

Livable communities don't just happen.



Degree Programs

■ Bachelor of Science in Public Planning

Choose an emphasis in:

- Land-use Planning
- Environmental Planning
- Indigenous/Native American Planning
- Recreation & Tourism
- Geographic Information Systems

■ Minor in Community Design

■ Minor in Environmental Planning

"I am fortunate to love my career and my job. I am constantly reminded of the value of my unique education experiences as well as the diversity of the planning field."

Heather Simpkins Garbarino, Class of 2000

No one will ever create the perfect city or town, but public planners make it their business to try. Urban growth and regional development bring problems like traffic congestion, poor accessibility, and air pollution. If you're a problem solver who wants a better, more sustainable community, then maybe you want a career in public planning.

Northern Arizona University's program will train you to tackle issues like deteriorating neighborhoods, growth management, open space, and housing. You will study natural resource conservation, economic development, infrastructure design, and land use regulation. You'll be trained in spatial analysis, creative problem solving, and interpersonal dynamics.

You'll find plenty of local opportunities to study rural, small-town, and urban land use. Rapid growth in Flagstaff and the nearby Verde Valley, the presence of several Native American reservations, and diverse recreational and natural resources in the area's national forests and parks make northern Arizona the perfect classroom.

Career Opportunities

Study to become a . . .

- City or county manager
- Codes and zoning administrator
- Geographic Information Systems specialist
- Land-use consultant
- Neighborhood planner

Begin your career in ...

- Community development
- Environmental planning
- Housing
- Historic preservation
- Public policy and economic development
- Transportation planning
- Tourism and recreation planning
- Urban design and planning

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Sharp tools for planners

Geographic Information Systems analysis (GIS) and computer-aided drafting and design tools (CADD) are the planner's hammer and nails. In **Computer Mapping for Planning** you will use CADD to create maps and development plans. You'll also interpret land-use maps, analyze subdivision designs, and evaluate parcel development plans. In **GIS for Planners** you will be introduced to spatial analysis and data presentation using hyperlinking, 3-D analysis, census data, and cartographic tools available in ArcGIS.

Sharing the process

Not everybody likes every plan. In fact, nobody likes every plan. In land-use decision-making, conflict goes with the turf. Citizens, developers, regulatory bodies, and elected officials have differing stakes and roles to play in any planning process. Our **Public Participation Techniques in Planning** course will introduce you to locational conflicts and values, planning dispute resolution, and community-involvement techniques, such as workshops and public surveys.

The webs we weave

It may have started with cave dwellings and footpaths across the savannah, but by pursuing a higher standard of living we humans have remade the planet. In **Building the Human Environment** you will survey our species' efforts to construct living spaces, travel routes, and delivery systems for goods and services.

Participate!

Make friends and find support for your career growth in the university's **Student Planning Association**, which promotes understanding of the virtues of responsible planning in the community and furthers students' social, educational, and professional development. Help plan and participate in the annual **Arizona Planning Association-Student Mixer**, which brings together students and professionals working in the field. You are also encouraged to join state and national planning associations and attend professional conferences.

Experience the Work World

We encourage students to gain know-how in the workplace through cooperative education and internships (required as part of the BS program). You will intern with a municipal, state or federal agency, or a private organization. Previous interns have worked on comprehensive plan updates, airport expansions, urban design research, affordable housing studies, grant-writing, U.S. Forest Service fieldwork and GIS projects.

Study Abroad

Study for a summer, a semester, or an academic year in universities around the globe. We provide international education opportunities to all academically qualified students. Start your travel planning with a visit to nau.edu/international.

Finish in Four

Stay on a four-year track to your degree and save money in the process. The university guarantees that you will have access to the courses you'll need to graduate on time. You are responsible for talking to an advisor early. Visit nau.edu/finishinfour.