

Urban Design and Physical Planning

Urban designers study the design of the built environment, from the scale of the details on a street sign up to a bird's eye view of the structure of a metropolitan region. The urban design specialization bridges architecture and planning, focusing on each discipline as a form of critical inquiry into the other. Studios, seminars, and community-based learning formats cover theories, methods, and case studies in urban design, physical and spatial planning, sustainable design, landscape design, and tools for financing urban design proposals.

Curriculum (4 courses are required to complete the specialization)

Intro Course (required)

- PD 566 Urban Planning and Design II

Methods Course (choose one)

- PD 523 New Media in Planning
- PD 571 3-D Visual and Urban Simulation

Elective Courses (minimum two)

- PD 525 Financing Urban Development
- PD 562 Transportation, Land Use, and Urban Form
- PD 565 Urban Planning and Design I
- PD 574 Projects in Physical Planning
- ARC 576 Landscape Architecture
- ARC 579 Sustainable Design

A Word About the Required Planning Studio (choose one)

Not all of the planning studio courses offered by the faculty contain *urban design* content. MUP students who are completing a specialization in Urban Design **must** take a studio which does have such content. Appropriate studio sections will be identified by the department staff at time of registration. M.Arch/MUP dual degree candidates must take the studio that is cross-listed with Architecture.

- PD 581 Planning Studio (with design content) or
- PD 580 Planning Studio (for dual M.Arch/MUP students co-enrolled in ARC 609 studio)

Culminating Exercise (choose one)

- Thesis on topic in Urban Design
- Professional Project on Urban Design

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