



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## The Department of Urban Planning & Environmental Policy

# Master's of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy Program

### MISSION

The UPEP Masters Program trains students to become policy-oriented planners, environmental policy analysts and to assume leadership positions in planning and environmental policy-related organizations.

### GOAL

The goal of the MUPEP is to prepare future professionals with analytical and policy formulation skills that allow them to address - with vision and foresight - the land use, ecological, and policy issues necessary to affect change that addresses our current situations while keeping in mind the need to plan and prepare for generations yet to come.

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### ADMISSIONS

To undertake work leading to the Master Urban Planning and Environmental Policy (MUPEP) degree, students must be accepted by the Texas Southern University Graduate School. Requirements include a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a satisfactory academic record.

The MUPEP does not require an undergraduate degree in the field; most entering students come with a baccalaureate degree earned in another discipline because the program is interdisciplinary in nature. A complete application package will contain:

- A departmental application supplement
- GPA of 3.0 or more in last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- GRE general test scores
- A score of at least 550 on the paper-based test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 79 on the internet-based test of the TOEFL if the applicant is an international student.
- Three letters of recommendation from faculty or those in supervisory capacity.
- A 600-650 words, typed statement of purpose
- A résumé

**Fall Application Deadline:** February 15<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Application Deadline:** July 15<sup>th</sup>

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of forty-eight (48) semester credit hours, comprising of:

- Twenty Four (24) credit hours of core courses
- Twelve (12) credit hours in specialization courses
- Twelve (12) credit hours in electives, or six (6) credit hours of electives and six (6) credit hours of thesis.

Students must complete either an internship requirement and appear in a comprehensive examination at the end of study or may choose a thesis option as a substitute.

### CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Core courses:

- UPEP 800: The Growth and Development of Cities
- UPEP 801: Planning Theory and Practice
- UPEP 802: Quantitative Methods in Planning
- UPEP 804: Introductions to Site Design
- UPEP 805: Plan Preparation Studio
- UPEP 806: Land-Use and Environmental Law
- UPEP 808: Applied Planning Methods
- UPEP 811: Introduction to GIS Urban Planning

#### Areas of specialization:

- Environmental Policy and Land-Use Planning
- Community Development and Housing
- Transportation Policy and Land-Use Planning
- Public Administration

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