

Acquire the professional urban planning knowledge and leadership skills needed to shape the sustainable and inclusive communities of tomorrow.

The Georgetown University Master of Professional Studies in Urban and Regional Planning program trains visionary leaders who integrate urban design with community development to create more livable neighborhoods, cities and regions.

Become an expert and a leader in addressing some of the most important challenges facing urban communities around the world:

- Collaborate and engage citizens and stakeholders in an ethical manner
- Produce a full-spectrum of housing choices
- Align economic development with community and cultural development
- Enable social inclusion through land use and transportation policies
- Facilitate responsible urban investment through land use planning and design
- Protect natural resources through high-performing urban systems

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- A graduate-level master's degree with an applied curriculum covering a range of urban planning topics including economic development, land use, urban form, housing, culture, transportation, energy and environment.
- Exposure to the full range of professional planning practices associated with regulatory frameworks, public finance and the urban development process.
- Located in the state-of-the-art Georgetown Downtown campus, at the heart of Washington, DC and the National Capital Region which serves as our urban laboratory.
- Engagement with leading urban planning practitioners who represent professional excellence from local, regional and international organizations.
- The opportunity for full-time students to gain internship or employment experience while earning degree-oriented course credits.

CAREERS

Over the coming decades metropolitan regions in the United States will grow by 100 million people and cities around the world will grow at historically unprecedented rates. In the US alone, between 2010 and 2020, the need for professional urban planners will grow by 16% (Bureau of Labor Statistics). Urban planners work in both traditional and increasingly in untraditional professional roles, which include:

- Local, state and federal government planning, policy making and regulatory enforcement
- Land use, infrastructure and environmental consulting
- For-profit and not-for-profit real estate and infrastructure development
- Community development, communications and advocacy



CURRICULUM

Our curriculum provides students with a careful balance of urban planning theory and practice. The degree requires 42 credits to complete.

Classes are held in the evenings to minimize career interruptions. Both full-time and part-time options are available. Students studying full time can finish their degree in two years.

Core Courses (Required)

18 credits

- Methods in Urban Planning Research & Analysis
- Economics for Planners
- Legal Foundations of Planning
- Planning the Sustainable Future
- Urban Planning History & Theory
- Ethics and Planning Practice

Concentrations

12 credits

Students will be required to take four courses from one of the following two concentration options:

- Urban Design and Land Use
- Housing and Community Development

Electives/Internship

8 credits

Capstone (Required)

4 credits

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Professionals who currently work in the urban planning field or who work in related fields and seek a master's degree to continue to advance in their careers.
- Those who are passionate about the development of cities as places of great exchange and excitement and are interested in pursuing a career in urban planning.
- Those who want to guide the growth of suburban and exurban regions according to responsible and sustainable principles.

EARN YOUR
MASTER'S DEGREE IN
Urban and
Regional Planning

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Visit our admissions page for more information about application deadlines and applying online.

TUITION

Educational expenses are assessed each semester based on the number of credits for which you are registered. Visit our website for current tuition rates.

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INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, VISIT:
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