MUP
MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING

With over half of the global population residing in urban areas, the role of urban planners is more important than ever. This program gives you the unique opportunity to study urban planning in the context of the real world. And there’s no better place than NYC to learn what happens when ideas meet complex urban realities. The skills, insights, and multidisciplinary toolkit you’ll learn will prepare you to design more livable and sustainable cities, anywhere in the world.

“Wagner has given me the skills and knowledge to thrive as a planner, especially one in New York City. Through Wagner, I learned about the city’s history, land use, and environmental review processes that are fundamental to planning work in New York.”

Robert Joseph, MUP 2017
Transportation Planner, MTA New York City Transit

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• Housed within a school of public service, you’ll study a unique blend of planning, management, finance, and policy that prepares you to address financial constraints and resource limitations, and also market realities and political hurdles to make real impact.

• A responsive program that adapts to evolving urban challenges and provides the full set of skills for you to grapple with them.

• A tight-knit and passionate student community, within a global university.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

The MUP program can be completed in two years full-time or three to four years part-time, with the flexibility to switch between the two. All students take core courses to gain essential, foundational skills. Students also choose a specialization, each of which has a set of required courses, and take a wide range of electives.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES:
• Statistical Methods
• Microeconomics
• Management and Leadership
• Financial Management
• Urban Planning: Methods and Practice
• History and Theory of Planning

A full list of courses can be found at wagner.nyu.edu/courses

RANKED #5
FOR PART-TIME PROGRAMS
BY PLANETIZAN

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RANKED #1
IN URBAN POLICY
BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
Students must complete a total of 45 credits to graduate.

I. DEGREE CORE (18 CREDITS)

- Statistical Methods
- Microeconomics
- Management and Leadership
- Financial Management
- Urban Planning: Methods and Practice
- History and Theory of Planning

II. SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS (9 CREDITS)

Students choose one of the following specializations:

CITY AND COMMUNITY PLANNING
Teaches you the foundation of urban economics, urban planning practice and methods, and spatial analysis.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
Prepares you to effectively plan the world’s cities by providing you with a deep understanding of the issues, contexts, and organizations at play in international development.

III. ELECTIVES (15 CREDITS)

Select from a diverse range of electives allowing you to dig deeper into the topics you’re passionate about.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- U.S bachelor’s degree or equivalent
- Online application
- Essays
- Transcripts
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- GRE or GMAT (optional)
- $85 application fee

Additional Requirements for International Applicants:

- Proof of English Language Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores) is required if the bachelor's degree was not conducted in English
- International Credential Evaluation is required for applicants who earned their degree outside of the US or Canada

IV. CAPSTONE (3 CREDITS)

The Capstone Program, an essential component for all MUP students, involves a year-long consulting or research project.

V. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

NYU Wagner is deeply committed to education outside of the classroom. First-hand work experience in your field of choice can be a pivotal experience, and our NYC location offers countless opportunities for career exploration. NYU Wagner requires all MUP students to graduate with professional experience that is directly related to their degree program and field of interest.