URBAN PLANNING, MUP

Related Certificates

- Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (http://catalog.uwm.edu/architecture-urban-planning/urban-planning/geographic-information-systems-graduate-certificate)

Overview

The Urban Planning program at UWM is a professional, skills-oriented, master’s program designed to train students to perform a variety of planning-related jobs in either the public or private sector.

The program focuses on planning as a process for improving collective decisions in the public and private sectors. The planning process includes analyzing problems, designing alternative solutions and evaluating their consequences, developing strategies for action and participating in their implementation. This process is used in both government and business in developing policy for future action, so that today’s solutions do not become tomorrow’s problems.

The program’s elective courses combined with other courses on campus enable the development of more specialized depth in several planning related areas under the following concentrations: Urban Revitalization; Economic Development; Urban Geographic Information Systems; Transportation; Physical Planning and Urban Design; and Environmental Resources.

The Department is staffed by faculty members who combine academic and professional qualifications and who are committed to active involvement in current issues. They teach by example, using case studies and projects involving actual situations in most courses. This approach injects reality into the educational environment, allows students to see the relevance of the material in the curriculum, and shows students how their courses relate to their professional practice.

The Milwaukee Metropolitan area of one-and-one-half million persons is a learning laboratory that classroom projects and faculty researchers use extensively. Moreover, students gain additional practical experience through internships in the wide array of planning positions available in the Milwaukee area.

MArch/MUP Coordinated Degree Program

In cooperation with the Department of Architecture, the Department of Urban Planning offers a Master of Architecture/Master of Urban Planning program to prepare students for positions as architect/planners. Students in the program concurrently pursue a Master of Architecture degree program and a Master of Urban Planning degree program. Prerequisite to the award of either degree in this program is the simultaneous award of its counterpart degree.

MMPA/MUP Coordinated Degree Program

A joint degree program has been designed to allow students to obtain both the Master of Public Administration and the Master of Urban Planning degrees concurrently. This program is intended to combine professional training in planning with applied administrative and managerial skills. More detailed information on this program can be found later in this section and in the Public Administration section of this Bulletin.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines).

Admission

An applicant must meet Graduate School requirements plus these Department of Urban Planning requirements to be considered for admission to the program:

- Undergraduate cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (4.0 scale).
- Three letters of recommendation from three previous faculty and/or professionals.
- Submission of test results from the General Test portion of Graduate Record Examination (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre).
- For international applicants whose first language is not English, a minimum TOEFL score of 100 iBT or a score of 7.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam is required. Applicants with TOEFL scores from 79-99 iBT, or an IELTS score of 6.5 will be considered for admission only with the stipulation that further coursework in English be taken.

Candidates seeking admission to the M.Arch/MUP the MPA/MUP, or the MS/MUP program must apply to and be admitted to both programs. The requirements for admission to the Master of Architecture degree program are detailed in the Architecture section of this Bulletin. The requirements for admission to the Master of Science in Engineering program are detailed in the Engineering section of this Bulletin. The requirements for admission to the MPA program are detailed in the Public Administration section of this Bulletin.

Credits and Courses

The minimum degree requirement is 48 credits. Of these 48 credits, 27 are taken in the core curriculum, consisting of the following courses:

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Select one of the following:  

- URBPLAN 751 Introduction to Urban Design and Physical Planning  
- URBPLAN 791 Introduction to Urban Geographic Information Systems for Planning  
- URBPLAN 857 Urban Design as Public Policy  

**Emphasis Areas**  
The remaining 21 credits may be taken in the general option or any of the emphasis areas listed under the Overview tab: Urban Revitalization; Economic Development; Urban Geographic Information Systems; Transportation; Physical Planning and Urban Design; and Environmental Resources. Each emphasis area consists of a recommended cluster of courses which may include one or more planning electives as emphasis area core courses, and a selection of electives from among planning and other courses. Details of the emphasis area can be obtained from the Department of Urban Planning and are finalized in consultation with the student’s academic advisor.