CAREER OUTLOOK

CAPLA Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates get jobs and become leaders in the field, both here in Tucson and around the world. They work as planners and related professionals in government agencies, private-sector firms and nonprofit organizations. Others have gone on to pursue doctoral degrees. Careers in urban planning include:

- Community development, activism and empowerment
- Comprehensive and long-range planning
- Economic development
- Environmental and natural resources planning
- Historic preservation
- Housing
- Land use and code enforcement
- Neighborhood and community planning
- Natural disaster planning and recovery
- Nonprofit management
- Project management
- Public administration and finance
- Real estate and urban development
- Sustainability
- Transportation planning
- Urban design

Well-planned cities and regions are the key to confronting many of the most critical environmental, economic and social challenges facing the world today.

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN URBAN PLANNING CURRICULUM

CORE CURRICULUM

FALL 1
- Planning Theory and Practice
- Methods in Planning
- Introduction to GIS for Planning and Landscape Architecture
- Graphic Skills

SPRING 1
- Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Controls
- Land Use Planning Law
- Career Development Seminar

Primary/Secondary Concentration course or Elective

FALL 2
- Public Participation and Dispute Resolution

Primary/Secondary Concentration course or Elective

SPRING 2
- Projects in Regional Planning

Primary/Secondary Concentration course or Elective

CONCENTRATION AREAS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
- Sustainable Urban Development and Design (F)
- Climate Action Planning (S)
- Land Use Planning Analysis (S)

URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
- Urban Transportation Planning (F)
- Transportation and Land Use (S) *
- Transportation and Society (S) **

REAL ESTATE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- Sustainable Urban Development and Design (F)
- Land Development Process (S)
- Transportation and Land Use (S) *

HERITAGE CONSERVATION
- Introduction to Heritage Conservation (F)
- Documentation and Interpretation of the Historic Built Environment (F 7w2)
- Preservation Planning (S 7w2)

* Offered in odd years beginning with the Spring 2021 semester
** Offered in even years beginning with the Spring 2022 semester

NOTES:
Recommended sequence of courses: 26 Core Units, 9 Units of Primary Concentration, 6 Units Secondary Concentration, 6 Elective Units; 47 Total Units.

It is recommended that students complete an internship approved by the internship coordinator.

Students are required to select a primary (3 courses/9 units) and a secondary (2 courses/6 units) concentration from one of four concentration areas or may choose to develop an Independent Concentration with the approval of an advisor.

Students are required to take 6 elective units. Elective courses must be approved by advisor.

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