Urban Planning, BSP

Do you want to shape how our cities, states and communities operate; how people navigate the globe; and how cities are planned for success? In this urban planning program, learn about future-changing strategies like alternative transportation, housing diversity and urban revitalization. When entering the job market, you'll have access to the support of a rich professional network.

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
At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe or Online, ASU Local
- Additional Program Fee: Yes
- Second Language Requirement: No
- First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map (On-campus)
2022 - 2023 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 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 are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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 description and request more information here.

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. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local here.

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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

The valuable experience students obtain through study abroad enhances their resumes. Study abroad programs are available in over 250 programs in more than 65 countries.

Students of urban planning can gain an understanding of how communities around the world have developed urban areas, look at urban issues from a global perspective, and then use insights acquired through study abroad to help communities at home and around the world. https://goglobal.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 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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* 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: https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure.

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