

Master of Science in Urban Studies

INTRODUCTION

The MS in Urban Studies program offers advanced training in urban studies to recent undergraduate-degree recipients, practitioners already working in the field, and returning students who wish to pursue careers in public, not-for-profit, or private service. No single discipline adequately covers the broad spectrum of knowledge that the modern urban problem solver needs. Thus, the program draws on many disciplines to broaden and extend the student's knowledge and expertise through a combination of specially developed urban core courses, research seminars, and electives.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The MS in Urban Studies is an interdisciplinary program drawing on resources and faculty from a variety of disciplines, colleges, and departments. Classroom knowledge can be augmented by internships and other experiential training that add scope to the program. The objective of the program is to educate students with grounding in theoretical perspectives and applied research methods useful for effective problem definition and problem solving. These skills enhance organizational capacity in attempting to define, analyze, and solve urban problems. Special emphasis is placed on economic development, public finance, organizational leadership, law and public policy, community

and neighborhood development, and policy analysis.

RESEARCH

For nearly 30 years, CSU's Urban Center has served as the focal point of applied research, technical assistance and public service in Ohio. The Center draws on the talented pool of professional staff and scholars at CSU's Levin College of Urban Affairs, long considered a leader in City Management and Urban Policy. It is the largest resource in the state dedicated to urban policy research.

The Urban Center affords students the opportunity to become involved in applied research prior to graduation. The College's faculty publish in leading academic journals and are premier scholars in their fields, which include economic development, real estate development, urban planning, and public administration.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students complete a minimum of forty credit hours, consisting of a common core curriculum and an area of specialization. The core of the MS in Urban Studies curriculum is required of all students and covers statistics and applied quantitative reasoning, public finance and economics, urban spatial structures, and the evolution of human settlements. Students choose from the following areas of specialization: Economic Development, Public

Finance, Urban Policy Analysis, Urban Real Estate Development, Community and Neighborhood Development, or Law and Public Policy. Specializations consist of required courses, elective(s), and a capstone course, exit project, or thesis.



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