URBAN PLANNING
SPECIALIZATION SESSION

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SESSION GOALS

• Provide an overview of each of the 3 specializations
• Review where they might lead (i.e. career opportunities in the field)
• Give you a chance to ask some questions about
  • Requirements
  • What to expect
  • Tailoring your program
  • What the world is like after graduation
• Hear from second-year students
• Clarify declaration timeline
OVERVIEW OF CURRICULUM

Begin with core

School Wide Core & Professional Experience Requirement

Urban Planning Core/International Planning Core

Electives

Capstone

End of Program
SPECIALIZATIONS

• Economic Development and Housing
• Environment, Infrastructure, and Transportation
• International Development Planning
DIFFERENCES IN CORE REQUIREMENTS

**Economic Development and Housing/Environment, Infrastructure, and Transportation Core**

- **1603**, Urban Planning Methods & Practice
- **2608**, Urban Economics
- **2660**, History and Theory of Planning

**International Development Core**

- **1603**, Urban Planning Methods & Practice
- **2608**, Urban Economics
- **2660**, History and Theory of Planning

- **1605**, Land Use Law
- **1620**, Intro to Urban Physical Design

- **2201**, Institutions, Governance, and International Development
- **2665**, Decentralized Development Planning
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ELECTIVES

- Community Organizing (PADM-GP 2106)
- Public Policy for Metropolitan Regions (PADM-GP 2414)
- Public Policy & Planning in New York (URPL-GP 2415)
- Poverty, Inequality, and Policy (PADM-GP 2445)
- Transformation of the Urban Economy (URPL-GP 2452)
- Race and Class in American Cities (URPL-GP 2620)
- Real Estate Finance (URPL-GP 2639)
- Land Use, Housing and Community Development (URPL-GP 2670)*
- Community Equity and Wealth Building (URPL-GP 4635)
- Housing and Community Development Policy (URPL-GP 4638)
  Building Green Housing and Sustainable Communities (URPL-GP 4639)

* Requires an application – only 8 seats for Wagner students
ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TRANSPORTATION ELECTIVES

Environmental Focus:
• Environmental Impact Assessment (URPL-GP 2610)
• Environment and Urban Dynamics (URPL-GP 2615)

Infrastructure & Transportation Focus:
• Transportation Policy and Behavior (URPL-GP 2471)
• Adapting the Physical City: Innovations in Energy, Transportation and Water (URPL-GP 2612)
• Transportation, Land Use, and Urban Form (URPL-GP 2631)
• Planning for Emergencies and Disasters (URPL-GP 2645)
• Intelligent Cities: Technology, Policy and Planning (URPL-GP 4611)
• Planning Healthy Neighborhoods (URPL-GP 4632)
• Transportation courses at NYU Poly
INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVES

- Financing Local Government in Developing Countries (PADM-GP 2145)
- Politics of International Development (PADM-GP 2202)
- International Economic Development: Governments, Markets, and Communities (PADM-GP 2203)
- Globalization and its Impact on the State (PADM-GP 2215)
- Organizing for Human Rights (PADM-GP 2225)
- Global Health Governance and Management (HPAM-GP 2244)
- Urbanization and Sustainable Development in a Transitional Economy: Experiencing China [Shanghai, China] (URPL-GP 2251)
- Sustainable Cities in a Comparative Perspective (URPL-GP 2613)
- International Development Project Planning (URPL-GP 2652)
- Comparative Land Use Planning (URPL-GP 4606)
- Urban Innovations in Latin America (URPL-GP 4670)
OTHER ELECTIVES

• Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics of Urban Affairs (URPL-GP 2616)*
• Financing Urban Government (PADM-GP 2443)
• Geographic Systems and Analysis (URPL-GP 2618)
• Urban Policy Innovation in the U.S. (URPL-GP 2629)
• Conflict Management (PADM-GP 4101)
• The Modern Master Plan (URPL-GP 4647)
• Advanced Urban Design (URPL-GP 4680)

* Requires an application
NOTE ON ELECTIVES

• For details about unique course offerings, new courses, changes to the course sequencing, courses that require an application, etc., refer to the COURSE HIGHLIGHTS document.
• All resources for courses can be found at: wagner.nyu.edu/courses
CAPSTONE PRE-REQS

Economic Development and Housing / Environment, Infrastructure, and Transportation

*Three Schoolwide Core Courses:*
- 1011 Statistics
- 1018 Microeconomics
- 1020 MPSO
- OR
- 1021 Financial Management

*All Five Urban Core:*
- 1603 Urban Planning Methods and Practice
- 1605 Land Use Law
- 1620 Intro to Urban Physical Design
- 2608 Urban Economics
- 2660 History and Theory of Planning

International Development

*Four Schoolwide Core Courses:*
- 1011 Statistics
- 1018 Microeconomics
- 1020 MPSO
- 1021 Financial Management

*Four International Urban Planning Core:*
- 1603 Urban Planning Methods and Practice
- 2201 Institutions, Governance, & International Development
- 2608 Urban Economics
- 2660 History and Theory of Planning
PREVIOUS CAPSTONE CLIENTS – U.S. - Based

- Deutsch Bank Americas Foundation
- Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
- Greater New Orleans, Inc.
- IBM
- Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance
- New York City Department of City Planning
- New York State Department of Agriculture and markets
- New Jersey Community Development Corporation
- Westchester Department of Transportation
- York College
- Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce – Sheepshead Bay
- Mississippi Center for Justice
- New Orleans Redevelopment Authority
- Rutgers Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability and Isles
- Astella Development Corporation
- Staten Island Economic Development Corporation
- Sustainable Long Island and the City of Long Beach, NY
PREVIOUS CAPSTONE CLIENTS – INTERNATIONAL

• Gram Vikas
• Institut Africain de Gestion Urbaine
• Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
• The World Bank
• The World Bank Water and Sanitation Program
• United Nations Capital Development Fund
• United Nations Capital Development Fund and The Asia Foundation
• UN-Habitat
• Institute for Transportation and Development Policy
RESEARCH FOCUS

While it is not an official specialization in Planning, some students choose to focus their electives on policy analysis and research, with an eye toward completing the Research Capstone.

