Bachelors of Science in Urban Studies and Planning (BSUSB)

Mission Statement

The primary mission of the BSUSB degree is to teach students about the urban condition through basic education, public service and research. Graduates with a BSUSB degree are highly competitive in employment and future educational opportunities in a variety of urban related occupations such as in government, non-profit organizations and the private sector. Graduates of the BSUSB degree have been admitted to graduate programs across the country as well as programs at the University of New Orleans including: The Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP), Master of Science in Urban Studies (MSUS) and Master of Public Administration (MPA).

The public service mission of the BSUSB is fulfilled by affording, where conditions allow, the student to pursue an Urban Internship in an on or off campus setting. Fulfillment of this service mission can be through a paid position or a non-paid Internship in local governmental, non-profit entity or private sector firm or through other community outreach, recovery and volunteer activities.

The urban research mission of the BSUSB degree prepares students for higher level work in the graduate Urban Studies, Planning and Public Administration programs at the University of New Orleans. The BSUSB degree emphasizes the importance of research by insuring through required 4000 level coursework that BSUSB graduates are adequately prepared to undertake independent research.

The City of New Orleans is experiencing massive change as the impacts of Hurricane Katrina reshape the built, social and natural environments of the entire Gulf Coast Region. This “living laboratory” provides an exciting and challenging opportunity for students in many disciplines, including in particular, those interested in Urban Studies and Planning. The BSUSB provides a flexible framework for a degree that is focused primarily on the study of urbanism. Each BSUSB student can also develop an area of student specified concentration. Please see the BSUSB Degree Program Concentrations document for more details.

If you have any questions with regards to the BSUSB degree please contact:

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