

# BLAR13046 *Built Environment 2*

## Term 3 - 2025

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### General Information

#### Overview

In this unit, you will explore the roles and responsibilities of the building design professional in relation to the design and planning of the built environment. In this unit you will: Provide an introduction to the development of both urban and regional Australia in terms of infrastructure provision and built environment outcomes; Develop an understanding of how the application of social innovation in the decision-making process can positively affect outcomes for both urban and regional environments; Provide background to the need for triple bottom line decision making in the planning and design process; Develop an understanding of the impact of how current trends can reduce the environmental footprint associated with the development of the built environment. N.B. Students are strongly advised to attempt this unit within their final year of equivalent full-time study to ensure an adequate level of entry knowledge.

#### Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 3*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

#### Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisites: BLAR11045 Built Environment 1 and BLAR12036 Building Design 1 and BLAR12050 Contract Documentation

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

#### Offerings For Term 3 - 2025

- Online

#### Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

#### Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

## Class and Assessment Overview

### Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

### Class Timetable

#### Regional Campuses

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

#### Metropolitan Campuses

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

### Assessment Overview

#### 1. Written Assessment

Weighting: 30%

#### 2. Presentation and Written Assessment

Weighting: 70%

### Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

## CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

## Previous Student Feedback

### Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

#### Feedback from Student Feedback

##### Feedback

Students reported that the feedback forums are helpful to progress and develop their design work.

##### Recommendation

The feedback forums will continue to be offered to support students with their design development.

#### Feedback from Student Feedback

##### Feedback

Students reported that the social innovation aspect was challenging and allowed them to express creative ideas to address design problems.

##### Recommendation

Social Innovation will remain a focus for this unit and the assessment strategy.

## Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Develop project proposals based on the optimum use of the site for a parcel of land which are compliant with a local authority's development plan
2. Prepare a project feasibility study incorporating 'triple bottom line (TBL)', social innovation and sustainability principles and the use of these metrics to justifying the preferred design option
3. Select building materials and construction techniques which have a low impact on the natural environment
4. Solve independently routine and unfamiliar problems using information, technology, logic and ethical decision making
5. Use appropriate modes of communication and practice personal and interpersonal skills to effectively communicate project proposals and design outcomes.

# Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes

- N/A Level
- Introductory Level
- Intermediate Level
- Graduate Level
- Professional Level
- Advanced Level

## Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

| Assessment Tasks                                    | Learning Outcomes |   |   |   |   |
|---|-------------------|---|---|---|---|
|   | 1                 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 - Communication                                   | •                 | • |   | • | • |
| 2 - Problem Solving                                 | •                 | • | • | • | • |
| 3 - Critical Thinking                               | •                 | • | • | • | • |
| 4 - Information Literacy                            |                   | • | • | • | • |
| 5 - Team Work                                       |                   |   |   |   |   |
| 6 - Information Technology Competence               | •                 | • | • | • | • |
| 7 - Cross Cultural Competence                       |                   |   |   |   | • |
| 8 - Ethical practice                                | •                 | • | • | • | • |
| 9 - Social Innovation                               | •                 | • |   |   |   |
| 10 - First Nations Knowledges                       |                   |   |   |   |   |
| 11 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures |                   |   |   |   |   |

## Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

| Assessment Tasks                              | Graduate Attributes |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
|---|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
|   | 1                   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1 - Written Assessment - 30%                  | •                   | • | • | • |   | • |   |   | • |    |    |
| 2 - Presentation and Written Assessment - 70% | •                   | • | • | • |   | • |   |   | • |    |    |

## Textbooks and Resources

### Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

### IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Microphone and headset
- Webcam

## Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: Harvard (author-date)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

## Teaching Contacts

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## Schedule

### Week 1 - 10 Nov 2025

| Module/Topic                         | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Investigate options for your project |         |                              |

### Week 2 - 17 Nov 2025

| Module/Topic                         | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| The Site - Environmental Constraints |         |                              |

### Week 3 - 24 Nov 2025

| Module/Topic           | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Regulatory Constraints |         |                              |

### Week 4 - 01 Dec 2025

| Module/Topic         | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Preliminary Costings |         |                              |

### Week 5 - 08 Dec 2025

| Module/Topic     | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic                               |
|------------------|---------|--|
| A1 Presentations |         | Assignment 1 Due: Week 5 Monday (8 Dec 2025) 11:45 pm AEST |

### Week 6 - 15 Dec 2025

| Module/Topic  | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| Social Innovation and Implications for Spatial Distribution |         |                              |

### Christmas Break - 22 Dec 2025

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--------------|---------|------------------------------|
|              |         |                              |

