Presentation

The Master’s in Urban Planning and Future Development has a subject pathway in ‘Urban Planning – Landscapes, Environmental Impact Assessment and Regional Projects (UPEPT)’. Université Bordeaux Montaigne Institute for Future Development, Tourism and Urban Planning (IATU) leads the programme, training urban planners who are specialised in project design, environmental impact and landscape assessment in urban and regional development projects.

The professionals who graduate from this subject pathway will be qualified urban planners, benefiting from the support of a network of former students, who have links to the public and private professional contexts.

The programme of study is awarded in conjunction with the Bordeaux Higher National School for Architecture and Landscape (École Nationale Supérieure d’Architecture et de Paysage de Bordeaux).

Objectives

This programme follows on from the third year of the undergraduate Licence degree in Future Development: Urban Planning and Sustainable Regional Development (AUDTD). The Master’s in Urban Planning and Future Development, with a subject pathway in ‘Urban Planning – Landscapes, Environmental Impact Assessment and Regional Projects’ examines urban planning from the point of view of its politics and ethics of...
development and transformation, considering the discipline as one of action. The qualitative assessment of landscapes and the environment with regard to urban-planning projects and documents, and the promotion of relationships favouring the coevolution of urban and natural spaces, form the core principles of this programme of study.

Joint degree establishments and partnerships

Training content

Two years of study: Master 1 (M1) and Master 2 (M2)
Master 1: First year of two-year Master’s programme
Semester 1 (267 teaching hours) is largely the same for both subject pathways within the Master’s programme entitled ‘Urban Planning and Future Development’ led by the IATU (the subject pathway in ‘Urban Planning – Strategies, Projects and Project Ownership’ and the subject pathway in ‘Urban planning – Landscapes, Environmental Impact Assessment and Regional Projects’). Semester 2 (226 teaching hours) comprises pathway-specific classes and workshops. There is also a compulsory internship with a minimum duration of three months. Teaching takes place on three days per week, from mid-September to late March.

Master 2: Second (and third) year of two-year Master’s programme
Master 2 of the ‘Urban Planning – Landscapes, Environmental Impact Assessment and Regional Projects’ subject pathway takes place across two years (492 teaching hours). Teaching takes place on three days per week (from Thursday to Saturday morning) and is open to professionals who are undertaking this Master’s as a programme of continued development.
Semester 1 of the first year of Master 2 is largely reserved for course units that are common to both subject pathways within the Master’s programme entitled Urban Planning and Future Development, led by the IATU. Semester 2 ends in late June and mainly comprises classes and workshops which are specific to the ‘Urban planning – Landscapes, Environmental Impact Assessment and Regional Projects’ pathway.
Semester 1 of the second year of Master 2 runs from mid-September to late December. It is reserved for a full-length regional project and a study trip abroad. In Semester 2 there is a compulsory six-month internship. Students write a dissertation, which they must then defend in an oral examination.

Admissions
Find information regarding enrolment procedures and the supporting documents to be provided, according to your profile and your level of studies:

* Independent Stay
* Exchange Programme

**Career pathways**

The main professions are as follows:

- Self-employed urban planner;
- Contractual urban planner;
- Urban planner on behalf of the French regional public service (administrator or engineer, following success in competitive recruitment competitions for the grade of ‘officer’);
- Head of urban-planning and environment-research projects;
- Assignment manager in projects for sustainable towns;
- Operations manager in projects for future development of urban and natural spaces;
- Project manager;
- Head of technical services.