The Master of Urban Planning program is committed to building strong communities, positive change, and heightened civic engagement. The program prepares students for careers in regional planning, real estate development, historic preservation, community development, and geographic information systems.

Using an interdisciplinary approach, our courses enable students to consider critical issues through multiple vantage points, fostering dialogue and creative solutions.

How we plan, build, and manage our cities is critical for creating successful and sustainable communities. Come be a part of a program that focuses on improving the world around us: you can make a difference!

This program requires 42 credit hours which translates to either two years of full time study or four years of part-time study.

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**Specialization/Electives:**
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  - Mediation and Dispute Resolution
  - Environmental Policy
  - Environmental Policy and Natural Hazards
- Comparative Urban Development
- Neighborhood Planning Studio
- Water Resources Law and Policy
- Urban Environmental Quality

**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
- Center for Neighborhoods
- 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

**Spatial Analysis for Planning Specialization**
- Expands on the use of geographic information systems (GIS) and sophisticated analytical tools to make informed planning decisions. With significant growth in the use of GIS, this is an area in which there is considerable demand for graduates.
- Real Estate Market Analysis
- Spatial Statistics
- Analytical Urban Geography
- Urban Demography
- Advanced GIS
- GIS Programming

**Administration of Planning Organizations Specialization**
- 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
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/](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)