

Urban Planning, BSP

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Do you want to shape 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.

Program description


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

Students in the BSP program gain expertise in the analysis and synthesis of the physical, social, political and economic issues that shape urban and regional development. Courses cover comprehensive planning, computer and analytical methods, public policy formulation and administration, socioeconomic and environmental analyses, urban design and many other fields that urban planning encompasses, such as:

- geographic information systems
- housing
- landscape architecture
- planning and zoning law
- transportation
- urban and development economics
- utilities

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(online\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

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 plus master's degree** with:

[Urban and Environmental Planning, MUEP](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with [ASU Local](#), an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) 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 they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Through [study abroad](#) programs, students of urban planning can gain an understanding of how communities around the world have developed urban areas, and look at urban issues from a global perspective. The valuable experience students obtain through study abroad enhances their resumes, and they will be ready to use their acquired insights to help communities at home and around the world.

Study abroad programs are available in more than 300 programs in more than 65 countries.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the urban planning program 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 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

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Commercial Real Estate Associate</u> ☀	5.4%	\$60,670
<u>Environmental Restoration Planner</u> ☀	6.1%	\$76,480
<u>Equal Employment Opportunity Officer (EEO Officer)</u> ☀	4.6%	\$71,690
<u>Forester</u>	2.4%	\$64,220
<u>Landscape Architect</u>	0.7%	\$73,210
<u>Lawyer</u> ☀	7.5%	\$135,740
<u>Real Estate Broker</u>	3.5%	\$62,190
<u>Regulatory Affairs Specialist</u> ☀	4.6%	\$71,690
<u>Transportation Planner</u>	1.7%	\$88,900
<u>Urban Planner</u>	3.7%	\$79,540

* 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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Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational

requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

Contact information

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