

URBAN PLANNING

About the School of Urban Planning

Urban planning is the set of processes by which communities shape their environments to meet their needs and to realize their aspirations for the future. Urban planning is also the profession of those who facilitate this process. While the practice of planning is as old as the cities themselves, the profession of urban planning is only about a century old. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, architects, landscape architects, engineers, government reformers, lawyers, public health specialists, and others joined forces to tackle the serious social and environmental problems of the industrial city. They created new techniques and institutions to improve living conditions and decision-making processes, with an eye to improving cities in terms of health, safety, efficiency, equity, beauty, identity, etc. Today, people who enter the profession come from diverse backgrounds as well, including the design professions, engineering and applied sciences, environmental and social studies, and other fields. Their chief task is to reinvent tools, procedures, and processes to meet new challenges in making metropolitan areas socially, economically, and environmentally resilient and just. A key feature of planning education is learning to view issues in a multidisciplinary way, to manage processes of collaboration and of conflict, and to generate equitable and efficient solutions to complex problems of growth and development.

The School of Urban Planning offers three graduate degrees: a professionally accredited Master of Urban Planning (M.U.P.), a thesis-based Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Urban Planning, Policy, and Design, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Urban Planning, Policy, and Design. For more information, please see the graduate section of the Course Catalogue.

Undergraduate Courses in Urban Planning

The following courses taught by faculty in the School of Urban Planning are open to undergraduate students:

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Course	Title	Credits
URBP 201	Planning the 21st Century City.	3
URBP 501	Principles and Practice 1.	2
URBP 503	Public Transport: Planning and Operations.	3
URBP 504	Planning for Active Transportation.	3
URBP 505	Geographic Information Systems.	3
URBP 506	Environmental Policy and Planning.	3
URBP 514	Community Design Workshop.	3
URBP 530	Urban Infrastructure and Services in International Context .	3
URBP 536	Current Issues in Transportation 1.	2
URBP 537	Current Issues in Transportation 2.	2
URBP 541	Selected Topics in Planning.	1

URBP 542	Selected Topics in Visual Analysis.	1
URBP 543	Special Topics.	3
URBP 551	Urban Design and Planning.	3
URBP 553	Urban Governance.	3
URBP 555	Real Estate and Planning.	3
URBP 556	Urban Economy: A Spatial Perspective.	3
URBP 557	Rethinking Zoning.	3

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