



Sustainable Communities Module



The Project

The Department of Planning and Environmental Management at the School of Environment, Education and Development are running a module on Sustainable Communities that makes direct use of the campus for teaching. Students engage in a lecture and campus tour given by the Director of Estates and Facilities, which discusses details of the campus masterplan and the issues involved in developing the University estate in the heart of the city.



Main academic campus

They then conduct a group project which asks them to redesign a part of the University with a focus on sustainability. Students assess existing features of the site and make theoretically and empirically founded suggestions of redevelopment and improvement.



Masterplan vision

Outcomes and Implications

For several years now students have presented designs for different areas of campus, such as students halls or the North campus buildings. The plans are assessed and judged by a team of academics and Estates staff, with prizes awarded for the best designs. The proposals are then sent to the respective Estates teams to inform their ongoing projects. This not only gives students real life planning experience, it also makes their work directly relevant. Some of the competition winners have further moved on to undertake PhDs in related fields.

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