

URBAN PLANNING (MUP)

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Program Description

Confront today's urban challenges by learning the policy, management, and finance skills essential for designing vibrant and dynamic cities in the 21st century.

The world is becoming more urbanized, and cities are growing denser and more diverse. It's exciting—it's also challenging. From transportation to environment, and crime to education, urban issues are complex because they're interrelated. NYU Wagner gives you the unique opportunity to study urban planning in the context of these issues, within a school of public service. You'll interact with people from other disciplines who are grappling with these real-world social, cultural, and economic issues. And there's no better place than NYC to learn what happens when ideas meet messy urban realities. The skills and insights you'll gain here and the multidisciplinary toolkit you'll build with core courses in finance, policy, and management are what you need to design more livable and sustainable cities—anywhere in the world.

Program Highlights

- A unique blend of planning, management, finance, and policy that prepares you to address financial constraints and resource limitations, and also market realities and political hurdles—the difference between beautiful designs and real impact.
- A responsive program that adapts to evolving urban challenges and provides the full set of skills for you to grapple with them.
- A tight-knit and energized student community with the resources of a larger school.
- Flexibility for full- or part-time students, with options to switch between the two. Earn your degree in two years full-time, or 3-4 years part-time.

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.

Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 45 credits. 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		
CAP-GP 3601	Capstone: Advanced Projects in Urban Planning I	1.5
CAP-GP 3602	Capstone: Advanced Projects in Urban Planning II	1.5
Total Credits		45

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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		
CAP-GP 3226	Capstone: Advanced Projects in International Policy & Management I	1.5
CAP-GP 3227	Capstone: Advanced Projects in International Policy and Management II	1.5
Total Credits		45

Additional Program Requirements

Professional Experience

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.

Sample Plan of Study

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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

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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

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/>).

Standard Policies Statement

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