

URBAN PLANNING (MUP)

Urban Planning (MUP) Website (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/education/degrees/master-urban-planning/>)

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Program Description

NYU Wagner's Master of Urban Planning (MUP) degree equips you with the technical, organizational, and analytical skills to address the challenges of modern cities while having an effective and lasting impact on the well-being of its people. Located in the world's most exciting global city and housed in a school of public service, this urban planning program provides you with hands-on experience in shaping how people frame, understand, and act on critical public issues that influence communities and their built environments. You'll gain expertise in land use planning, community development, financial management, and policy analysis—a unique blend that distinguishes beautiful designs from real-world impact—within and beyond New York City's vibrant and diverse neighborhoods.

Program Highlights

- **Convenience & Flexibility.** Our program offers flexible scheduling for both full-time and part-time students, with start terms available in both the Fall and Spring. Full-time students who begin in the Fall can complete the program in as little as two years. Part-time students typically finish in three to four years.
- **Distinguished Faculty.** Learn from renowned experts in fields such as planning, economics, public policy, and emergency management. NYU Wagner's faculty bring real-world experience and cutting-edge research to the classroom, preparing you to tackle the challenges of today's cities.
- **Hands-On Experience.** Gain practical experience through internships, fellowships, and a yearlong, team-based capstone project. Our students benefit from the program's strong connections to New York City's extensive urban planning ecosystem, NYU's leading urban research centers, and a global campus network, giving them unparalleled access to real-world projects, international opportunities, and professional networks.
- **NYC as Your Classroom.** Situated in the heart of New York City, our location offers you a living laboratory to explore urban planning challenges and solutions with implications for communities across the United States, and the globe. From transportation and housing, to climate resilience and environmental sustainability, NYC's dynamic landscape serves as a critical resource throughout your studies.
- **Tangible Career Outcomes.** Graduates from our Master of Urban Planning program go on to impactful careers in city planning, sustainability, transportation, and more. Our alumni work in leading government agencies, nonprofit organizations, international development firms, and private consultancies worldwide.

Specializations

The Urban Planning MUP offers the following specializations:

City and Community Planning

Cities and communities are becoming more innovative: they are using data to optimize services and local decision-making, even as they are being forced to reexamine complex historical and contemporary realities in ways that may generate new institutional arrangements for improved urban development. At the same time, the need to better incorporate

community-level dynamics that influence planning processes are more salient than ever. With the skills and knowledge gained in the City and Community Planning specialization, you can be part of this. You will learn the foundation of urban economics, urban planning practice and methods, and spatial analysis, while also developing an in-depth understanding of people's lived experiences in their communities and the policy considerations that come to bear on planning outcomes.

As a graduate, you'll have the public service orientation necessary to make a long-term impact, whether working in and with government agencies, community-based nonprofits, or public-private partnerships.

International Development Planning

When "the greater good" has global proportions, how do you balance the needs and values of all the people involved? We'll help you answer that. Whether you're interested in planning for the multinational cities of tomorrow or the developing economies of today, we'll prepare you to juggle the complexities of work with and across governments, NGOs, and international development agencies—and anything else the world ends up throwing your way.

Admissions

Admission to the MUP program requires the following:

- Online Application
- Essays
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Interview (by invitation only)
- Standardized Test Scores
- Application Fee

See MUP Application Checklist (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/admissions/degree-checklist/mup/>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

International Applicants should review the International Applicant Checklist (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/admissions/degree-checklist/international/>) for a complete and comprehensive list of application requirements and instructions.

Dual-Degree Option

With NYU's School of Law, NYU Wagner offers a dual-degree JD-MUP program (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/education/degrees/dual-degree-program/mpamup-jd/>). Whether you see yourself pursuing public interest law, writing legislation, or running an agency or organization, you'll find the focus you need through this full-time, four-year, dual-degree program. You'll walk away with a vast toolkit of analytical skills, ready to lead programs and institutions that create a positive impact. Please note that entry to this program requires separate application (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/admissions/degree-checklist/dual/>) and admission to each participating school.

Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 45 credits, and students must choose one of the following specializations:

City and Community Planning

Course	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
CORE-GP 1011	Statistical Methods	3
CORE-GP 1018	Microeconomics	3
CORE-GP 1020	Management and Leadership	3
CORE-GP 1021	Financial Management	3
URPL-GP 1603	Urban Planning Methods and Practice	3
URPL-GP 1605	Land Use Law: The Planning Perspective	3
URPL-GP 1620	Data Analysis, Mapping, and Storytelling	3
URPL-GP 2608	Urban Economics	3
URPL-GP 2660	History and Theory of Planning	3
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		15
Capstone		
Select one of the following:		3
CAP-GP 3601 & CAP-GP 3602	Capstone: Advanced Projects in Urban Planning I and Capstone: Advanced Projects in Urban Planning II	
CAP-GP 3148 & CAP-GP 3149	Capstone: Advanced Research Projects in Quantitative Analysis I and Capstone: Advanced Research Projects in Quantitative Analysis II	
Total Credits		45

