

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Facilities

The School of Urban and Regional Planning is part of the Department of Geography and Planning. Located in Mackintosh-Corry Hall, the School of Urban and Regional Planning is close to the Stauffer Library, the John Deutsch University Centre, and the recreation facilities of the Athletics and Recreation Centre. Adjacent departments include Policy Studies, Industrial Relations, Economics, Sociology, Global Development Studies and Political Studies, as well as the Faculties of Business and Law.

Staff offices, seminar rooms, student study rooms, and project rooms are situated together, thereby fostering interaction among all members of the School. Usually, full-time students are provided with individual study spaces with direct connections to the internet for laptop and desktop computers. The School has a network printer, a scanner, and a wide variety of software for wordprocessing, Internet browsing, presentation graphics, spreadsheets, database management, advanced statistical analysis, computer aided design, and geographic information systems. For more complex projects students can access the Department's GIS laboratory and a number of other campus computing centres. Every student office is directly connected to the Internet by the University's fibre-optic network and the University's wireless network. The University also provides students with electronic mail accounts and personal web pages.

Stauffer Library has a substantial collection of government (including municipal) documents, maps and aerial photographs, atlases and economic and business texts and materials. Several digital databases and a digital map library are maintained at the Social Science Data Centre. The adjacent Engineering Library and the Law Library also contain planning texts and journals and are available for use by the School.

Financial Assistance

Students in the School of Urban and Regional Planning are eligible, in competition with students in other schools and departments, for many scholarships, awards and bursaries available at Queen's. Specific information on these and other awards is available upon request. A successful internship program has been placing students in paid, professionally-related positions during the summer term. Students may also apply for Teaching Assistantships. In addition, Research Assistantships and Research Fellowships may be available on a part-time basis on various research projects.

Fields of Interest

The School offers a program of professional studies in the planning and development of cities and regions. It attempts to relate its academic activities to current public policy concerns and professional planning as well as management issues. Presently the research interests being pursued in the School include land use planning, real estate and land information management, environmental and infrastructure services, sustainable development, housing studies, urban redevelopment, neighbourhood planning, planning implementation, management and programming of human services, municipal finance, metropolitan spatial structure, urban transportation, planning history, social planning, healthy communities, planning ethics, equity, cultural diversity, and studies of planning practice. Research and professional practice constitute significant elements of the School's academic program and students are fully involved in them.

Program of Study

The program of study for the master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning (M.PL.) extends over two years. An internship in the spring/summer term between the two years is possible.

Also currently offered are combined degrees (BA/MPL; BSc/MPL) with other Queen's University programs including Civil Engineering, Geography, Environmental Studies, and Kinesiology and Health Studies. The current procedure is that first-class students are invited to apply to the accelerated pathway in their third year or in the first term of fourth year. These applications are reviewed by the admissions committee of SURP and qualified students are formally permitted to take MPL graduate courses as part of their undergraduate program. Please contact the School for further information.

M.PL. Internship Program

The M.PL. Internship Program provides students with the opportunity to combine academic studies with on-the-job experience. Students participating in the M.PL. Internship Program will normally complete a paid four-month placement with a government department or other organization, following the completion of at least two terms of study in the M.PL. Program. Students taking an internship position must register in SURP 893 Internship. Although the School cannot guarantee every student an internship placement, the School is committed to working with public sector and



other employers to place students in appropriate learning environments.