

MASTER of URBAN PLANNING

Urban and Public Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE®

The Master of Urban Planning program prepares students to work in a wide variety of fields including:

Land use and environmental planning
Housing and Community Development
Geographic Information Systems
Economic Development
Transportation Planning
Real Estate Development, etc.

Students can specialize in areas such as:

Land Use and Environmental Planning
Housing and Community Development
Administration of Planning Organizations
Spatial Analysis of Planning



UPA students in Amsterdam.

Internship Placements

Louisville Metro Planning and Design
Louisville Metro Economic Growth and Innovation
Transit Authority of River City
Bauhaus Design, Germany
Noltmeyer Capital
Integra Realty
Louisville Metro Community Revitalization Services
City Properties Inc.
Robert Doughty Consultancy, England
San Francisco Parks Department

Graduate Employment

Planning Director, City of Jeffersonville, Indiana
MKSK Architecture, Planning, Design
US Administrative Office of the Courts
Metro Louisville Economic Growth and Innovation
Taylor, Seifker, Williams Design Group
Housing Authority Atlanta, GA
URS Corps
US Army Corps of Engineers
Marathon Key, Florida
Bluegrass Area Development District

This program requires 48 credit hours which translates to either two years of full time study or four years of part-time study.

Core Requirements.....30 credit hours
Specialization Courses9 credit hours
Elective Courses9 credit hours

Core Requirements: (24 credit hours)

Planning History and Theory	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Professional Practice	Applied Research Methods
Statistics for Public Affairs	Capstone Studio
Urban Economics	Internship/Practicum
Site Planning	
Land Use and Planning Law	

Specialization in Land Use and Environmental Planning

This specialty area is focused on what is typically viewed as the core subject matter of the field of urban planning and concentrates on the planning and control of land use and protection of environmental quality.

Urban Environmental Quality

Land Use Planning (Required for Specialization)

Mediation and Dispute Resolution
Environmental Policy
Urban Design

Environmental Policy and Natural Hazards

Urban Transportation Planning
Comparative Urban Development
Neighborhood Planning Studio
Water Resources Law and Policy

Specialization in Housing and Community Development

This specialization provides student with an understanding of various substantive component of community development, taking into account its economic, physical and social dimensions.

Real Estate Market Analysis

Housing and Community Development (Required for Specialization)

Urban Infrastructure
Urban Design
Historic Preservation

Economic Development

Real Estate Principles
Real Estate Development
Real Estate Finance & Investment
Comparative Urban Development
Neighborhood Planning Studio

Specialization in Administration of Planning Organizations

Covers a niche market not usually served by other planning programs. This specialization is targeted at practitioners who are seeking to advance in administrative positions in the field.

Public Budgeting and Finance

(Required for Specialization)

Strategic Management and Planning

Human Resources Management

Grants and Fundraising
Public Administration and Organizational Theory

Specialization in Spatial Analysis for Planning

Expands on the use of information systems and sophisticated analytical tools to make informed planning decisions. With significant growth in the use of information systems, and this is an area in which there is considerable demand for graduates.

Real Estate Market Analysis

Spatial Statistics

Analytical Urban Geography

Urban Demography

Urban Geographic Information Systems Applications (Required for Specialization)

Urban Infrastructure
Urban Transportation Planning

Admission

The following credentials must be supplied BEFORE a candidate can be considered for admission:

1. A complete application form (available online at <http://louisville.edu/graduate/>)
2. Official transcripts from all previous undergraduate and graduate study. Must have earned a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and have a minimum GPA of 3.00.
3. Standardized Tests. Generally requires a minimum Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score of 153 in Verbal and 144 in Quantitative. Those applicants whose native language is not English and who do not hold a degree from a university where the language of instruction is English, must complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of at least 79 on the internet-based test or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), with a minimum score of 6.5.
4. A Personal Statement of Interest to pursue the MUP. This is the applicant's opportunity to state why they wish to pursue the degree and can include anything from their passions and interests in life to life experience to this point and perhaps what they would like to do after they finish the degree.
5. Two letters of recommendation, preferably at least one from an academic source.

Joint Programs

Master of Urban Planning/Master of Public Administration (MUP/MPA) • Master of Urban Planning/Law (MUP/JD) • Master of Urban Planning/Master of Public Health (MUP/MPH)



Louisville: The Most Livable Large City*

Louisville, Kentucky is a dynamic city with a rich culture, vibrant history, and strong neighborhoods. Nestled on the banks of the Ohio River, Louisville is the cultural, economic, and population center of the state of Kentucky. The city of Louisville currently finds itself in the midst of an urban rejuvenation that makes it the perfect laboratory to study urban planning, design, and development.

The city features a quickly redeveloping downtown that is currently going through a renaissance. It also prides itself on a network of fantastic urban parks linked by an Olmsteadian planned parkway system. The city has a vibrant cultural scene where local musicians and artists are revered and thrive. Louisville is the home of the most famous horse race in the world, the Kentucky Derby and also many great music, culture and arts festivals that include: the St. James Art Fair, Forecastle Festival, Cherokee Art Fair, WorldFest, Bluegrass Festival, and Reggae Festival to name a few.

There is a strong sense of community felt in Louisville due to the many diverse neighborhoods that feature undying support for local business, development of community gardens and farmers markets, and redevelopment of the central business district. The program is closely linked to many community efforts and development projects as well as the Metropolitan government and thus is able to utilize local resources for research, publishing of academic articles, and planning and project development that has a direct impact on the quality of life of the city as a whole.

*Awarded by the US Conference of Mayors

Left: The Urban Design Studio

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