

Urban & Regional Planning, MPS

Mission Statement

The Master of Professional Studies in Urban & Regional Planning Program educates students to plan, finance, and develop places; neighborhoods; cities; and regions to become livable, equitable, meaningful, and sustainable.

Modality

On Campus (<https://scs.georgetown.edu/programs/356/master-of-professional-studies-in-urban-regional-planning/>)

Learning Goals

Students who complete the MPS in Urban & Regional Planning will:

1. Develop analysis skills through applied methods of stakeholder engagement and systems thinking to design urban planning strategies.
2. Deploy global best practices in urban planning to design solutions reflective of unique cultural contexts of neighborhoods, cities and regions and collaborate with diverse actors in intercultural settings.
3. Design urban development strategies which ethically respond to the goals and values of diverse communities.
4. Apply qualitative, quantitative, spatial analysis and scenario-based methods to address complex urban problems.
5. Retrieve and appraise primary and secondary resources to support data-driven urban planning strategies.
6. Utilize geographic information systems, data visualization methods, and relevant emerging technologies to advance place-based urban analysis.
7. Address the needs of diverse stakeholders through building persuasive written, oral, and graphic communications of a professional standard.

Licensure Disclosure

This program does not provide any professional licensure or certification, nor is it intended to prepare students to sit for any specific professional licensing or certification exam(s). Though not required, students in these programs may wish to research and seek certifications through professional organizations in their field. There is no mandatory professional licensure to practice urban planning in the United States, except in the state of New Jersey. Students who seek to practice planning in New Jersey are encouraged to review the specific requirements for professional licensure prior to completing the program.

Requirements

To earn the MPS in Urban & Regional Planning, students must complete 42 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.000 within five years of entering the program.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses ¹		
MPUP 5000	Ethics & Planning Practice	3
MPUP 7990	Urban Planning Capstone	3
Foundation Courses		
MPUP 5100	Planning Research & Methods ²	3
MPUP 5200	History & Theory of Planning	3
MPUP 5300	Legal Foundations of Planning	3
MPUP 5400	Urban Economics & Land Uses	3
MPUP 5500	Planning a Sustainable Future	3
Concentration Courses		12
Electives ³		9
MPUP 6101	Digital Skills Practicum	
MPUP 6210	Contemporary Urban Theory	
MPUP 6010	Urban Development Practicum	
Total Credits		42

¹ Each Core Course must be completed with a grade of B or better. Students who earn a B- or lower in these courses will have one opportunity to retake the courses. If a student does not earn at least a B after the second attempt, they will be terminated from the program without right of appeal.

² MPUP 5100 Planning Research & Methods must be taken in the first semester of study.

³ Students may choose from any concentration courses offered within the program, or, with special permission from the Faculty Director, students may enroll in courses in other degree programs at Georgetown. Students may also enroll in courses offered through the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan area.

Concentrations

Three thematic concentrations guide a student's discretionary coursework. Students who have successfully completed any four courses (12 credits) within a concentration may apply to the Faculty Director to have that concentration appear on their final transcript. Alternatively, students may choose to organize their coursework through dedicated subject matter themes, such as urban mobility, community health, public-private development or new urban technologies.

Urban Design & Land Use

This concentration explores the planning and administration of the built environment.

Code	Title	Credits
MPUP 6520	Low-Carbon Cities	3
MPUP 6110	Geospatial Analysis	3
MPUP 6120	Advanced Applications in GIS	3
MPUP 6330	Entitlements for Redevelopment	3
MPUP 6320	Cultural Planning&Preservation	3
MPUP 6630	Transit-Oriented Development	3
MPUP 6310	Land Use Controls	3
MPUP 6610	Transportation Planning	3
MPUP 6620	Quantifying Urban Mobility	3
MPUP 6530	Resilient Urban Systems	3

MPUP 6030	Placemaking & Management	3
MPUP 7900	Planning Studio	3
MPUP 6140	New Urban Technologies	3
MPUP 6050	Civic Leadership in Practice	3

Housing, Community & Economic Development

This concentration targets the socio-economic performance of neighborhoods, cities and regions.

Code	Title	Credits
MPUP 6040	Participatory Planning	3
MPUP 6110	Geospatial Analysis	3
MPUP 6120	Advanced Applications in GIS	3
MPUP 6220	Housing Policy in the U.S.	3
MPUP 6210	Contemporary Urban Theory	3
MPUP 6640	Big Investments in Big Cities	3
MPUP 6420	Economic Development Practice	3
MPUP 6510	Planning for Health	3
MPUP 6130	Advanced Quantitative Methods	3
MPUP 6430	Public Private Partnerships	3
MPUP 6630	Transit-Oriented Development	3
MPUP 6410	Affordable Housing Strategies	3
MPUP 6030	Placemaking & Management	3
MPUP 6740	Global Metropolitan Planning	3
MPUP 7900	Planning Studio	3
MPUP 6140	New Urban Technologies	3

International Development

This concentration explores urban planning and development in cities outside of the United States.

Code	Title	Credits
MPUP 6110	Geospatial Analysis	3
MPUP 6120	Advanced Applications in GIS	3
MPUP 6230	Approaches to the Modern City	3
MPUP 6710	Global Urbanization	3
MPUP 6730	Placemaking in Global Travel	3
MPUP 6130	Advanced Quantitative Methods	3
MPUP 6630	Transit-Oriented Development	3
MPUP 6030	Placemaking & Management	3
MPUP 6740	Global Metropolitan Planning	3
MPUP 7900	Planning Studio	3
MPUP 6720	Pacific Cities Sustainability	3
MPUP 6140	New Urban Technologies	3