



Master of

URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Program Information

The Master of Urban Planning and Development (MUPD) program is designed for students who wish to continue their education and for current planning practitioners who wish to receive a professional graduate degree focused on cities and their regions. The program prepares students for planning practice in a wide variety of organizational settings and professional pursuits. The curriculum combines an appreciation of planning as a profession, substantive studies regarding urban challenges and opportunities, and a set of analytical skills useful to planning practice.

The MUPD program is fully accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board and focuses on the theory, skills, and practical experience needed for the transformation and revitalization of industrialized cities and the regions in which they are located.

Our graduates work in city planning, regional planning, watershed planning, neighborhood development, economic development, housing, public works, community development, social services, and real estate development. Our MUPD graduates hold leadership positions in American Planning Association chapters.

Degree Requirements (48 credit hours)

Students complete a core of eight courses, a studio project, and select a specialization area in:

- housing and neighborhood development
- economic development
- real estate development and finance
- geographic information systems (GIS)
- environmental sustainability
- historic preservation

Spring 2014 Planning Studio students won the 2015 AICP National Student Project Award for their work on "Irishtown Greenway: A Strategic Plan for the Flats West Bank". The AICP Student Project Awards recognize outstanding class projects or papers that contribute to advances in the field of planning. To view student work, please visit www.irishtowngreenway.org

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs

Nationally recognized as one of the premier colleges of Urban Affairs, the Levin College is ranked among the top schools of Public Affairs and ranked highly in the specialization of City Management and Urban Policy by U.S. News and World Report. The only College of Urban Affairs in Ohio, Levin is home to nationally recognized faculty as well as The Urban Center, a collection of fee and contract-supported applied research programs with specializations in the fields of public management, nonprofit management, community planning and development, and economic development. Centers affiliated with the field of urban planning include Economic Development, led by Dr. Ziona Austrian and Community Planning and Development, led by Kathy Hexter.

Students have the opportunity to participate in the CSU chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). Through this association, students gain valuable networking opportunities, perspective from current planners, and opportunities for leadership. Please visit www.csuapa.org for more information.



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Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Master of Urban Planning and Development program must meet the minimum requirements established by the College of Graduate Studies and the MUPD program faculty:

1. A minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.0, on a degree posted transcript.
2. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, with an average Verbal and Quantitative score at the 50th percentile, and an Analytical Writing score of at least 4.0. Students with a graduate degree from an accredited college or university are exempted from this requirement. *Other standardized admission examinations may be substituted at the discretion of the Program Director.*
3. Two letters of recommendation, preferably from faculty.
4. Non-native English speakers who have not earned a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited U.S. institution must demonstrate proof of English-language proficiency.

Graduate Assistantships and Tuition Grants

Graduate Assistantships and Tuition Grants are competitive, and are awarded to qualified students who have been admitted to Urban Affairs graduate degree programs. Candidates must have an undergraduate or graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher to qualify for and retain a graduate assistantship.

Graduate Assistants work 20 hours per week and are required to be enrolled for at least 8 credit hours per semester. Additional employment is generally not permitted. Assistantships provide a tuition waiver for 8-12 credit hours (at the Ohio-resident tuition rate) and a stipend of \$3,600 per semester for master's degree-seeking students and \$5,900 per semester for Ph.D. students.

Tuition Grant recipients work for up to 10 hours per week, and receive an award equivalent to the amount of graduate tuition (at the Ohio-resident rate) for 1-12 credit hours.

While Graduate Assistant and Tuition Grant applications will be accepted throughout the year, the priority application deadline is March 1st for the upcoming academic year (starting in August of the same year).

The application can be completed online at urban.csuohio.edu/students/ga_application

Levin College Scholarships for Graduate Students

Students who have been accepted into the Levin College are eligible to apply for scholarships ranging from \$200 to full tuition.

Please visit us online at urban.csuohio.edu/students/financing for updated information on scholarships. Scholarship applications are due in March for the upcoming academic year.

For more information, please contact:
College Admissions Recruiter

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