governance and Policy
- Planning, Land and Environmental Law
- Rural Land Use and Valuation
- Land and Environmental Economics

Semester 2

- Design, Development and Regeneration
- Planning Methods and Plan Making
- Research Methods

Semester 3

- Rural and Environmental Practice in Europe (includes and European Field Course)
- Rural Planning and Environmental Management Dissertation

To obtain a Masters degree with accreditation from RICS and RTPI students must pass all taught courses at a prescribed level and successfully complete a dissertation. Students whose performance in the taught elements of the programme is satisfactory, but below the standard required for a Masters degree, may be allowed to complete a Case Study which would lead to the completion of a Postgraduate Diploma accredited by the RICS.

An optional English land law course is included for students who may wish to work in England and Wales.

Teaching and Assessment

Highly qualified and motivated staff, including those with considerable practical experience, teach on the programme. A variety of teaching and assessment methods are used. The programme includes lectures, tutorials, seminars and project work although the balance of teaching methods varies throughout the programme. Courses are assessed through coursework and formal written examinations. There are two diets of examinations: January and May. As you progress greater emphasis is placed on the application of knowledge and skills, project work increases and examinations are fewer. The course can be taken over an intensive 12 month period or for those in employment but wishing to gain an accredited degree, a 24 month part time mode is available requiring students to attend campus 1 day a week.

Careers

On completion our graduates can expect excellent prospects in the planning and surveying professions. Potential employers include local authorities, private surveying and planning consultancies, rural estates, central government and voluntary sector organisations.

Further Information

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