Get ready for MSc Urban Planning

Welcome to MSc Urban Planning. We hope you are looking forward to coming to UWE to start the course in September whether for one year full-time or two years part-time. The programme is intensive, but lively and varied, both in terms of teaching delivery and assessment. The below letter provides some background about starting the programme. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Hooman Foroughmand Araabi

Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

You can also explore our support for careers and enterprise**.** UWE Careers & Enterprise provide a range of workshops, appointments and a huge range of online resources to support students in realising their future ambitions. The Careers Toolkit is our online portal to finding vacancies, booking onto events and accessing a range of resources.

Enrolment

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can

find guidance and further information on our Enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive your login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

Engage with your programme

Read around your subject

To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive.

To get started visit the programme's online reading list which gives you some of our recommended open access titles, to be inspired by and to understand the scope of your degree programme.

Connect with others

You may want to take a look at the groups below:

- RTPI (professional body) student membership is free and open to all students on the course. We will distribute forms and further information in induction, but you can find out more on their website now.
- The Town and Country Planning Association - more of a pressure group for planning - are worth investigating further. They also offer good value student membership at £10 per year.
- For following planning news, check these two podcasts: Have I got planning news for you and Room 106.
- There is also a Facebook group for all current undergraduate and postgraduate planning students: Planning@UWE, Bristol | Facebook
- Check out our Centre for Sustainable Planning and Environments blog . It gives a good overview of some of the current research and events going on in the department.

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or

other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

International students

The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the programme, please contact me: **Hooman Foroughmand Araabi** via email at hooman.foroughmandaraabi@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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