

# City Planning

IN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

IN THE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND FINE ARTS

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## General Information

The School of Public Affairs offers graduate study leading to the Master of City Planning degree.

The San Diego metropolitan community affords significant internship opportunities for the graduate student in federal, state, and local government agencies.

## Master of City Planning Degree

### Admission to Graduate Study

All students must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the university with classified graduate standing, as described in Admission and Registration. The applicant must possess a bachelor's or higher degree in sociology, geography, political science, economics, architecture, or landscape architecture, or any fields related to planning. Students with degrees other than those listed may be allowed to enter the program under appropriate conditions. In the event that deficiencies occur in a student's background and training, the graduate committee will examine the student's past record and recommend a program to make up the deficiencies.

Students seeking admission to the graduate program in city planning which leads to the Master of City Planning degree should address their inquiries to the coordinator of the program. As there are specific requirements for the program it is not sufficient merely to file the general university admission forms. Students are admitted to the program in the fall semester each year.

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the university application available at <http://www.calstate.edu/apply> along with the application fee.

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the School of Public Affairs.

### Graduate Admissions

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to:

#### Graduate Admissions

Enrollment Services  
San Diego State University  
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

1. Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all postsecondary institutions attended;
  - Students who attended SDSU need only submit transcripts for work completed since last attendance.
  - Students with international coursework must submit both the official transcript and proof of degree.
2. GRE scores (<http://www.ets.org> SDSU institution code 4682);
3. English language score, if medium of instruction was in a language other than English (<http://www.ets.org> SDSU institution code 4682).

## School of Public Affairs

The following admissions materials must be submitted electronically before April 1:

1. Letters of recommendation (two letters from professors or employers);
2. Unofficial transcripts;
3. Current curriculum vitae or resume;
4. Personal statement (500 word essay) providing background and general interest, reasons for choosing this graduate degree. Include professional aspirations and special areas of interest in planning.

For information regarding the admissions process, visit the school website at <http://spa.sdsu.edu>.

## Advancement to Candidacy

All students must meet the general requirements for advancement to candidacy, as described in Requirements for Master's Degrees and be recommended by faculty. In order to be recommended for advancement, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.0 in 24 units of city planning courses.

## Specific Requirements for the Master of City Planning Degree

(Major Code: 02061) (SIMS Code: 666917)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing for the purpose of pursuing the Master of City Planning degree, the student must complete an approved program of study consisting of at least 48 units of approved 500-, 600-, and 700-numbered courses, with no more than nine units of 500-level courses, to include:

1. Complete the following core courses:

C P 630	Seminar in Urban Planning Implementation .....	3
C P 640	Seminar in Urban Planning Theory .....	3
C P 660	City Planning and Geographic Information Systems Applications .....	3
C P 670	History of Urban Planning .....	3
C P 675	Seminar in Environmental Policy and Planning .....	3
C P 690	Seminar in Land Use Planning Principles and Techniques .....	3
C P 695	Computer Applications for Urban Design .....	3
C P 700	Urban Design and Land Use Planning Studio .....	3
2. Twelve units of 600- and 700-numbered courses in planning elective courses, readings and research.
3. C P 796 Internship in Urban Planning..... 3-6 (Cr/NC)
4. P A 604 Methods of Analysis in Public and Urban Affairs..... 3
5. P A 606 Seminar in Quantitative Approaches to Public Administration..... 3
6. Other electives to complete program selected with the approval of adviser.
7. Students in Plan B are required to enroll in Public Administration 795, Capstone Seminar in Public Affairs (3). Students who have approval of the graduate adviser to pursue Plan A must include City Planning 799A, Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP.

At least 39 units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University, and at least 24 units of program courses shall be enrolled in and completed after advancement to candidacy.

Not more than a total of nine units in courses 797 and 798 will be accepted for credit toward the degree.

## Courses Acceptable for Master's Degree Program in City Planning (C P)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs* sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

### GRADUATE COURSES

#### **C P 625. Quantitative Techniques in Urban Planning (3)**

Prerequisite: Public Administration 604.

Advanced techniques for analyzing problems in city planning; emphasis on computer applications.

#### **C P 630. Seminar in Urban Planning Implementation (3)**

Analysis of the content and function of zoning, subdivision regulation, codes, capital budgeting, urban renewal, model cities, and other implementation methods and programs.

#### **C P 635. Seminar in Housing Policy and Community Development (3)**

Study, definition, and analysis of housing needs and problems. Public policies and programs addressing the availability and affordability of housing, and equitable economic development.

#### **C P 640. Seminar in Urban Planning Theory (3)**

Prerequisite recommended: City Planning 630.

Alternative theories of planning and organization of the planning function. Emphasis on conceptual foundations, relationship to governmental structure, decision making, and ideological and ethical orientations.

#### **C P 660. City Planning and Geographic Information Systems Applications (3)**

ArcGIS mapping software extensively utilized in city planning. Proficiency necessary to use software in professional context for work required by public and/or private sector planning employment.

#### **C P 670. History of Urban Planning (3)**

History of urban development and of the field of urban planning.

#### **C P 675. Seminar in Environmental Policy and Planning (3)**

Theoretical elements of environmental policy, sustainability; application to urban planning. Green site planning, urban design, and transportation policy.

#### **C P 690. Seminar in Land Use Planning Principles and Techniques (3)**

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisite: City Planning 660.

Land-use and physical planning principles and techniques at the regional, community, specific and subdivision planning levels.

#### **C P 695. Introductory Urban Design Studio (3)**

One lecture and six hours of laboratory.

Acquisition of computer graphics skills to successfully communicate urban design ideas and plans. Focus on laboratory work and the production of planning related graphic pieces.

#### **C P 700. Urban Design and Land Use Planning Studio (3)**

Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.

Prerequisites: City Planning 690 and 695.

Preparation of land-use plans and planning reports at the regional, community and subdivision levels.

#### **C P 710. Seminar in Theories of Urban Design (3)**

Perspectives and methodologies of contemporary urban design and its contribution toward improving the quality of the physical, social and economic environment.

#### **C P 730. Seminar in Urban Transportation Planning (3)**

Issues, techniques and practices in urban transportation planning with general emphasis on interrelations between transportation and land use planning.

#### **C P 796. Internship in Urban Planning (3-6) Cr/NC**

Students will be assigned to various government agencies and will work under joint supervision of agency heads and the course instructor. Participation in staff and internship conferences. Maximum credit six units.

#### **C P 797. Research in Urban Planning (3) Cr/NC/RP**

Prerequisite recommended: Consent of director of city planning program.

Research in one of the areas of urban planning. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

#### **C P 798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP**

Prerequisite recommended: Consent of staff.

To be arranged with director of city planning and instructor. Individual study. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

#### **C P 799A. Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP**

Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy.

Preparation of a project or thesis for the master's degree.

#### **C P 799B. Thesis Extension (0) Cr/NC**

Prerequisite: Prior registration in Thesis 799A with an assigned symbol of RP.

Registration required in any semester or term following assignment of RP in Course 799A in which student expects to use the facilities and resources of the university; also student must be registered in the course when the completed thesis is granted final approval.

#### **C P 799C. Comprehensive Examination Extension (0) Cr/NC**

Prerequisite: Completion or concurrent enrollment in degree program courses.

Registration required of students whose only requirement is completion of the comprehensive examination for the master's degree. Registration in 799C limited to two semesters.

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### Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering

Refer to "Engineering" in this section of the bulletin.