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.

Our many research centers have earned recognition internationally in their own areas. Several, 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 a traditional degree program as well as an executive track—provides students with an interdisciplinary education focused on improving health care, health systems, and policy.

The Master of Public Informatics, which began 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, social work, and urban planning
- Master of Health Administration
- Master of Public Informatics
- 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 2019

$42,043,427

- Contracts and grants:** $16,034,490 (38%)
- Tuition and fees:** $19,489,512 (46%)
- Chancellor Allocation: $4,320,191 (10%)
- Gifts, contributions, other income: $2,199,234 (5%)

Value of Endowment as of 6/30/19 $14,803,978

Faculty positions 51 (31 tenure track; 20 non-tenure track)
Staff positions 102 (89 non-state funded; 23 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
- Center for Transportation Safety, Security and Risk
- National Center for Neighborhood and Brownfields Redevelopment
- 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
New Jersey Education and Workforce Longitudinal Data System
Laboratory for Urban and Civic Informatics (coming in fall 2020)
Planning Healthy Communities Initiative
Rutgers Center for Green Building
Rutgers Economic Advisory Service
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

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