MASTER DEGREE PROGRAM, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

URBAN PLANNING

The University of Arizona offers a Master of Science in Planning for students interested in the development of sustainable cities. We emphasize systematic and creative ways to advance the practice of planning for the 21st century.

THE PROGRAM

Students work with faculty to continuously evolve methods, tools, and processes for development of meaningful solutions to problems associated with urbanization, with emphasis on human and environmental health and wellness. Within this context, our central theme is sustainable city planning characterized by an understanding of the physical environment, policy, socio-cultural factors, and emerging technologies. We define ourselves by the quality of our graduates who are: a) prepared for professional practice, and b) scholars of the discipline. With a commitment to student-centered learning and practice-based education we envision our students in leadership positions in a rapidly changing world. Collectively we care about diverse peoples, cultural heritage, social justice, resource conservation, and quality of life for humans and wildlife.

CURRICULUM

Within the curriculum there are four areas of concentration.

• **Land Use and Urban Development**  Focus on land use regulation, growth and land development, and other aspects of the planning practice.

• **Environmental and Regional Planning**  Focus on linkages between human and natural systems.

• **GeoDesign**  The analytical rigor and methodological strategies of planning fused with the creativity, and graphic capabilities of design of the built environment.

• **Heritage Conservation**  Preservation of the built environment as part of a comprehensive ethic of environmental, cultural, and economic sustainability.

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