

# Professional Certificate in Urban Planning & Development

## About the Program

UCSD Extension's Professional Certificate in Urban Planning and Development provides a thorough understanding of the processes that define planning in both California and the San Diego region and exposes you to factors that impact development. Gain an understanding of foundational concepts, current trends, and the challenges facing the planning and development industry today, from "in-filling" and smart growth strategies to compliance with complex environmental regulations. Electives and seminars offer exposure to new subject areas and allow you investigate specific topics in depth, like affordable housing, GIS, investment opportunities, resource management, CEQA and project management. The program is designed to provide practical tools and innovative information that are applicable for a broad audience, from those just entering the urban planning industry and exploring new subject areas to those with years of experience in development who want to keep their skills up to date.

## Certificate Guidelines

The program consists of at least 28 units, including 8 required core classes (22 units), and completion of two or three additional elective courses (6 units).

Foundations of Planning and Development (BUSA-40748) and Planning Processes and Functional Topics (BUSA-40749) are recommended as a prerequisite for other planning courses. Otherwise, students may take other courses in any sequence.

There are also a variety of seminars available throughout the year. Students are encouraged to attend these to explore current issues and hot topics in the industry and hear from industry experts.

Urban Planning and Development courses vary in length. Most required and elective courses run 6 to 9 weeks. Classes typically meet one evening per week for a 3-hour session. Students can expect to spend 7 to 10 hours per week outside of the classroom. Class size usually ranges from 10 to 30 students.

**Please note:** New certificate requirements effective Fall Quarter 2008. Please visit the area of study webpage at [extension.ucsd.edu/urbanplanning](http://extension.ucsd.edu/urbanplanning) to view the required and elective courses.

## Certificate Cost

As of 2007, courses cost between \$300 and \$375 for required courses and between \$300 and \$490 for elective courses, excluding textbooks. Seminars cost between \$55 and \$95.

Approximate cost for the total program is \$3,650-\$4,085. Total cost of program varies depending on choice of elective courses and enrollment in seminars. Prices are subject to change.

## Certificate Duration

The Urban Planning and Development Management program can be completed in approximately 2 ½ years, depending on prior classes completed and number of courses taken each quarter. Students may take up to 5 years to complete the program if needed. If students require additional time beyond 5 years, they should contact the program representative to petition for a waiver.

## Transferring Prior Coursework

Up to 2 courses taken in the past 5 years from an accredited academic institution may be transferred toward a UCSD Extension Certificate. Courses should be equivalent in subject matter and hours of instruction. Please see "UCSD Extension Certificate Programs" in our catalog for further requirements regarding transferring courses.

## Enrolling in the Certificate

**There are no requirements to enroll in the certificate program other than a \$50 fee.**

Though there is no deadline to enroll in the certificate program, it is in your best interest to enroll now. Students who enroll now are grandfathered into the current requirements. If the program changes, you may follow the program that you originally enrolled in or continue with the new certificate requirements.

## Transferring UCSD Extension Courses

If you are considering applying UCSD Extension courses to graduate work for a master's degree program, please consult with the university that you plan to attend. Our courses are considered to be at the undergraduate work level. However, each university is different; please consult with an academic advisor at your potential university.

## Student Services

We value every one of our students and our staff is here to offer you personalized, friendly service. If you want to enroll in a course, request a transcript, ask about financial assistance or simply need driving directions – we are here to help.

Contact us at (858) 534-3400, [unex-reg@ucsd.edu](mailto:unex-reg@ucsd.edu), or stop by one of our locations. For more information on Student Services, visit [extension.ucsd.edu/student](http://extension.ucsd.edu/student).

## Career Advising

Resources are available for students needing assistance with career advising. For more information, please visit UCSD Extension Career Advising. Certificate students and alumni may use our career resource center, powered by Vault.com, to study their target industry.

## Information

For additional program information, please contact Elizabeth Stiles, Program Representative, at [estiles@ucsd.edu](mailto:estiles@ucsd.edu) or (858) 882-8020.

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