Explore the Online Executive Master of Urban Planning From USC Price

The accelerated online Executive Master of Urban Planning program from USC’s Sol Price School of Public Policy will help prepare you to improve the quality of life for people and their communities. Price has been ranked No. 1 for urban policy¹ and No. 2 for public affairs² by U.S. News & World Report for 2019.

¹U.S. News & World Report, March 2018
²U.S. News & World Report, March 2018
What Will You Learn in This Program?

As a student in our urban planning master’s program, you will gain advanced knowledge in four main areas:

- Project and land economics
- Political, legal and regulatory process and stakeholder outreach
- Data analysis, visualization and communication
- Urban design and the built environment

Scroll down to learn more about our curriculum.
Review Our Courses and Curriculum

Our program is made up of eight core courses and two four-day, in-person intensives. It can be completed in as few as 16 months.

Our core courses are:

- Economics of a Productive Development
- Politics and Processes of Urban Development
- Urban Political Economy and Urban Development
- Economics for a Productive City
- Effective Engagement with Stakeholders
- Big Data for Planning and Development
- Leading a Collaborative City
- Integrating Concepts for Action

At the in-person intensives, you will analyze a planning project, work in a studio setting and visit a development site, among other activities. Both intensives take place on USC’s campus in Los Angeles, California.

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A Price Education Without Relocating

Our online program delivers the same high quality and intense rigor as USC Price’s on-campus master’s programs. As a student, you will:

• Engage with peers and faculty during live online classes
• Complete coursework weekly on your own time
• Access academic, technical and career support at any time
• Have access to WeWork’s hundreds of office and co-working spaces worldwide
Tuition and Financial Aid

The current tuition rate is $1,863 per unit for the 2018–2019 academic year. You will complete a total of 24 units and should expect a moderate increase in tuition each academic year. A variety of options may be available to help fund your education — including federal loans, private loans and California-specific scholarships. Learn more on our Tuition and Financial Aid page.

Scroll down to learn how this degree can benefit you.
Apply Your Knowledge Across a Wide Array of Professions

Our urban planning graduate program is designed for experienced professionals — including those currently working inside and outside the planning field — who want to make our cities more accessible and sustainable.

In particular, a few professions this degree may be a good fit for include:

- **City managers** who want to work more effectively with planners and developers
- **Architects** who design infill projects or master-planned communities and need a stronger background in the space
- **Affordable housing professionals** who need more knowledge about navigating the project approvals process and reaching out to stakeholders
- **Land use attorneys** looking to gain a deeper understanding of the economics of development

Scroll down to learn more about leadership opportunities.
Lead Organizations Across All Sectors

Upon graduation from our program, you will be prepared to take on leadership positions in:

- City, county, state and federal government
- Metropolitan and regional agencies
- Economic development organizations

You will also be prepared to work for private firms, nonprofits, and NGOs.
“In my role leading L.A. Metro’s transit-oriented communities, I span urban planning and development every day. At USC Price, I was fortunate to learn from some of the best scholars and practitioners who bridge those fields, and this degree is an exciting commitment to integrating the fields of urban planning and development.”

Nick Saponara, Master of Planning/Master of Real Estate Development ’07, Deputy Executive Officer, Transit-Oriented Communities, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Admissions Requirements

A bachelor’s degree is required to apply. Additionally, we prefer — though do not require — that applicants have five to seven years of professional work experience that relates to urban planning, real estate development or the intersection of those fields.

**GRE/GMAT scores are not required.**
Take the Next Step. Our Next Deadline Is Approaching.

We offer three start dates per year, and admission is rolling. If you apply by our Early Application Deadline, we will waive the $90 application fee.

If you’d like to learn more, our admissions counselors are happy to discuss the program and answer any questions you might have.

If you’re ready, you can also begin your application today to get a head start on shaping our cities of tomorrow.

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