

# MURP

Master of Urban and Regional Planning



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SCHOOL OF URBAN &  
REGIONAL PLANNING

Florida Atlantic University

*The School of Urban and Regional Planning* is a locus of scholars, teachers, practitioners, agents and students committed to the continuous improvement of urban regions and the planning enterprise through research, teaching and service.



The School provides an environment to discuss, develop and disseminate new ideas and concepts, and contribute to the practice of planning directed towards a future that is environmentally, economically and humanly beneficial. The focus of our work relies on the recognition and use of multi-scalar connections and interactions of systems and planning activities. We encourage involvement in a range of governance activities including policy framework development, participatory decision-making and community stewardship. The School seeks to exploit the potential of emerging technologies and collaborative engagement in creative and innovative ways.

*A distinguished faculty* with international experience focus on a rich and diverse range of research initiatives, including: global urban networks, climate change, metropolitan form, disaster management, place making, healthy cities, and housing market issues.

**Required Core Courses (27 credits):**

URP 6101	Planning Process and Skills	Fall 1
URP 6200	Planimetrics	Fall 1
URP 6884	Urban and Regional Theory	Fall 1
URP 6270	Introduction to GIS in Planning	Fall 1
URP 6881	Urban Design	Spring 1
URP 6131	Legal Aspects of Planning	Spring 1
URP 6930	Governance	Fall 2
URP 6920	Planning Workshop I	Fall 2
URP 6310	Seminar in Urban Planning	Spring 2

**Specialization Courses and Electives (12 credits):**

URP 6425	Environmental Analysis in Planning	Spring 1
URP 6429	Environmental Policy and Programs	Fall 2
	Elective 1	Fall 2
	Elective 2	Spring 2

OR

URP 6545	Urban Revitalization Strategy	Spring 1
URP 6549	Public Sector and Economic Development Planning	Fall 2
	Elective 1	Fall 2
	Elective 2	Spring 2

**Elective Courses (6 credits):**

	Elective 1	Spring 1
	Elective 2	Spring 2

**Synthesis Courses (3 Credits):**

URP 6979	Planning Project	Spring 2
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**Admissions process:**

Applicants for admission must hold a bachelor's degree and be recommended by the School of Urban and Regional Planning. Each applicant should have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 hours of work attempted at the undergraduate level and a combined score of 1000 or higher on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Exam (only GRE scores from within the last 5 years will be accepted). All applicants must submit their scores on the GRE, regardless of GPA, as well as a brief personal statement (no more than 500 words).

An international student is required to achieve a minimum score of 550 (CBT-213) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A graduate of a college or university outside of the United States who has completed an academic program equivalent to an American bachelor's degree may apply for admission. All international applicants whose transcripts are from non-U.S. institutions must have their credentials evaluated course by course, including the GPA, by a professional evaluation service. A service may be found at [www.NACES.org](http://www.NACES.org).

The deadline dates are as follows:

	Fall	Spring	Summer
Graduate	July 1	November 1	April 1
International	February 15	August 15	January 15

***The Visual Planning Technology Lab*** is a state-of-the-art facility that serves as the home of the School's GIS curriculum development and training, as well as the technology center for multi-disciplinary and applied planning and policy research.



***International exposure*** is vital to the growth and success of a planning professional, and the School's renowned Planning Abroad program provides an unmatched experience. Work on cross-continent projects with planning students from around the world and learn innovative solutions to issues shared between vastly different cultures.



***Excellence in planning*** is the unofficial creed of the School. Fittingly, the MURP program is proud to offer over a dozen Excellence in Planning fellowships to qualified students, as well as a Provost Scholarship, research assistanceships, and the world's first Sun Fund Scholarship, funded by energy savings from the School's newly installed solar roof.

