

Urban Planning Specialization

Program Description:

The applied urban planning specialization offers coursework in planning and urban design, community development, and disaster risk reduction. Faculty expertise includes environmental planning, Native American planning, urban planning, sustainable development, natural hazards planning, pedestrian and transportation planning, natural resources planning, urbanization, and international development. Students have access to research facilities including the Spatial Analysis Lab, the Planning Studio, and two research units: the Resilience Institute and the Spatial Institute.

Goals:

The MA in environmental studies and urban planning trains students in the design of equitable, healthful, livable, diverse and sustainable communities for present and future generations. The program prepares students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make positive changes towards sustainability in an increasingly complex world. Graduates are prepared for professional careers in planning agencies at the local, state, and federal levels of government, consulting firms, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations. Our program aspires to serve diverse communities and we encourage student with a breadth of backgrounds and life experiences to apply.

Specialization Requirements:

Minimum of 45 credits are required, including:

- 7 credits of core classes: ENVS 501 (3), ENVS 502 (3), ENVS 503 (1)
- 26 credits of depth and specialization course work, including 2 studios and at least three courses from the area of specialization, or course substitutions, under advisement;
- 12 credits of ENVS 690 (thesis) or ENVS 691 (Field Project)

500-level UP Specialization Courses

- ENVS 543 Social Justice and the City
- ENVS 562 Advanced Planning Theory
- ENVS 563 Native American Planning
- ENVS 565 Disaster Risk Reduction
- ENVS 572 Master Planning Studio
- ENVS 573 Plan Implementation Design Studio
- ENVS 574 Managing Sustainable Design Studio
- ENVS 575 Community Development Process
- ENVS 593 Environmental Impact Assessment Practicum

400-level UP Specialization Courses

- ENVS 457 Environmental Dispute Resolution
- ENVS 461 Land Use Law
- ENVS 470 Planning Studio I: Methods