



Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

# UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR in PLANNING & PUBLIC POLICY

## THE EDWARD J. BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC POLICY

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.

## UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN PLANNING AND PUBLIC POLICY (Bachelor of Arts Degree)

The major in planning and public policy (762, 762D) prepares students for entry-level jobs in the public and private sectors, especially in the fields of housing, community development, government service, land use, real estate, transportation, and health policy, and for graduate education in public administration, public policy, and urban planning.

Students must complete the 9-10 credits of prerequisite courses before beginning the major requirements. The requirements for the Planning and Public Policy major include 16 credits of core courses and 21 credits of electives with course code 762, 15 credits of which must be at the 300-level or higher.

Students interested in select career paths should consider clustering their electives and seek advising early in their program of studies.

Current major core and elective requirement courses may be found at [bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/planningandpublicpolicy/](http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/planningandpublicpolicy/).

## PREREQUISITES (9-10 cr)

- 355:101 Expository Writing (3)
- 775:205 Basic Statistical Methods (4) or equivalent (3-4)
- 220:102 Intro to Microeconomics (3) or 11:373:121 Principles & Applications of Microeconomics (3)

## UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN PLANNING AND PUBLIC POLICY (24-25 cr)

This minor is well-matched to majors in economics; labor studies & employment relations; political science; pre-law; social justice; geography; sociology; urban planning and design; and more.

Students seeking the Planning and Public Policy minor must complete three core courses and five elective courses in course code 762, four of which must be 300-level or higher, excluding 775:395, 762:400 and 762:499, which are open to majors only.

## JOINT BA OR BS/MCRP PROGRAM

Exceptional, well-prepared students from any Rutgers-New Brunswick matriculating unit who wish to study urban planning are encouraged to seek advising about the 3-1-1 Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) program.

## 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/](http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/planning-and-public-policy-certificate-programs/) for curriculum requirements for each certificate.

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### \* 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) *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)

### SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (SAS) OR SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (SEBS) STUDENTS (762)

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 Planning and Public Policy as their first major and remain within SAS. SEBS students may pursue Planning and Public Policy as a second major in order to remain within SEBS. SAS and SEBS students can apply for the Planning and Public Policy major by visiting [bloustein.rutgers.edu/major-application](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 Planning and Public Policy 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 the Planning and Public Policy major, and SAS students must complete the general education requirements of SAS. The degree is awarded jointly by the Bloustein School and the School of Arts and Sciences.

### TRANSFER STUDENTS (762D)

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](http://www.ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/SchoolToSchool/auth.aspx). If you are transferring from outside of Rutgers, visit [admissionsservices.rutgers.edu/ugrad/](http://admissionsservices.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 Planning and Public Policy 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/planningandpublicpolicy/](http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/planningandpublicpolicy/).

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 Arts (B.A.) degree from the Bloustein School.

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To request an appointment or ask a question about any of our undergraduate offerings, contact  
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