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Overview

Urban Governance and Integrated City Planning Training Course is a one-week advanced course for urban governance, planning, municipal administration, infrastructure, development, and policy professionals who leave with a City Governance and Delivery Portfolio. Participants connect urban governance, integrated city planning, spatial strategy, land-use planning, infrastructure coordination, public-realm design, participation, delivery, and monitoring. The course turns competing city priorities into accountable spatial and implementation decisions. Agile Leaders Training Center presents urban governance and city planning as one delivery system.

Who Should Attend

- Urban-governance functions responsible for mandates, coordination, accountability, and cross-sector decisions
- Spatial-planning functions responsible for city diagnostics, land use, growth patterns, and plan preparation
- Infrastructure functions responsible for service networks, capital sequencing, and spatial integration
- Urban-design functions responsible for streets, public spaces, built form, accessibility, and place quality
- Development and investment functions responsible for implementation packages, partnerships, and delivery risks
- Community-engagement and performance functions responsible for participation, indicators, and plan monitoring

The course assumes participants already contribute to urban policy, planning, infrastructure, design, development, or municipal decisions and leaves out introductory drafting software, architectural design, engineering calculations, and jurisdiction-specific legal advice.

Departments and Industries

The course supports urban governance and integrated planning across:

- City planning, urban policy, municipal administration, infrastructure, transport, housing, and public-realm departments
- Metropolitan authorities, development agencies, public utilities, and land-management organizations
- Engineering, planning, design, construction, real-estate, and advisory organizations
- Universities, development institutions, community organizations, and public-interest bodies
- District regeneration, mobility, housing, economic-development, resilience, and public-space initiatives

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Apply a multi-level urban governance model
- Analyze city systems and spatial development patterns
- Build an integrated spatial strategy
- Compare land-use and infrastructure scenarios
- Evaluate public-realm and participation choices
- Prioritize delivery packages and performance indicators

Course Agenda

Day 1: City Governance Architecture

- Urban Mandate, Institution, and Accountability Map
- Multi-Level Governance and Coordination Matrix
- Stakeholder Influence and Participation Framework
- City Objective and Policy-Coherence Register
- Governance Capacity and Decision-Bottleneck Assessment

Day 2: Urban Diagnosis and Spatial Strategy

- City Systems and Spatial-Pattern Diagnostic
- Population, Economy, Environment, and Service Evidence Map
- Growth Scenario and Development-Pressure Method
- Spatial Vision, Objective, and Principle Hierarchy
- Integrated Spatial Strategy Framework

Day 3: Land Use and Infrastructure Integration

- Land-Use Structure and Development-Intensity Model
- Mobility, Utilities, and Social-Infrastructure Coordination Map
- Housing, Employment, and Service-Access Scenario Matrix
- Phasing, Capacity, and Capital-Sequence Assessment
- Land, Infrastructure, and Delivery-Constraint Register

Day 4: Public Realm and Delivery Governance

- Public-Space Inventory and Accessibility Assessment
- Street, Block, Frontage, and Built-Form Design Principles
- Community Participation and Design-Decision Record
- Implementation Package, Owner, and Dependency Map
- Urban Indicator and Plan-Monitoring Dashboard

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Day 5: Integrated City Planning Practice

- Suggested Exercise: Diagnose a City-System Governance Gap
- Suggested Exercise: Compare Spatial Growth Scenarios
- Suggested Exercise: Coordinate Land Use and Infrastructure Phasing
- Suggested Exercise: Build a Public-Realm Delivery Package
- Capstone Exercise: City Governance and Delivery Portfolio

Practical Exercises

The course uses suggested activities to practise city governance and planning decisions:

- Suggested activity: map institutions, mandates, decision rights, stakeholders, coordination gaps, and escalation routes
- Suggested activity: turn demographic, economic, environmental, land, mobility, and service evidence into spatial choices
- Suggested activity: compare growth scenarios using access, capacity, inclusion, cost, delivery, and environmental criteria
- Suggested activity: assemble a phased delivery portfolio with owners, dependencies, indicators, and review points

FAQs

Who does urban governance and integrated city planning training suit, and what does it assume?

Urban governance and integrated city planning training suits experienced policy, planning, municipal, infrastructure, design, development, engagement, and performance functions and assumes practical involvement in city decisions or delivery.

How does integrated city planning differ from urban design training?

Integrated city planning coordinates governance, spatial strategy, land use, infrastructure, implementation, and monitoring across a city, while urban design training concentrates more closely on the physical form and experience of specific places.

What belongs in an integrated spatial strategy?

An integrated spatial strategy should connect city objectives, evidence, growth scenarios, land use, mobility, infrastructure, housing, services, environment, public space, phasing, delivery responsibilities, investment dependencies, and performance measures.

How does urban governance support city-plan implementation?

Urban governance supports implementation by defining mandates, decision rights, coordination forums, accountable owners, participation routes, resource commitments, delivery packages, escalation paths, monitoring indicators, and scheduled review decisions.

How should city-planning scenarios be compared?

City-planning scenarios should be compared against agreed objectives and criteria for access, infrastructure capacity, inclusion, environmental effects, feasibility, investment sequence, delivery risk, adaptability, and measurable performance.

Conclusion

Participants take back a City Governance and Delivery Portfolio containing a governance map, urban diagnostic, spatial strategy, scenario comparison, infrastructure sequence, public-realm package, and monitoring dashboard. The portfolio connects policy choices with spatial consequences and accountable delivery. It helps teams coordinate institutions, prioritize investments, test tradeoffs, and monitor implementation across city systems.