

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Professional planners create a vision of how cities, towns, and regions should develop in the future. Planners seek to ensure that built environments in rural and urban areas are developed in ways that promote sustainability, prosperity, and a better quality of life for all.

OFFERS COURSES IN...

- Land use
- Urban design
- Community engagement
- Planning law
- Municipal finance and economics
- Environmental planning
- Geographical Information Science
- Transportation planning
- Professional practice

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. *Design your academic plan — you're in control!*

PLANNING MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- The core planning courses provide students with the skills, knowledge and ethical values in preparation for becoming a professional planning practitioner. Other core courses contribute to these competencies.
- Students in the BA program are able to utilize existing minors, certificates and optional courses to target their program toward an ancillary focus related to planning. This allows students to develop expertise targeted toward specific planning careers.

To verify your Major and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PLANNING DEGREE?

ICOULD... work as a professional planner for a municipality, private consulting or development firms, or with other levels of government.

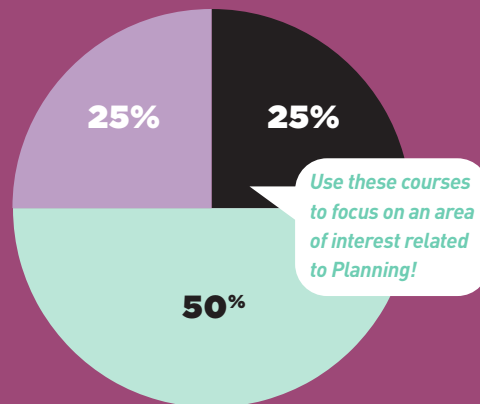
OR... take a position related to planning in government, non-profit, business, or community sectors.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY PLANNING

- 1 Become trained in a recognized profession, leading to Registered Professional Planner (RPP) and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP) status.
- 2 Study the world around you in a manner that integrates the social and natural sciences.
- 3 Work on real-world projects in planning studio courses that provide valuable experience for entering the planning profession.
- 4 Learn skills to help communities transition to more economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable futures.
- 5 Explore the diversity of the planning profession and the types of careers it offers.

BA PLANNING (MAJOR)

- Required Planning Courses (Major)
- BA Basic Requirements
- Second Major, Minor(s), Certificates, Electives



STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility Resources
- Financial Aid & Awards
- Professional & Career Development
- Mental Health Supports

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

Community Engagement and Service-Learning, Sustainability, Engaged Leadership and Citizenship in Arts & Science, Energy and the Environment (EMNREE).

CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad, Research.

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BA PLANNING DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

LEGEND

-  GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
-  GAIN EXPERIENCE
-  SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
-  NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive, and test possibilities. Join a student group.

Meet your Undergraduate Student Services advisor and plan your degree path.

Join the Geography and Planning Students' Society.

Consider signing up for a Certificate in Sustainability or a Certificate in International Learning.

Look for related summer volunteer or employment opportunities.

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.

MID-DEGREE

Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.

Attend the National Student Planning Conference or other professional conferences.

Apply to Arts Work Experience and gain full-time, paid work experience.

Look at third and fourth year topics courses and start to enrol in them. Topics are not offered each year.

Ask professors to be academic references.

LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.

Ready to toss your cap in the air? Apply to graduate!

Travel to the National Student Planning Conference.

Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next steps!

Plan to take the Field School course which travels to other cities within and outside of Canada.

