Program Overview
The Master of Science (M.S.)* in Urban Planning and Development (UPD) from Saint Louis University’s Center for Sustainability provides students with in-depth knowledge of urban planning and development theory, research methods, policies, and practice. Graduates are highly skilled and creative administrators in public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

This interdisciplinary program operates in conjunction with Saint Louis University’s John Cook School of Business, School of Law, and School of Social Work to offer four areas of specialization: Real Estate Development, Community Development, Economic Development, and Environmental/Sustainability Planning. The curriculum’s professional focus allows students to develop the knowledge and skills they need to become leaders in supporting urban growth and revitalization.

Program Details
» Admittance deadline to be considered for a graduate assistantship: December 31
» Admittance deadline for international students: May 1
» Admittance deadline for domestic students: July 1
» No admittance in spring or summer sessions
» Tuition and fees: $1,030/credit hour
» Application fee: $55

Admission Requirements
» Minimum undergraduate GPA: 3.0
» Minimum GRE scores: Verbal 153, quantitative 151, writing 3.5
» Minimum TOEFL score: 80 or
» Minimum IELTS score: 6.5
» Prerequisite: Inferential statistics

Core Courses
» Planning and Development Theory
» Research Methods
» Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
» Spatial Methods and Analysis
» Foundations of Planning
» Local Economic Development Planning and Practice
» Infrastructure and Plan Implementation
» Land Use Planning
» Real Estate Finance
» Land Use Control
» Planning and Development Studio

Graduation Requirements
» Total credit hours: 48**
» Core courses: 33 credit hours
» Electives: 12 credit hours
» Capstone project: 2 credit hours
» Internship: 1 credit hour

About the Center for Sustainability
Established in 2010 with a $5 million grant from the Alberici Foundation, the Center for Sustainability educates future leaders in sustainability and planning. Our mission is to create a more sustainable world through interdisciplinary education, research, and community engagement.

Research Opportunities
Faculty and students in the UPD program have been involved in more than $9 million of funded research, including projects for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Great Rivers Greenway, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the Missouri Growth Association, and other regional, state, and local entities. Funded graduate research assistantships are available on a competitive basis.

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Why Urban Planning?

Sustainable metropolitan development, land use, and land use regulation have become issues of growing public concern. Urban planners play pivotal roles in addressing these issues and improving communities, often working with residents, local business owners, and other professionals to implement policies and programs. They are trained as problem solvers and frequently draw on knowledge from multiple disciplines.

Why Saint Louis University’s UPD Program?

The UPD program at Saint Louis University teaches students the essential knowledge, skills, and values central to the planning profession. Graduates who actively searched for work in the field and maintained contact with the Center have reported a 98% employment rate within one year of graduating.

The Center for Sustainability provides a network of alumni to help students obtain internships and develop their careers. Graduates have been employed by organizations in various fields.

UPD Faculty

Dr. Jae Teuk Chin, Assistant Professor
Ph.D., AICP, The Ohio State University
Specializations: Regional and community economic development, business climate and entrepreneurial environment, urban design, and physical planning

Dr. Sarah Coffin, Associate Professor
Ph.D., AICP, Georgia Institute of Technology
Specializations: Research in brownfields, green economic development, sustainable development

Peter W. Salsich, Jr., Professor
J.D., Saint Louis University
Specializations: Land use regulation/real estate transactions, property, contracts, housing and community development

Affiliated Faculty

Dr. Thomas Crawford, Banpu Endowed Chair of Sustainability
Ph.D., University of North Carolina
Specializations: Geographic information systems, population and environment, landscape analysis, complexity studies

Dr. Damon Hall, Assistant Professor
Ph.D., Texas A&M University
Specializations: Sustainability science, social impact analysis, environmental policy and communication, participatory and community-engaged research

John Langa, Adjunct Faculty
Vice President for Economic Development, Bi-State Development Agency/Metro
MCP, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Specializations: Real estate and economic development, real estate finance

Bob Lewis, Adjunct Faculty
Principal of Development Strategies
AICP, CEC.D, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Specializations: Infrastructure planning and process

Dr. J.S. Onesimo Sandoval, Associate Professor
Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
Specializations: Spatial demography and planning, hierarchy of cities, racial equity and spatial inequality, participatory action research, planning information systems

Dr. John Woolschlager, Director
Ph.D., Northwestern University
Specializations: Environmental process modeling, sustainability simulations, environmental impact analysis, water quality evaluation

Dr. Abduwasiti Wulamu, Assistant Professor
Ph.D., Peking University
Specializations: Geographic information systems, land-cover/land-use change, remote sensing applications in precision agriculture, water resources, mineral exploration, and geological hazards

*We expect that the M.S. in Urban Planning and Development will replace the current Master of Arts (M.A.) in Fall 2015.

**We expect that the number of credit hours required to complete the program will increase from the current 45 to 48 in Fall 2015.