Help Plan the Future of Your Community

Urban and regional planning is an interdisciplinary field of study that is essential to the planning and development of settlements and communities. Urban planners engage in a whole range of activities involved with developing policies as well as physical and economic infrastructure of urban areas so they will best support the needs of diverse and growing populations. In doing this, planners must manage resources of all kinds effectively and also be able to plan for both current and future needs of the population.

The job outlook for graduates is positive; in addition to proceeding to graduate school for an MPA, many graduates find employment in local and state government and nonprofit organizations, locally, regionally and even internationally.

Online Graduate Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning

Program Highlights

15 credit hours
In-state tuition: $490/credit hour*
Out-of-state tuition: $575/credit hour*

*Tuition is based on 2021-2022 rates and is subject to change.

- Available in an easily accessible, 100% online format
- Interdisciplinary, NASPAA-accredited program based in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program
- Perfect for working students, military soldiers, full-time employees seeking a career change or enhancement, and others who are place-bound
- Curriculum uniquely centered on aspects of public administration and economic development, with attention to current public policy issues such as border security, housing, health, emergency management and public safety

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Call 1-800-684-UTEP to speak with an enrollment counselor today or visit us at utepconnect.utep.edu
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Admissions Requirements
To qualify for admission into this program you must:

• Complete and submit a graduate admissions application and application fee

• Have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited university

• Submit official transcripts in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School

International students must also submit:

• Official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores

Curriculum
Students must complete four elective courses plus one required capstone course for a total of five courses (15 semester credit hours) with a grade of C or better to receive the certificate.

Elective Courses: 12 semester credit hours

Required Capstone Course: 3 semester credit hours

Total Credits for Completion: 15 semester credit hours

Course details
Electives (pick four courses from the following)

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<td>PAD 5359</td>
<td>Regional and Urban Planning</td>
<td>Study planning topics associated with satisfying area-wide service needs in urban and regional environments. Topics may include land-use regulations, capital facilities siting, and transportation planning.</td>
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<td>PAD 5310</td>
<td>Public Policy Process and Institutions</td>
<td>Explore the history of public administration and the basic issues confronted, both legal and political, the role of bureaucratic expertise in contemporary government and in solving public problems, and public participation in administration.</td>
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<td>PAD 5360</td>
<td>Urban Administration</td>
<td>Examine public administration at the level of service delivery with emphasis upon the management of and policy problems facing local agencies.</td>
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<td>PAD 5363</td>
<td>Intergovernmental Relations</td>
<td>Analyze the interrelationships among international, national, state, and/or local governmental institutions in the policy-making, executive, and/or administrative processes. Also discuss the special issue of states and communities situated on international borders.</td>
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<td>PAD 5380</td>
<td>Selected Problems in Public Administration</td>
<td>Undertake independent study, research, and writing on a topic agreed upon with the professor. May be repeated for credit up to three times when the topic varies.</td>
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Required course

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<td>PAD 5367</td>
<td>Comprehensive Integration of Public Administration</td>
<td>Demonstrate competency in the area of interest in a professional format. Design and complete a research project that demonstrates the ability to synthesize and apply relevant knowledge and skills to a public service problem. The capstone course may be aligned with degree requirements.</td>
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