Bachelor of Planning

Ready today for tomorrow
Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
  - Benefit from small class sizes
  - Connect with professional networks
- Support through scholarships for merit and equity
  - Discover great accommodation options

THINK RESILIENCE

JCU Planning has a distinctive focus on strong, sustainable urban design resilient to disasters in a tropical location – a region with 40 per cent of the global population.

DEVELOP A FUTURE FOCUS

Experience urban design and sustainable town planning on multiple levels. JCU students have opportunities to visit regional towns and international design landmarks like the Helix Bridge in Singapore.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

JCU Planning graduates use knowledge developed through project-based learning and internships, because experience has no substitute.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Explore JCU’s range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals.
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Learn about the interrelation between natural and built environment and be ready to lead the way in improving liveability and climate impact for our world’s cities. Benefit from JCU’s unique location and access World Heritage sites, such as the Great Barrier Reef, the Wet Tropics, and rainforests.

Understand the balance between urban development and sustainability or how to advance the lifestyles of marginalised people while protecting delicate eco systems.

Learn to apply lateral, multidisciplinary thinking when designing better cities and urban areas. Overcome various challenges when considering their overall appearance to services and facilities. Create a balance between lifestyle and sustainability to foster and support communities.

COURSE DETAILS:

- **Locations:** Cairns, Townsville
- **Start Dates:** February, July
- **Duration:** 4 years full-time part-time available
- **ATAR:** 53.35
- **Prerequisites:** English

Please visit the handbook for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.
Research that makes a difference

You want to make a difference in the world around you. You can envisage solutions to current problems, and you have a passion to be a part of sustainable solutions for our planet’s future. With a Bachelor of Planning from JCU, you will learn how to make your visions become reality.

Study in the heart of tropical northern Queensland. Experience the relationship and coexistence between World Heritage listed environments and rapidly expanding cities.

Gain practical work experience with State Government, non-government organisations, and private consultancies. Network with industry to graduate with a head start. Opportunities also exist within the degree to experience and apply your knowledge in an international context.

A degree and a job are important, and so is making a difference in the world. Through each subject, learn how to mix experiences from the past with the technologies of the future. Learn how to plan and develop safe, thriving cities that coexist with the surrounding ecosystems.
“Planning involves people, place and the environment both urban and natural. It’s a little bit of everything and that’s why I love it. Studying planning at JCU with a tropical focus puts students in an area of rapid change, incredible social and economic challenge, and innovation. Singapore by far has been the highlight. We spent two weeks in a city that really is a planning hub with three museums dedicated to the subject. The city is diverse in its challenges and solutions to various planning and environmental issues.”

Sarah Gibson
BACHELOR OF PLANNING
Career Opportunities

JCU Planning graduates are qualified for high-demand positions throughout Australia.

Graduates pursue diverse careers, which include developing cities, regions, and urban environments to enhance social, environmental, and economic wellbeing.

Upon graduation, you will be nationally recognised as a planner with the Planning Institute of Australia. Membership enables you to access the relevant skills, emerging knowledge and valuable networks as your career develops.

“The Bachelor of Planning suits many different kinds of students. If you’re more creative and interested in drawing, designing, and software there’s opportunity to do city designing, if you’re really into geographical information systems, map-making and thinking of overlays of planning schemes this could also be for you, or if you’re interested in environmental conservation you can focus on environmental policy in planning.”

Associate Professor Lisa Law
LEXTURER
Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Cairns and Townsville are on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on-campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas, has five different accommodation options housing over 1,200 students. JCU Cairns, Ngumá-bada campus, Smithfield, features an accommodation complex for 300 students. Living on-campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at jcu.edu.au/accommodation