MSc in Sustainable Urban Development

This two-year, part-time Master’s degree provides a rigorous and critical introduction to the policy and practice of sustainable urban development. It is designed for students seeking to combine postgraduate study with their professional lives. It runs in partnership with the Prince’s Foundation and is an accredited course within the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors University Partnership.

Teaching week topics

- Introducing Sustainable Urban Development
- Climate Change and the Built Environment
- Place-Making and Urban Design
- Financing Sustainability
- Sustainable Transport
- Urbanism, Community and City-Building
- Urbanisation in the Global South
- Leadership, Governance and Future Cities

Research dissertation

Students undertake a research dissertation on a topic of their own choosing and in consultation with their tutor and research supervisor. Research skills training is integrated into the course to help students make the most of this opportunity.

It was only through my education in Sustainable Urban Development at the University of Oxford that I came to truly understand the meaning of sustainability and began to question the quality of my input as an architect and contributor to sustainable development.”

Philip Briël, South Africa

The Continuing Education courses are also designed to bring classes together from diverse international perspectives, making the conversation, learning possibilities, and relationships that much more meaningful.”

Megan O’Hara, USA

Completing this degree at Oxford has been a transformative experience for me - it has changed the way I think, and has really added to my value system and my professional capacity and confidence.”

Korim Khwondo, Syria

DPhil in Sustainable Urban Development

The DPhil is a part-time doctoral programme that provides outstanding students with an opportunity to pursue in-depth and rigorous research into the pressing challenges of urban sustainability, and the processes of environmental, economic and social development in urban environments around the world.

DPhil students undertake detailed research in preparation for an academic career or another research-intensive occupation. Students seek to make a substantial impact on future policy-making processes, or to advance their professional career within organisations and institutions operating in the field of sustainable urban development.