



The Master of Urban Planning program at Texas A&M will prepare you to identify community values and create ethical solutions for a sustainable future. In this program, you'll gain an understanding of planning knowledge through technical, political, economic, and legal perspectives.

Our accredited program unites historically important skills with emerging areas of specialization. Our graduates cultivate their communities as planners, innovators, and lifelong learners.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Urban Planning program has been training leaders in urban planning since 1965. After completing the program, our graduates can pursue professional opportunities in planning or a planning-related field. They may also pursue a doctoral degree.

CAREERS

Planners may work for a variety of organizations throughout their careers in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Planners in the public sector work for municipalities, counties, state agencies, regional governments, and federal offices, while planners in the private sector work on public works or design projects alongside engineers, landscape architects, and architects. Planners in the non-profit sector typically work for advocacy groups related to fair and affordable housing, environmental protection, or multi-modal transportation.

Jobs in the public sector include:

- *Project managers*
- *Resilience coordinator*
- *Economic analysts*

Jobs in the private sector include:

- *Public involvement specialist*
- *Transportation planner*
- *Environmental planner*

Jobs in the non-profit sector include:

- *Grant writers*
- *Equity analysts*
- *Policy & planning advisor*

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- Transportation and active living
- Resilient Communities
- Housing, community, and economic development

CURRICULUM

Students are equipped for professional practice through integrated coursework and hands-on application. The master's degree is typically completed in two years, including a required summer internship. Students must pass a minimum of 48 credit hours, including core courses, courses in one emphasis area, an applied planning studio course that works with our Texas Target Communities program, and an individual master's project or a comprehensive exam.

CORE COURSES | 27 CREDITS:

Planning History & Theory
Structure & Function of Human Settlements
Planning Methods 1 (Demographics and Economic Analysis)
Planning Methods 2 (Land Use ,Transportation, and Infrastructure)
Planning Law
Plan Making
Communications in Planning
Plan Implementation
Applied Planning Studio

SPATIAL ANALYSIS/COMMUNICATIONS ELECTIVES | 6 CREDITS (*Choose two*):

GIS for Landscape & Urban Planning
Site Planning
Digital Communications

INTERNSHIP | 1 CREDIT:

PROFESSIONAL PAPER OR COMPREHENSIVE EXAM | 2 CREDITS:

AREAS OF EMPHASIS | 12 CREDITS (*Choose One*):

Transportation Policy & Planning
Resilient Communities
Housing, Community
Economic Development

CERTIFICATE* ALTERNATIVE TO EMPHASIS AREA | 15 - 18 CREDITS (*Choose One*)

Sustainable Urbanism
Environmental Hazard Management
Transportation Planning & Policy
Historic Preservation
Health Systems Design & Planning
Facilities Management

**Certificates are multi-disciplinary and are managed through the College's Research Centers.*

A STRATEGIC VISION

The Master of Urban Planning program educates and trains leaders in identifying community values, providing choices, and creating ethical solutions for a sustainable future. A student who graduates from Texas A&M with an MUP degree will be able to:

Employ tools for attention, formation, strategic decision-making, team building, and organizational/ community motivation.

- Analyze local conditions to develop a valid fact basis.
- Use theories, concepts, tools, and strategies that lead to a sustainable built, human, and natural environment.
- Use a transparent, inclusive process, including consideration of issues related to diversity and social justice, to coordinate government agencies and private sector organizations.
- Evaluate the success of plans and programs.
- Communicate and educate through written, visual, and oral channels to achieve these objectives.