International Development Planning

Course	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
CORE-GP 1011	Statistical Methods	3
CORE-GP 1018	Microeconomics	3
CORE-GP 1020	Management and Leadership	3
CORE-GP 1021	Financial Management	3
PADM-GP 2201	Institutions, Governance, and International Development	3
URPL-GP 1603	Urban Planning Methods and Practice	3
URPL-GP 2608	Urban Economics	3
URPL-GP 2660	History and Theory of Planning	3
URPL-GP 2665	Decentralized Development Planning and Policy Reform in Developing Countries	3
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		15
Capstone		
Select one of the following:		3
CAP-GP 3226 & CAP-GP 3227	Capstone: Advanced Projects in International Policy & Management I and Capstone: Advanced Projects in International Policy and Management II	
CAP-GP 3148 & CAP-GP 3149	Capstone: Advanced Research Projects in Quantitative Analysis I and Capstone: Advanced Research Projects in Quantitative Analysis II	
Total Credits		45

Additional Program Requirements

Professional Experience Requirement (PER)

NYU Wagner is deeply committed to education outside of the classroom. First-hand work experience in your field of choice can be a pivotal experience, and our New York City location offers countless opportunities for career exploration. To this end, NYU Wagner requires all MPA and MUP students to graduate with professional experience that is directly related to their degree program and field of interest. See Professional Experience Requirement (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/portal/students/careers/resources/per/>) for more information.

Sample Plan of Study City and Community Planning

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
CORE-GP 1011	Statistical Methods	3
CORE-GP 1018	Microeconomics	3
URPL-GP 1620	Data Analysis, Mapping, and Storytelling	3
URPL-GP 2660	History and Theory of Planning	3
Credits		12
2nd Semester/Term		
CORE-GP 1021	Financial Management	3
URPL-GP 1603	Urban Planning Methods and Practice	3
URPL-GP 1605	Land Use Law: The Planning Perspective	3
URPL-GP 2608	Urban Economics	3
Credits		12
3rd Semester/Term		
CAP-GP 3601	Capstone: Advanced Projects in Urban Planning I	1.5
CORE-GP 1020	Management and Leadership	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		10.5
4th Semester/Term		
CAP-GP 3602	Capstone: Advanced Projects in Urban Planning II	1.5
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		10.5
Total Credits		45

International Development Planning

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1st Semester/Term		
CORE-GP 1011	Statistical Methods	3
CORE-GP 1018	Microeconomics	3
PADM-GP 2201	Institutions, Governance, and International Development	3
URPL-GP 2660	History and Theory of Planning	3
Credits		12
2nd Semester/Term		
CORE-GP 1021	Financial Management	3
URPL-GP 1603	Urban Planning Methods and Practice	3
URPL-GP 2608	Urban Economics	3
URPL-GP 2665	Decentralized Development Planning and Policy Reform in Developing Countries	3
Credits		12
3rd Semester/Term		
CAP-GP 3226	Capstone: Advanced Projects in International Policy & Management I	1.5

CORE-GP 1020	Management and Leadership	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		10.5
4th Semester/Term		
CAP-GP 3227	Capstone: Advanced Projects in International Policy and Management II	1.5
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		10.5
Total Credits		45

Wagner Policies

Additional academic policies can be found on the Wagner academic policy page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/public-service/academic-policies/>).

Learning Outcomes

The Urban Planning Program at Wagner strives to prepare students to work as planners in a variety of settings including nonprofit organizations, private firms, and the public sector. Students in the Program acquire analytical skills and substantive knowledge to undertake professional responsibilities in urban and regional planning, environment, infrastructure, transportation, urban economic development, housing, and international urbanization. Students develop the skills to work independently, in teams, and with a diversity of populations and groups.

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Align organizational and institutional policies and practices with mission, strategy, culture, and broader policy objectives.
2. Secure and manage financial resources in a way that aligns with mission and strategy.
3. Demonstrate understanding of the policy lifecycle and the impact of social, economic, demographic, political, environmental, and regulatory factors.
4. Evaluate policies using appropriate, evidence-based methods and tools, including measuring differential impact on sub-populations.
5. Deploy conceptual frameworks to break down problems into constituent elements and to develop solutions.
6. Critically assess and synthesize existing research to identify its contributions and limitations, as well as possible research alternatives.
7. Demonstrate understanding of causality, including distinguishing between correlation and causation, the challenges to estimating causal relationships, and the importance of causality for determining impact.
8. Prepare succinct, well-argued, and well-organized written materials and verbal presentations with appropriately incorporated tables, graphs, and other visuals.
9. Translate awareness of the impact of individual and group demographics and identities into appropriate organizational, institutional, and societal policies and practices.
10. Lead projects, programs, and people, and manage resources in ways that adapt to changing social, economic, demographic, technological, and political conditions.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).