

# BECOME A: TOWN PLANNER



## What is a Town Planner?

**A person that helps to create homes, support jobs and protect the environment.**

As a town planner, or spatial planner, you would help to shape the way towns and cities develop; balancing the demands placed on land by housing, business, transport and leisure, with the needs of people and the community. If you are interested in the environment, and you can see different viewpoints and make balanced decisions, this job might suit you well.

As a town or spatial planner, in the public or private sector, you could work in a wide variety of planning areas, for example.

- transport
- urban design
- environmental
- utilities
- regeneration
- heritage and conservation.

Start

## Entry Requirements

University departments of Planning will typically express their offer in terms of the UCAS tariffs, and the offers may vary between departments. It is therefore necessary to check requirements with individual schools.

Many departments of planning consider further education qualifications other than A-levels, and assess mature students on grounds other than formal academic experience.

## GCSE's

Apart from good grades in English and Maths, you won't need to have specific GCSE (or equivalent) subjects. But if you're choosing your options, subjects like Geography, Citizenship, Science or ICT may be useful.

## A-levels

If you're choosing your A levels (or equivalent), the following subjects may be useful: Art and Graphic Design, Business Studies, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, ICT, Psychology, and Politics.

## Undergraduate Degree

**4 Year Full Time Study**  
(Part time options are available)

Studying on an RTPI-accredited undergraduate course at university is the main route to becoming a Chartered Town Planner.

If you think you might be interested in a career in planning but don't want to specialise straight away, undergraduate degrees in the following subjects could help you prepare for it: Economics, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Geography, Law, Politics, or Social Studies.

## Skills:



**'The course was varied and engaging, and I left feeling prepared to commence my career in planning'**

Undergraduate Student

Undergraduate Degree

## Post-graduate Degree

**1 Year Full Time Study**  
(Part time options are available)

A further **one year**, full-time degree,

Students may choose to return to the university where they completed their undergraduate degree or may apply to another university, dependant on the specialisms of the chosen course.

## Masters or other specialist courses:

- MA Town and Regional Planning
- MA Cities and Global Development
- MA Urban Design and Planning

- + Collaborative working to make communities better places to live.
- + A varied job which involves research, design and talking to people from all walks of life.

**'The MA was a valuable experience that provided me with the knowledge and skills to work in planning and the opportunity to apply for jobs across wide range of sectors.'**

Post-graduate Student

Post-graduate Degree

## Salary Guidelines

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Planner  
£18K.

Senior Planner  
£34K.

Chief Planner  
£55-80K.

## Interested?

The Doncaster Civic Trust student bursary scheme encourages Doncaster students to consider the opportunities that exist to study the built and natural environment by offering cash bursaries.

The Doncaster Civic Trust student bursary scheme helps Doncaster students pay their tuition fees by offering cash grants of up to £1000 a year for the duration of their studies in built environment subjects.

For more details and how to apply visit:  
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