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UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR in URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN

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The Bloustein School was established in 1992 to prepare students to be the leaders of tomorrow, conduct cutting-edge, policy-relevant research and scholarship, cultivate leadership and public engagement and community service, and to address the crucial policy issues of our time. The school fosters a highly-collaborative academic, scholarly and professional environment, where the disciplines of urban planning, public policy, public health, and health administration closely converge.

The Bloustein School educates a select pool of students, preparing them for both public and private sector careers, teaching and research professions and service at all levels of government. Students are trained and ultimately employed in the areas of land use, political processes, public health, health administration, employment and social policy, human services, transportation policy and planning, housing and real estate, urban redevelopment, and regional development and planning.

The Bloustein School provides students a unique opportunity to pursue their passion for public service and research and offers bachelor degrees in five major fields. The school also offers seven minor programs. With an undergraduate population of approximately 800 students, the Bloustein School is small enough to offer students individual academic support and the focus of a professional school, but large enough for students to enjoy all the benefits, resources, and opportunities of a leading public research university.

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(Bachelor of Science Degree)

Urban design is the process by which cities, towns, and villages are shaped, with the goal of making urban areas functional, attractive, and sustainable. It unites all the built environment professions, including urban planning, landscape architecture, architecture, civil and municipal engineering, and focuses on the design, quality, character and appearance of places. Urban planning is the process concerned with the use of land and design of the urban environment, including air, water, and infrastructure networks. It guides and ensures the orderly development of communities, and concerns itself with research and analysis, strategic thinking, policy recommendations, implementation, and management.

The major in Urban Planning and Design (971, 971D) combines these two processes to provide students with a sharper focus on city design, community development, GIS and graphic communication, and planning practice.

Students must complete the 12-13 credits of prerequisite courses before beginning the major requirements. The requirements for the Urban Planning and Design major include 45 credits of core courses and 9 credits of elective courses from an approved program list.

Current major core and elective requirement courses may be found at bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/urbanplanninganddesign/.

PREREQUISITES (12-13 cr)

- 220:102 Intro to Microeconomics (5) or 11:373:121 Principles and Applications of Microeconomics
- 355:101 Expository Writing (3)
- 920:101 Intro to Sociology (3)
- 775:205 Basic Statistical Methods (4) or pre-approved 200-level or higher equivalent (3-4)

UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN (18 cr)

This minor is well-matched to majors in art history; civil engineering; environmental science; geography; landscape architecture; sociology; and more.

Students seeking the urban planning and design minor must complete three core courses and three 300-level or higher 971 electives, excluding those courses open to majors only. Only courses with a grade of “C” or better can be counted toward the minor.

JOINT BA OR BS/MCRP PROGRAM

Exceptional, well-prepared students who wish to pursue graduate studies in urban planning are encouraged to seek advising about the 3-1-1 Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) program at the Bloustein School.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The Bloustein School offers a variety of Planning and Public Policy certificates. The certificates are open to students in any major and to post baccalaureate students with degrees in any discipline. Awarded certificates appear on the student’s final transcript.

Undergraduate students are restricted to courses at the 300 and 400 levels. Post baccalaureate students may select courses from any level. Students must declare their intention to pursue a certificate program with the Bloustein School prior to their last semester of study in order to qualify to receive a certificate. Certificates are awarded only with, or subsequent to receiving a bachelor’s degree. Awarded certificates appear on the student’s transcript.

- Community Development (24 cr)
- Real Estate (24 cr)
- Urban Planning (24 cr)
- Community Sustainability (18 cr)

Please see bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/planning-and-public-policy-certificate-programs/ for curriculum requirements for each certificate.

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Students in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) and students in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS) who wish to remain in their primary unit must apply for admission prior to declaring the major. SAS students may pursue Urban Planning and Design as their first major and remain within SAS. SEBS students may pursue Urban Planning and Design as a second major in order to remain within SEBS. SAS and SEBS students can apply for the Urban Planning and Design major by visiting bloustein.rutgers.edu/major-application. Applicants must have achieved a minimum grade of “C” or better in each of the pre-requisite courses and be in good academic standing.

Students are advised to declare the Urban Planning and Design major no later than their first semester of junior year to ensure completion of the major by their anticipated graduation date.

Only courses with “C” or better may be counted towards program requirements. Upon completing the major, all General Education requirements*, and a minimum of 120 credits in good academic standing, the student will receive the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree from the Bloustein School.

TRANSFER STUDENTS (971D)
Current Rutgers students seeking a school-to-school transfer from another Rutgers unit, or students transferring to Rutgers from another college or university, must apply via the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. For a school-to-school transfer visit www.ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/SchoolToSchool/auth.aspx. If you are transferring from outside of Rutgers, visit admissionservices.rutgers.edu/ugrad/.

Transfer students from New Jersey community colleges are encouraged to complete lower division prerequisite courses and the Associate’s Degree in order to benefit from the Lampitt Law.

Transfer students seeking the Urban Planning and Design major must have at least 30 credits before applying to the Bloustein School. Successful applicants will have completed the prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better, and have achieved an overall GPA of at least 2.5.

This program is designed to accommodate the needs of transfer and nontraditional students. To learn more on how to apply, admission requirements, and academic policies, please visit the major homepage: bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/urbanplanninganddesign

* General Education Requirements (27 cr)

- Expository Writing or equivalent (3) FULFILLED BY PREREQUISITE
- An intensive writing course (3) FULFILLED WITHIN THE MAJOR
- Quantitative Reasoning (3)
- Science and Technology courses (3, 3) FULFILLED BY PREREQUISITE
- Arts & Humanities course (3)
- Social Science course (3)
- History course (3)
- Diversity (Global and Cultural Awareness) course (3)