THE SCHOOL
The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy seeks to improve our increasingly urbanized and interconnected world by exploring solutions that are healthier, greener, fairer, and generate greater prosperity than do current practices. Founded in 1992, some of the School’s academic programs are ranked among the top 5 nationally, whereas others are ranked among the top 10, with our doctoral students serving as faculty members in some of the world’s leading universities. The school’s academic community includes world-renowned professors and researchers, superb staff, and a diverse student body. The school’s core foci are graduate planning, public policy, and health administration scholarship, and undergraduate public health, and starting in Fall 2019, public informatics. Faculty, staff and students conduct research on the critical issues facing the world, country, state, and neighborhoods. Researchers study climate change, poverty, inequality, housing finance, community development, transportation, health, immigration, education, urban design, statistics, and government funding and budgeting. Some of its many research centers have recognition internationally in their own areas. Thirteen research centers, including the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development and the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, conduct research, expand the school’s public service mission and provide students with opportunities for research on some of the most critical planning and public policy issues.

ACADEMIC COMMUNITY
The Bloustein School’s interdisciplinary faculty have degrees in planning, public policy, political science, geography, economics, public health, health administration, demography, engineering, statistics, sociology, business administration, and organizational behavior. The faculty engage in high-quality research and service in the academic and professional communities - publishing books and peer-reviewed articles; serving as advisers to local, state, and federal governments and nonprofit agencies; and holding leadership positions at journals and institutes across the U.S. The Journal of Planning Education and Research, one of the premier journals of urban planning scholarship, is currently edited by faculty at the school. The Bloustein School educates a highly select group of students and prepares them for careers in the public, nonprofit and for-profit sectors, teaching and research professions, and service at all levels of government. Alumni of the school are employed in the areas of planning, land use, politics, public and community health, health administration, employment and social policy, human services, transportation, housing, urban policy and international development.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
The disciplines and professions of urban planning, public policy, public health, health administration and the newly-established public informatics are strongly situated in an educational context that stresses social science education and public service. The Bloustein School grants BA and BS degrees in five majors, four Master’s degrees, and through the Rutgers School of Graduate Studies, a PhD in Planning and Public Policy.

Undergraduate
The Bloustein School’s rapidly growing undergraduate majors strive to achieve a high level of professional training within the context of a strong liberal arts education. The school’s largest undergraduate major, Public Health, is among the first in the nation to be accredited by the Council on Public Health Education (CEPH) and has been ranked among the top four undergraduate Public Health programs in the country. Other majors are Health Administration, Planning and Public Policy, Public Policy, and Urban Planning and Design. The school also offers minor programs in these fields as well as in Public Administration and Management.

Graduate
The Urban Planning and Policy Development program recently celebrated its 50th anniversary as one of the nation’s premier planning programs. Students can concentrate their graduate studies in Design and Development, International Development, Transportation Policy and Planning, Community Development and Housing, and Environmental and Land Use Planning, or create their own concentration. The Masters in City and Regional Planning program is ranked 5th nationally.

The Program in Public Policy prepares students for careers in the public, nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Students can concentrate their graduate studies in one of thirteen areas, including Budget and Finance, Management, Methods, Social Justice and Advocacy, Social Policy and Women’s Issues, and Urban Policy and Community Development, or create their own concentration.

The Master of Health Administration—through an executive and a traditional master’s degree program—provides students with an interdisciplinary education focused on improving health care, health systems, and policy.

The Master of Public Informatics, which will begin enrolling students in the fall of 2019, will provide the vehicle for educating professional student cohorts in the competencies needed in public informatics: statistics, programming, data management, data analytics, visualization, spatial analysis, applications and the integration of these skills. Graduates of the program will bring a critical voice and a deep understanding of context to an emerging field.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in Planning and Public Policy, awarded by the Rutgers School of Graduate Studies, is an advanced scholarly degree appropriate for students seeking a career in university teaching and research or a leadership position in planning and public policy in the public, nonprofit or for-profit sector.
DEGREES

- Ph.D. Planning and Public Policy
- Master of City and Regional Planning; Master of City and Regional Studies; joint degrees with law, business, food and business economics, public policy
- Master of Public Policy; Master of Public Affairs and Politics; joint degrees with law, public health, global affairs, urban planning
- Master of Health Administration
- Master of Public Informatics (beginning Fall 2019)
- B.S. in Health Administration
- B.S. in Public Health
- B.S. in Public Policy
- B.S. in Urban Planning and Design
- B.A. in Planning and Public Policy

BUDGET FY 2018

$39,054,689

- Contracts and grants: $15,738,742 (40%)
- Tuition: $17,570,991 (45%)
- Chancellor Allocation: $4,107,756 (11%)
- Gifts, contributions, and other income: $1,637,200 (4%)

Value of Endowment as of 6/30/18: $11,955,171

Faculty positions: 51 (32 tenure track; 19 non-tenure track)

Staff positions: 103 (83 non-state funded; 20 state/tuition funded)

CENTERS

- Bloustein Center for Survey Research
- Bloustein Local Government Research Center
- Center for Energy, Economic, and Environmental Policy
- Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- Center for Urban Policy Research
- Environmental Analysis and Communications Group
  - National Center for Neighborhood and Brownfields Redevelopment
  - Planning Healthy Communities Initiative
  - Sustainable Raritan River Initiative
  - New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance
- HIV Prevention Community Planning Support and Development Initiative
- John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development
  - New Start Career Network
- Rutgers Center for Green Building
- Rutgers Economic Advisory Service
- Rutgers Regional Report/State Data Center
- Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center
  - National Transit Institute
  - New Jersey Travel Independence Program
  - New Jersey Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center
  - New Jersey Safe Routes to School
- Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement

ENROLLMENTS AND ACCREDITATIONS

GRADUATE DEGREE STUDENTS
by program | FALL 2018 | 2018-19
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Urban Planning | 129 | 1056
Public Policy | 58 | 454
Health Admin | 143 | 877
Public Health | 0 | 7
Public Informatics | 0 | 19
Exchange | 0 | 2
Ph.D. | 48 | 79
TOTAL GRAD. | 378 | 2494

NATIONAL RANK | ACCREDITATIONS
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5* | Planning Accreditation Board
3** | National Association of Schools of Public Administration and Affairs

ACCRREDITATIONS

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
by program | FALL 2018 | 2018-19
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Public Health | 411 | 4519
Planning/Pub.Policy | 29 | 574
Public Policy | 50 | 371
Health Admin. | 238 | 1992
UP and Design | 30 | 255
Med.Humanities/Ethics | 0 | 38
Public Admin/Mgmt | 0 | 100
Policy,Health, Admin. | 0 | 1669
Urban Studies/Dev. | 0 | 7
TOTAL UG | 758 | 9525

NATIONAL RANK | ACCREDITATIONS
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*** | Council on Education for Public Health

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