In order to be on track for the Research Capstone (CAP-GP 3148, Applied Research in Public Finance and Policy), the following pre-reqs must be met:

- All four School Core
- 2608 Urban Economics
- 2902 Multiple Regression & Intro to Econometrics
- At least two other Planning Core courses

In addition, it is highly recommended that 2171 Program Analysis and Evaluation is taken concurrently with Capstone in the fall term.
RESEARCH METHODS ELECTIVES

- Program Analysis & Evaluation (PADM-GP 2171)
- GIS (URPL-GP 2618)
- Estimating Impacts in Policy Research (PADM-GP 2875)
- Multiple Regression and Intro to Econometrics (PADM-GP 2902)
CAREERS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Will train students for careers in housing, community development, real estate, and economic development
WHAT THE WORLD IS LIKE AFTER GRADUATION

Local and state agencies such as:
• NYC Dept. of Housing, Preservation and Development (Special Assistant, Office of Housing Operations)
• NYC Dept. of Housing, Preservation and Development (Planner, Planning and Pipeline Development)

Nonprofit organizations such as:
• Clinton Housing Development Company (Director of Housing Development)
• Enterprise Community Partners (Program Officer, Freddie Mac Fellowship)
• Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation (Housing Development Specialist)

Private real estate development companies, planning consulting firms, or community development arms of commercial banks such as:
• Omni New York, LLC. (Executive Vice President for Development)
• HR&A (Principal)
• Appleseed (Senior Consultant)
CAREERS:
ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

Obtain planning expertise to design & deliver public infrastructure services and safeguard environmental conditions for public health and welfare
WHAT THE WORLD IS LIKE AFTER GRADUATION

Private consulting and environmental planning firms such as:
• AKRF, Inc. (Senior Planner)
• Louis Berger Group (Planner)
• Anderson Pacific (Development Coordinator)

Government planning and economic development agencies such as:
• New Yorkers for Parks (Research Manager)
• NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation (Park Planner)
• Washington DC Dept. of Transportation (Capital City Fellow, Transportation Policy and Planning Division)
• US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (Policy Research Analyst)

Non-profit, transportation, and environmental organizations such as:
• Build It Green (Program Manager)
CAREERS: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Will prepare planners to work with governments, community-based NGOs, and international development agencies on sub-national development in developing countries
WHAT THE WORLD IS LIKE AFTER GRADUATION

International Agencies such as:

• UN Development Programme (Inter-Agency Specialist)
• UN World Health Organization (National Polio Consultant)
• USAID (Turkmenistan Country Director)
• World Bank Institute (Program Officer)

NGO’s and development, relief and advocacy agencies such as:

• American Cancer Society (Manager, Latin American Outreach)
• Church World Service (Associate Director for Latin America)
• International Partnership for Service Learning (Director of Alumni Relations and Development)
• Japan External Trade Organization (Public Affairs Assistant Researcher)
• World Health Solutions (Director Quality Improvement and Middle Eastern Business Development)
PARTING COMMENTS

Consult

• Program Requirement Checksheet for requirements
  wagner.nyu.edu/urbanplanning/reqs
• Faculty for course selection
• Deb Cabrera for progress toward Capstone & graduation

Consider your entire portfolio of courses, not just your specialization, including

• Courses required in other specializations
• Non-Wagner courses: Poly, Schack, Stern, Law

Look deeper than the course titles (read descriptions/syllabi)
HELPFUL LINKS

Urban Planning Faculty
• wagner.nyu.edu/urbanplanning/faculty

Specializations
• wagner.nyu.edu/urbanplanning/spec_env
• wagner.nyu.edu/urbanplanning/spec_housing
• wagner.nyu.edu/urbanplanning/spec_international

Urban Planning Careers
• wagner.nyu.edu/urbanplanning/careers

Recent Graduate Employment Statistics
• wagner.nyu.edu/careers/stats
DECLARATION TIMELINE

• Thursday, October 9: Declaration deadline

• Complete the online form at:
  wagner.nyu.edu/students/services/specialization_declaration

• Wednesday, November 12: MUP/International Group Advisement Session (11:00am-12:00pm in Rudin)
REGISTRATION TIMELINE

• **Week of October 13:** Spring 2015 courses viewable in Albert
• **Week of October 27:** Spring 2015 Course Highlights posted on Courses page
• **Monday, November 17:** Spring 2015 registration begins on Albert based on students’ “appointment time” in Albert. Students can begin to place themselves on waitlists for Weighted Lottery courses.
• **Monday, November 24 at 9:00am:** Weighted Lottery closes. Any registration requests submitted after this point will not be considered in the lottery.
• **Wednesday, December 10 at 5:00pm:** Students who entered Weighted Lottery can now view their status in Albert
• All registration details will be in the Course Highlights: [wagner.nyu.edu/courses](http://wagner.nyu.edu/courses)
URPL-GP 2608, URBAN ECONOMICS

- Offered only in the spring term
- Requires CORE-GP 1018 (Micro) as prerequisite
- Requires CORE-GP 1011 (Stats) as co- or prerequisite.
- Is a prerequisite for all Capstone sections
- Is a required course in the WEIGHTED LOTTERY
- Therefore:

DON’T MISS THE LOTTERY!!