### Christmas Break - 29 Dec 2025

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--------------|---------|------------------------------|
|              |         |                              |

|  |         |  |  |
|--|---------|--|--|
| Week 7 - 05 Jan 2026   |         |  |  |
| Module/Topic   | Chapter |  | Events and Submissions/Topic                                   |
| Spatial Distribution   |         |  |  |
| Week 8 - 12 Jan 2026   |         |  |  |
| Module/Topic   | Chapter |  | Events and Submissions/Topic                                   |
| Consider climate appropriate roof type, structure and materials        |         |  |  |
| Week 9 - 19 Jan 2026   |         |  |  |
| Module/Topic   | Chapter |  | Events and Submissions/Topic                                   |
| Finalise form and spatial organisation in floor plan and cross section |         |  |  |
| Week 10 - 26 Jan 2026  |         |  |  |
| Module/Topic   | Chapter |  | Events and Submissions/Topic                                   |
| Reflect on your design and look for ways to improve the design         |         |  |  |
| Week 11 - 02 Feb 2026  |         |  |  |
| Module/Topic   | Chapter |  | Events and Submissions/Topic                                   |
| Finalise plans and prepare final detailed costings                     |         |  |  |
| Week 12 - 09 Feb 2026  |         |  |  |
| Module/Topic   | Chapter |  | Events and Submissions/Topic                                   |
| Submission and Presentation of Final Design                            |         |  |  |
| Exam Week - 16 Feb 2026  |         |  |  |
| Module/Topic   | Chapter |  | Events and Submissions/Topic                                   |
|  |         |  | Assignment 2 Due: Exam Week Monday (16 Feb 2026) 11:45 pm AEST |

## Assessment Tasks

### 1 Assignment 1

Assessment Type  
Written Assessment

#### Task Description

The focus of Assignment 1 will be 'project based' building design. Please refer to the Assessment Block in Moodle for detailed briefing of the assignment.

AI Assessment Scale = AI Collaboration (You may use AI to assist with specific tasks such as drafting text, refining and evaluating your work. You must critically evaluate and modify any AI-generated content you use).

#### Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Monday (8 Dec 2025) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit via Assessment block of the Moodle page of the unit

#### Return Date to Students

Vacation Week Friday (26 Dec 2025)

Check the Assessment block of the Moodle page of the unit

#### Weighting

30%

#### Assessment Criteria

The marking criteria for this assessment are:

- Develop clear and thoroughly considered project proposals based on the optimum use of the site for a parcel of land which are compliant with the local authority's development plan
- Develop project proposals that are based on Triple Bottom Line principles with a particular focus on social

innovation and environmental sustainability

- Depth of research and analysis of design strategies in regards to Social Innovation and Environmental Sustainability
- Effectively and independently solve routine and unfamiliar problems using information, technology, logic and ethical decision making
- Utilise personal and interpersonal communication skills (verbal and non verbal) in a manner that is constructive, respectful and appropriate to the situation

More detailed information available in the Assessment briefing and Marking Rubric available on the Moodle site.

#### Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

#### Submission

Online

#### Submission Instructions

Submit via Moodle submission portal

#### Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Develop project proposals based on the optimum use of the site for a parcel of land which are compliant with a local authority's development plan
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#### Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Social Innovation

## 2 Assignment 2

#### Assessment Type

Presentation and Written Assessment

#### Task Description

The focus of Assignment 2 is the final development of the project proposal from Assignment 1. Please refer to the Assessment Block in Moodle for detailed briefing of the assignment.

**AI Assessment Scale – AI Collaboration (You may use AI to assist with specific tasks such as drafting text, refining and evaluating your work. You must critically evaluate and modify any AI-generated content you use).**

#### Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Monday (16 Feb 2026) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit via Moodle submission portal. Presentation to be held via Zoom in Week 12

#### Return Date to Students

Within two weeks of the submission and before the certification of grades

#### Weighting

70%

#### Assessment Criteria

- Develop a clear and thoroughly considered project proposal based on the optimum use of the site for a parcel of land which is compliant with the local authority's development plan
- Develop project proposals that are based on Triple Bottom Line principles with a particular focus on social innovation and environmental sustainability
- Depth of research and analysis of design strategies in regards to social innovation and environmental sustainability
- Application of research and analysis to the design using creativity and constructive problem solving to enhance social innovation and environmentally sustainable design outcomes
- Effectively and independently solve routine and unfamiliar problems using information, technology, logic and ethical

decision making

- Utilise personal and interpersonal communication skills (verbal and non verbal) in a manner that is constructive, respectful and appropriate to the situation

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# Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

## What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

## Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

## Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

## What can you do to act with integrity?



### **Be Honest**

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



### **Seek Help**

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



### **Produce Original Work**

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem