

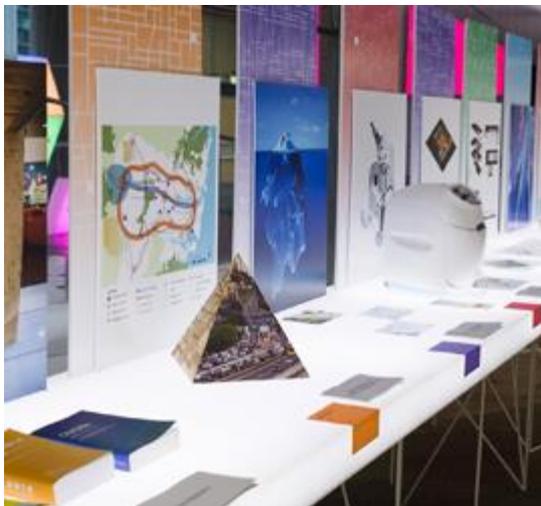


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# Built Environment

PLAN7156  
Housing Policy and Finance



Course Outline – Term 1, 2020

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## 1. COURSE STAFF

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## 2. COURSE DETAILS

<b>Credit Points</b>	6 units of credit (uoc)
<b>Workload</b>	Approx. 150 hours including class contact hours, weekly individual and group online learning activities, readings, class preparation, and assessment activities.
<b>Teaching Times and Location</b>	Find details in timetable <a href="http://www.timetable.unsw.edu.au">http://www.timetable.unsw.edu.au</a>

## Description

The Housing Policy and Finance course will enable students to gain a broad understanding of the operation of Australia's contemporary housing system; the key agencies and their roles; how housing markets function; and the main subsidy, tax policy and regulatory measures that impact on the housing system. Students will become familiar with the key demographic, political, cultural and economic factors shaping housing policy, and with broader perspectives on the policy making process. Framing themes running through the course will include system governance and the distributional consequences of housing systems. With the exception of Indigenous housing, the course remit will be limited to metropolitan Australia. Throughout the course, however, Australian policy frameworks and mechanisms will be considered within an International comparative context. This course will be offered in an intensive mode.

## Aims

The main aim of the course is to provide a grounding in the economic and public policy justifications for government intervention in housing matters within the context of market societies, together with an understanding of the multiple ways that governments can accordingly shape the provision, management, governance and distribution of housing. The intention is to equip students with the analytical tools enabling them to analyse the ways that housing policies are formulated as well as their efficiency and effectiveness. They will also gain an appreciation of the linkages between housing policy and the policy realms of landuse planning, and urban economics. Following themes of financing, management, governance and regulation, the course spans the private/social divide in housing provision.

## Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

At the successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. give a detailed and critical account of the key agencies and financial mechanisms by which housing policy is delivered;
2. explain the key policy drivers underlying housing policy;
3. understand the theory and practice of policymaking in the housing arena;
4. understand and evaluate the various ways in which housing policy is enacted and delivered;
5. understand governance frameworks and managerial practices relating to social, affordable and other multi-unit housing; and
6. understand and evaluate the financing of different forms of housing.

### 3. ASSESSMENT

Assessment task	Weight	CLOs Assessed
1. Essay – Written Assignment (2500 words)	45%	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
2. Essay – Short answer essay	35%	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
3. Presentation – Group work presentation	20%	4, 5, 6

### 4. COURSE IMPROVEMENT AND FEEDBACK

Feedback from students is an integral part of improving courses and teaching approaches. One of the primary mechanisms of feedback is myExperience, which we strongly urge all students to complete at the end of term. Course convenors use the feedback to make ongoing improvements to the course. This is communicated in Moodle in the myFeedback Matters page.