

Certificate in Urban Design

“Diplomado en Diseño Urbano”



*Department of
Urban and Regional Planning
FSU-Panama*



Program Overview

The Department offers a graduate certificate in urban design that prepares professionals to be conversant in both design and planning languages and to be able to devise, implement and communicate strategic and physical plans, and policy to a diverse group of stakeholders. The certificate provides students with instruction in the history and theory of urban design, visualization techniques, and physical planning skills and application. The certificate is not a substitute for professional design education or for people seeking licensure.

Program Requirements

To complete the certificate, students are required to complete 18 hours of class work in required courses in urban design and visualization methods for urban design, as well as electives selected from a set of courses that includes land use planning, pedestrian oriented communities, transportation and land use, neighborhood planning, historic preservation, and other courses in urban and regional planning, landscape graphics, site engineering, and geography. Students must also satisfy a capstone requirement by taking URP 5873 Site Design and Land Use Analysis.

Admission to the Program

The certificate program is open to both FSU graduate matriculates and to non-matriculates studying under special graduate student status. Applicants may be, but are not required to be, currently pursuing the master's or Ph.D. degrees in urban and regional planning. Those pursuing the MSP or Ph.D. degrees --or other graduate degrees at FSU-- must be in good academic standing to be admitted. There are no admission requirements for current FSU graduate degree students other than good academic standing.

- I. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States or the equivalent from an institution abroad. No specific major is required.
- II. The minimum criterion to be considered for admission is a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher for previous study or a combined verbal and quantitative score for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) of 1000. (The GRE exam is optional for applicants who meet the minimum GPA requirement.)
- III. Applicants whose native language is not English and who have not received a degree from a college or university in an English-speaking nation also must submit an official transcript of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum TOEFL score of 213 (computer-based), 550 (paper-based), or 80 (internet-based) is required for an applicant to be considered for admission.

Program of Study

Students are required to complete 18 credit hours.



Courses

Urban Design Concepts and Techniques

URP 5881 *Urban Design* (3 credits)

URP 5885 Visualization Methods for Urban Design (3 credits)

Urban and Regional Planning

URP 5272 Urban and Regional Information Systems (3 credits)

URP 5342 Advanced Planning Problems* (3 credits)

**With a particular focus on urban design, as approved by the course instructor.*

Neighborhood Planning

URP 5743 Neighborhood planning (3 credits)

Students must satisfy the capstone requirement by completing the following course.

Capstone Requirement

URP 5873 *Site Design and Land Use Analysis* (3 credits)



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