Urban Planning, BSP

Urban planning is shaping how our cities, states and communities operate; how people navigate the globe; and how cities are planned for success. Learn about future changing strategies like alternative transportation, housing diversity and urban revitalization. Access to a rich professional network supports students entering the job market.

Program Description

The urban planning program introduces students to issues faced by urban areas and the tools necessary to address them. Urban planners guide communities in making wise decisions about their use of land and resources.

The BSP program in urban planning provides students with expertise in both the analysis and the synthesis of the physical, social, political and economic issues that shape urban and regional development. Planning encompasses:

- computer and research methods
- environmental impact assessment
- geographic information systems
- housing
- landscape architecture and urban design
- planning and zoning law
- public policy formulation and administration
- transportation
- urban and development economics
- utilities

Students take courses that include:

- comprehensive planning
- computer and analytical methods
- planning law
- public policy formulation and administration
- site planning
- socioeconomic and environmental analyses
At a Glance

• **College/School**: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• **Location**: Tempe campus or online

**Additional Program Fee**: Yes  
**Second Language Requirement**: No  
**First Required Math Course**: MAT 142 - College Mathematics  
**Math Intensity**: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map (On-campus)  
2020 - 2021 Major Map (Online)  
Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Urban and Environmental Planning, MUEP

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements**:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.  
**Freshman** | **Transfer** | **International** | **Readmission**

Change of Major Requirements
A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request).

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates of urban planning pursue career opportunities with private planning firms and governmental planning agencies, mainly at the city level, but also with county, state and federal entities. Some planners elect to pursue graduate degrees to develop specialty skills and to enhance their opportunities for career
advancement. The urban planning degree, especially when combined with a focus on geographic information science, gives graduates an advantage in careers that combine urban planning with GIS and in other jobs dealing with urban issues, including:

- comprehensive and long-range planning
- economic development planning
- housing issues
- planning law
- public participation in the planning process
- socioeconomic and environmental analyses
- sustainable planning
- transportation

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Commercial Real Estate Associate</td>
<td>10.3%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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