Presentation

The Master’s in ‘Urban Planning and Future Development’ has a subject pathway in ‘Strategy, Projects and Project Ownership (USPMO)’. Université Bordeaux Montaigne Institute for Future Development, Tourism and Urban Planning (IATU) leads this programme, training urban planners who are specialists in the development of urban development projects at different regional levels, and in project ownership.

Upon graduation from this subject pathway, students 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

Programme objectives

This programme follows on from the third year of the undergraduate Licence degree in Future Development: Urban Planning and Sustainable Regional Development (AUDTD) offered by the IATU. The Master’s in Urban Planning – Strategy, Projects and Project Ownership trains students in the transformation, future development and administration of urbanised spaces and spaces in the process of urbanisation.
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 – Strategy, Projects and Project Ownership’ and the subject pathway in ‘Urban Planning – Landscapes, Environmental Impact Assessment and Regional Projects’). Semester 2 (228 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 pathway in ‘Urban Planning – Strategy, Projects and Project Ownership’ takes place across two years. 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 primarily comprises pathway-specific classes and workshops. 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

Entering employment
The main professions to which students can aspire 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 level of 'officer'); head of urban-planning research projects; task manager for housing projects and urban-regeneration projects; project manager or leader of operations in projects for future development and housing projects within regional authorities and their associated establishments, within urban planning consultancies or in the private sector.