

Thank you for your expression of interest in our Master of Urban Planning (MUP) degree program. We are very proud of the program and feel confident that once you learn more about it you will agree that the MUP is a multi-faceted degree that will enable you to meet the challenges of the contemporary urban planner.

Texas A&M University established the Master of Urban Planning degree program in 1968. Since that time we have graduated over 500 students who have distinguished themselves professionally in planning agencies, firms, institutions and corporations in the United States and in more than twenty countries around the world.

The MUP program's 48-hour curriculum offers both a non-thesis professional practice option and a thesis based research option. The professional practice option prepares students to step into leadership roles as planning practitioners. The research option is designed for those students who want to culminate their education with an earned doctorate.

Several years ago the Department of Urban Regional Planning merged with the Department of Landscape Architecture. This integration of faculty and facilities in the College of Architecture gave us a tremendous set of resources to offer students. Our distinguished faculty members provide outstanding leadership and support for our students. Our distinguished faculty members provide outstanding leadership and support for our students. The establishment of research centers within the College of Architecture put us on the forefront of both pure and applied research in topical areas such as sustainable development, and hazards mitigation.

Our applied planning courses allow our students to work with actual communities and other public/private sector clients in the production of plans, studies, and ordinances that are often adopted and used. The hands-on experience that our students get as a result of their involvement in these endeavors is invaluable in helping them prepare for the professional marked place.

We seek intelligent and highly motivated students who have a desire to create human settlements that are environmentally responsible, socially integrated, economically viable, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing.

Information regarding our program can be found on our web site at <http://archweb.tamu.edu/laup>. However, please be aware that some of the information on the site is dated and incorrect. Attached is information regarding the admission procedure, as well as contact information for various departments in the University.

I look forward to receiving your application to the Master of Urban Planning program. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.