

URBAN PLANNING, POLICY AND DESIGN (THESIS) (M.SC.) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: Urban Planning (Faculty of Engineering)

Degree: Master of Science

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

The M.Sc. in Urban Planning, Policy and Design (Thesis) is centred on an independent research thesis. Original research on an urban issue of interest with implications for planning, policy or design will be conducted. The program focuses on critical skills in research, analysis and interpretation that are applicable in both academia and practice.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (27 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
URBP 606D1	Research Seminar.	3
URBP 606D2	Research Seminar.	3
URBP 612	History and Theory of Planning.	3
URBP 690	Thesis Submission.	18

Complementary Courses (12 credits)

9 credits selected from among the 500 or 600 level URBP courses offered by the School.

3 credits selected from the following research methods courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
URBP 505	Geographic Information Systems.	3
URBP 608	Advanced GIS Applications.	3
URBP 633	Research Methods for Planners.	3
URBP 640	Introduction to Planning Statistics.	1
URBP 641	Reading the Urban Landscape .	1
URBP 642	Introduction to Planning Data.	1
URBP 643	Selected Geographic Information Systems Applications .	1
URBP 644	Multivariate Statistics.	1
URBP 645	Social Research Methods 1.	1
URBP 646	Social Research Methods 2.	1

URBP 647	Selected Methods in Planning 1.	1
URBP 648	Selected Methods in Planning 2 .	1

Note: Students may also take research methods courses at the 500 or 600 level in other academic units at McGill or another Montreal university, subject to the approval of the School.

Elective Courses (6 credits)

6 credits offered at the 500 or 600 level by any academic units at McGill or at another Montreal university, with the approval of the School, if they are related to one or more subject areas in the field of planning. Choices usually include courses in urban geography, sociology, anthropology, law, politics, and environmental science. Students must confirm with the Thesis Supervisor prior to registration that the selected course(s) can be counted toward the M.Sc. program.