



Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR in URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN

THE BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL

The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy 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.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN (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.

PREREQUISITES (12-13 cr)

- 220:102 Intro to Microeconomics (3) or 11:373:121 Principles and Applications of Microeconomics
- 355:101 Expository Writing (3)
- 762:205 Basic Statistical Methods (4) or equivalent (3-4)
- 920:101 Intro to Sociology (3)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (51 cr total)

Effective January 1, 2017

- One of the following:
 - 971:201 Introduction to Urban Planning and Design (3)
 - 550:230 Environmental Design Analysis (3)
- 971:202 Designing Healthy Cities (3)
- 971:314 Graphic Communication for Planning (3)
- 971:315 Introduction to GIS (3)
- 971:316 Introduction to Site Planning and Urban Design (3) – Prerequisite 971:201
- 971:318 History and Theory of Urban Planning & Design (3)
- One of the following:
 - 762:317 Urban Municipal Management (3)
 - 762:360 Principles of Public Management (3)
 - 971:363 Planning Administration and Practice (3)
- One of the following:
 - 762:307 Community Development (3)
 - 762:413 Urban Revitalization (3)
- One of the following:
 - 762:473 Transportation Policy (3)
 - 971:472 Transportation Planning (3)
- 971:463 Environmental and Land Use Law (3)
- 971:395 Methods of Planning Analysis (3) – Open to majors only
- 971:403 Advanced Graphic Communication (3) – Prerequisite 971:201 and 316
- 971:404 Planning and Design Studio I (3) – Pre- or Corequisite: 971:403
- 971:405 Planning and Design Studio II (3) – Prerequisite 971:404
- Three 3-credit electives (9 cr total) from the following and the approved program list (see advisor)
 - 971:298 Independent Study (3)
 - 971:299 Independent Study (3)
 - 971:400 Internship (3) – Prerequisite: 971:395, senior status and faculty sponsor
 - 971:485 Independent Study (3) – senior status and a faculty sponsor
 - 971:486 Independent Study (3) – senior status and a faculty sponsor
 - 971:497 Bloustein Honors Research (3) – senior status and a faculty sponsor; required 3.4 cumulative GPA
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UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN (18 cr)

Students must complete 9 credits of required courses and three elective courses (9 cr.) to complete the undergraduate minor in Urban Planning and Design.

- 971:201 Introduction to Urban Planning and Design (3)
- 971:202 Designing Healthy Cities (3)
- 971:316 Introduction to Site Planning and Urban Design (3) – Prerequisite 971:201

Electives (9 cr)

- 9 credits of pre-approved courses (see adviser)

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.

bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (SAS) and SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (SEBS) STUDENTS (971)

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 <http://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 toward the Urban Planning and Design major, and students must complete the general education requirements for SAS. The degree is awarded jointly by the Bloustein School and the School of Arts and Sciences.

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 articulation agreements.

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

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.

* General Education Requirements (27 cr)

for students transferring to the Bloustein School (school-to-school and external transfers)

- Expository Writing or equivalent (3) *FULFILLED BY PREREQUISITE*
- An intensive writing course (3)
- College-level math (3)
- Two, 3-credit Science courses (3, 3)
- Two, 3-credit Arts & Humanities courses (3, 3)
- One, 3-credit course in History (3)
- One, 3-credit Diversity course (3)

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