

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Governance in Built and Natural Environments
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	BNV7140

5	Module Overview
<p>This module introduces you to the role of governance within planning and decision making, including legal issues, rights, and stakeholder/participation-related issues. It explores multi-level and multi-scalar decision making that can be both formal and informal, and addresses the skills needed for planners and planning lawyers to facilitate this process. Key environmental issues, such as climate change, sustainable energy and water management are used as examples with which to explore these issues, as are other planning issues such as transport and protective designations.</p> <p>This module therefore helps you to understand how to translate the theories of environmental governance into practical solutions for the way forward.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Module sessions will explore governance theory and practice with a specific focus on governance of the planning system considering policies, decision-making processes (including participatory processes), compliance and enforcement. Furthermore, governance structures and the specific legal context at the various relevant levels (e.g. local, national, international) will be explored in relation to key planning related themes such as climate change, transport, energy and large infrastructure, water and conservation (species, habitats, historical). While largely focusing on the current UK and especially English context, the module will also highlight international dimensions and critically examine recent trends towards devolution and localism.</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
1	Assess how spatial planning operates within the context of institutional and legal frameworks.
2	Identify and use the range of hard (regulatory) and soft (negotiating and communicating skills) mechanisms required to address spatial planning challenges.
3	Assess the changing nature of environmental governance frameworks and their suitability for adaptation and mitigation of environmental change.
4	Identify and defend a valid stance within a planning decision-making process, in a professional and convincing manner.

8 Module Assessment			
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1-4	X		

9 Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	80
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	84
Total Study Hours:	200