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## URBAN PLANNING

Urban planners help create great cities, villages, and metropolitan regions. Planners work with community members, elected officials, and organizations to propose short- and long-term strategies to enhance quality of life, improve economic prosperity, and advance social equity for all. Urban planning is an interdisciplinary field of study, reflected in the academic backgrounds of our faculty, with expertise in economics, law, urban design, urban revitalization, transportation, sustainability, racial and economic justice, and the intersections between these areas of study.

## MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING (MUP)

The Master of Urban Planning (MUP) is a professional program designed to prepare students for careers in public planning agencies, nonprofit organizations, or in private practice. This two-year program is fully accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB). No specific undergraduate background is required for admission to this degree program, although many students come from backgrounds in Architecture, Geography, Political Science, Engineering, Urban Studies, and Business. During the program, students learn skills they need to pursue careers in planning through classes, internships, faculty research, study abroad, and our lecture series.

Downtown Milwaukee  
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## WHY URBAN PLANNING?

- **Partnerships**  
Build strong and lasting collaborations with a diverse array of stakeholders throughout all parts of our communities.
- **Place**  
Shape the long-term physical and social environment of communities in ways that enhance equity and democratic principles.
- **Power**  
Influence community policy and project decisions to eliminate racial, economic, and gender inequalities and support the public interest.
- **Possibilities**  
Envision a more just and sustainable community, communicate how it can be achieved, and influence implementation.

## For More Information Visit

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee School of Architecture + Urban Planning  
<https://uwm.edu/sarup/urban-planning/>



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## PROGRAM STRENGTHS

- ❑ Faculty members are directly involved in local community planning activities, bringing those experiences and networks to their students.
- ❑ Students receive practical experience working on real planning issues with communities, early and often in the program.
- ❑ Most students obtain paid internships with local public and private planning organizations, where they gain valuable experience to build their resume and gain exposure to a variety of potential careers.
- ❑ We have three coordinated master's degree programs, joint programs with: Architecture, Public Administration, and Civil Engineering (transportation).
- ❑ Our program has a strong alumni network, both in Wisconsin and nationally.
- ❑ We are the only urban planning program in the state with significant expertise in transportation planning. Our focus includes pedestrians, bicycles, and public transit, as well as connections between land use and transportation.
- ❑ Financial assistance is available in the form of scholarships, teaching assistantships, project assistantships, and subsidies for attending professional planning conferences.
- ❑ To accommodate students in a variety of work situations, we provide a balance of daytime and evening courses. Some required courses are held in the evening.
- ❑ Our courses emphasize how cities are simultaneously able to achieve economic development, quality in the natural environment, and social equity.

Community Design Solutions (CDS)  
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