

### **Certificate Requirements**

Students are required to complete 9 credit hours of course work plus three credit hours to satisfy the capstone requirement as detailed above. The course of study may be completed simultaneously with the MSP degrees. Transfer credits will not be accepted. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA in certificate classes in order to receive the certificate.

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# ***Certificate in Urban Design***



***Department of  
Urban and  
Regional Planning***  
<http://www.coss.fsu.edu/durp/>

The Department offers a graduate certificate in urban design that prepares professionals that are conversant in both design and planning languages and are able to devise, implement and communicate physical plans and policy to a diverse group of stakeholders. The certificate provides students with instruction in the history and theory of urban design, visualization techniques, and physical planning skills and application.

The certificate program is open to both FSU graduate matriculates and to non-matriculates studying under special graduate student status. Applicants may be, but are not required to be, currently pursuing the master's or Ph.D. degrees in urban and regional planning. Those pursuing the MSP or Ph.D. degrees --or other graduate degrees at FSU-- must be in good academic standing to be admitted. There are no requirements for current FSU graduate degree students other than good academic standing. Non-matriculated applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- ◆ Applicants must hold a **bachelor's degree** from an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States or the equivalent from an institution abroad. No specific major is required.
- ◆ The minimum criterion to be considered for admission is a grade point average (**GPA**) of **3.0 or higher for previous study**. The university also requires applicants to graduate programs to take the **GRE exam**.
- ◆ Applicants whose native language is not English and who have not

received a degree from a college or university in an English-speaking nation also must submit an official transcript of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). **A minimum TOEFL score of 213 (computer-based), 550 (paper-based), or 80 (internet-based)** is required for an applicant to be considered for admission.

Applicants may apply to the Graduate Certificate in Urban Design program by contacting:

Admissions Coordinator  
Urban and Regional Planning  
Florida State University  
330 Bellamy Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2280  
[rnicholas@fsu.edu](mailto:rnicholas@fsu.edu)

### **Program Overview**

To complete the certificate, students are required to complete a total of 12 hours of class work in urban design and visualization methods for urban design, as well as electives selected from a set of courses that includes land use planning, pedestrian oriented communities, transportation and land use, and neighborhood planning. Students must satisfy a capstone requirement by taking URP 5873 Site Design and Land Use Analysis. More specific information on coursework and specific requirements may be obtained by contacting the Department.

### **Program of Study**

Students are required to complete 12 credit hours. **The required classes are:**

**URP 5881** (3 credits)  
Urban Design

**URP 5885** (3 credits)  
Graphics Communications for Urban Planning and Design (*or demonstrated proficiency in visualization methods*) (3 credits)

Additionally students must complete at least **one** of the following:

**URP5272** (3 credits)  
Urban and Regional Information Systems

**URP 5312** (3 credits)  
Growth Management

**URP 5316** (3 credits)  
Land Use Planning

**URP5350** (3 credits)  
Pedestrian Oriented Communities

**URP 5716** (3 credits)  
Transportation and Land Use

**URP 5743** (3 credits)  
Neighborhood Planning

Finally, students must satisfy the **capstone requirement** by completing the following course.

**URP 5873** (3 credits)  
Site Design and Land Use Analysis