



THE UNIVERSITY of
NEW ORLEANS

GRADUATE SCHOOL

MURP

MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING



Urban Planning is a collaborative, dynamic field that offers the chance to make a difference in the communities you care about

Every student has the opportunity to use New Orleans as a learning lab to gain first-hand experience

The MURP program offers professional training in the planning of cities and regions, with specific emphasis given to social, economic, environmental, political, and physical aspects, as well as the interaction of these factors. The program offers students an understanding of the present condition and the potential future of cities and urban areas, and how to think resourcefully in order to be innovators for positive change.

The 45-credit hour program offers specializations in the areas of:

- Environmental & Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Housing & Community Economic Development
- Historic Preservation
- Land Use & Urban Design
- Transportation Planning

In addition to high-quality classroom instruction, the MURP program offers graduate students real world planning experience while providing applied research and technical planning assistance to community-based organizations and state, metropolitan, and local agencies.

Committed to the equitable and sustainable rebuilding of New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the MURP faculty has been actively engaged in post-Katrina planning and redevelopment efforts. Faculty serve on a variety of local and state-level task forces and commissions, work with community organizations in neighborhood planning and capacity building efforts, and participate in the citywide planning and redevelopment initiatives.

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) program is the only accredited planning program in Louisiana. We have been educating leaders in urban planning since 1974.





Job prospects for urban planners are strong, particularly for those with a master's degree and relevant work experience.

WHERE OUR ALUMNI WORK

Urban and regional planners do many types of jobs and are involved in almost any kind of government or private activity that seeks to affect the future or respond to community change. Our more than 500 alumni work in government, with non-profit agencies, and in private industry in the Greater New Orleans region and throughout the country.

Here's where some of our recent graduates are working:

- City and County of Denver (Denver, CO)
- City of San José (San José, CA)
- Foundation for Louisiana (New Orleans, LA)
- French Market Corporation (New Orleans, LA)
- GCR & Associates (New Orleans, LA)
- Greenbelt Alliance (San Francisco, CA)
- Grounded Solutions Network (Boulder, CO)
- Jefferson Parish Planning Department (Jefferson Parish, LA)
- King County Metro Transit (Seattle, WA)
- Lafayette Planning Commission (Lafayette, LA)
- Louisiana Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit (New Orleans, LA)
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Washington, DC)
- New Orleans Planning Commission (New Orleans, LA)
- NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development (NY, NY)
- PGIM Real Estate Finance (NY, NY)
- Regional Planning Commission (New Orleans, LA)
- Saint John the Baptist Parish Department of Planning and Zoning (LaPlace, LA)
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington, DC)

GET STARTED

All applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, a 2.5 GPA or higher, and a strong GRE score. A background in urban planning is not required.

Application Deadline:

We accept applications for both the fall and spring semesters.

Fall: February 15th (priority scholarship and assistantship deadline); July 1 (final deadline).

Spring: November 1st (final deadline).

PLUS: WHO WE ARE

The Planning and Urban Studies (PLUS) Department at UNO prepares students for the challenge of shaping urban and regional change locally, throughout the country and around the globe. PLUS is where art and science converge as we teach urban design, scientific research and public policy. The department fulfills the university-wide mission to improve the quality of life throughout the New Orleans region. Our faculty works with federal, state, and local governments as well as non-profits and businesses. Our hands-on program encourages students to get involved in their community and to gain skills that will aid them in the field to affect change.

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