SUSTAINABLE URBAN PLANNING

Be part of the future. Empower yourself to help shape tomorrow by learning the practice of urban and regional planning and by attaining cutting edge analytical skills -- centered on sustainability, climate change policy, and landscape design.

Join a growing community of professionals whose goal is to promote a healthy environment and high quality of life across local, regional, national, and global communities -- and be at the very forefront of a field that U.S. News and World Report has named as one of the 50 Best Careers of 2011.

The George Washington University’s College of Professional Studies’ programs in Sustainability are ideal for both those looking to launch a career in urban and regional planning and established members of the field looking to sharpen their skills for the demands of the 21st Century.

Graduates will find opportunity across a wide array of agencies in the public, private, and nongovernmental sectors -- working within the United States and around the world at large.

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The Sustainable Urban Planning Program is highly innovative — and is unique among planning programs, both here in the United States and around the world. While the program is designed in a way that is consistent with other graduate-level urban planning programs — and is directly in line with standards set forth by the Planning Accreditation Board — the concept of sustainability represents the very fiber of the curriculum, from start to finish. The master’s degree is grounded in a core set of courses in Urban Sustainability and offers you a choice between two areas of concentration: Climate Change Management and Policy or Sustainable Landscapes. While in the program, you will receive close, personalized mentoring and gain the expertise and skills needed to operate at the forefront of the profession.

The Sustainable Urban Planning Program is analytically based because it is aimed at training you how to shape cities and region for the future: attractive, dynamic, lasting, healthy, and vibrant places to live and do business. But achieving these outcomes requires planners to have the ability to think critically and to have the skills and judgment to objectively solve the many complex — and very compelling challenges that arise across the spectrum of public, private, and nongovernmental enterprise. For example, whether forming urban policy within the public sector, making investment decisions within the private sector, or guiding economic development within the nongovernmental sector — planners need to make decisions on the basis of informed, evidence-based reasoning.

Above-and-beyond its subject matter, this program teaches an independent way of thinking that will enable you to make deep and enduring impacts as a professional in the field.

Finally, the Sustainable Urban Planning Program explicitly recognizes that the world is increasingly interconnected — demographically, economically, environmentally, socially, and technologically — and that, as a consequence, urban problems (and their solutions) have ever-greater geographic resonance. An inherent value of the program is that how we go about the practice of planning matters in far reaching ways: even small, individual actions collectively add up to local, regional, national, and, ultimately, global outcomes. This program explicitly addresses the wide-ranging nature of contemporary urban problems and is responsive to the global telescoping of their implications.

Application and Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree with B average or better (3.0 on a 4.0 point scale) or equivalent from an accredited college or university
- Current resume with education and work history
- Statement of purpose (250 to 500 word essay outlining academic goals and objectives)
- Three letters of recommendation, including one from a current supervisor, if possible
- Official transcripts from each college or university attended
- Completed application form with non-refundable application fee
- TOEFL score, if applicable