*Unique among any school of its kind*, the School of Urban and Regional Planning is located in an ideal environment. South Florida is a fertile laboratory for studying the future of urban and regional planning, combining a large, diversified urban population and incredibly sensitive natural environments with internationally significant agriculture, aquaculture, tourism, development and trade. The heart of the South Florida mega-region, downtown Fort Lauderdale is less than 10 minutes from the coast and one of the nation's busiest sea ports. Just 30 miles to the south is Miami, the gateway to South America and the Caribbean.



*"This is one of the most diverse faculty and student bodies I've ever encountered. Both in terms of nationality, educational background and political ideology, the program embraces everyone and encourages thinking outside traditional limits."*

- as quoted from an anonymous MURP graduate in Planetizen's Directory of Graduate Urban Planning Programs.

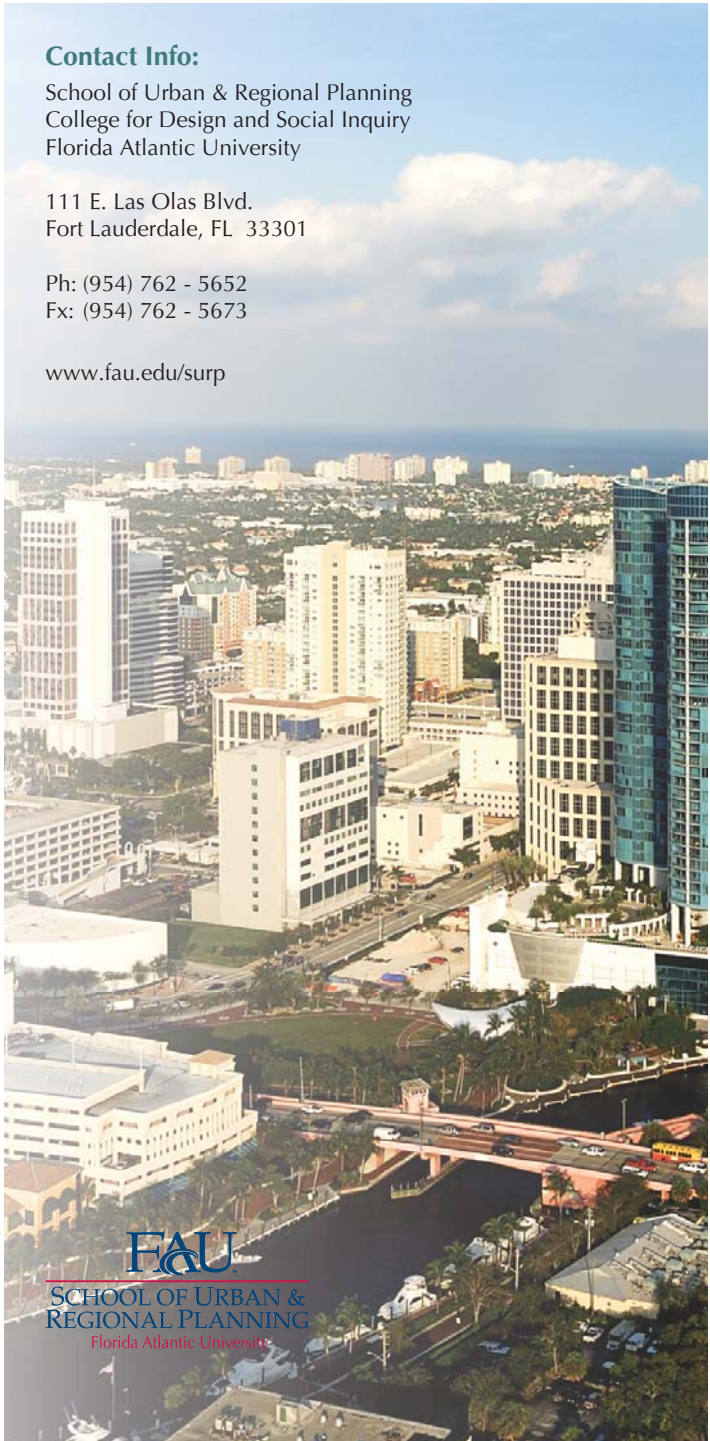
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