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## Welcome from the Coordinator

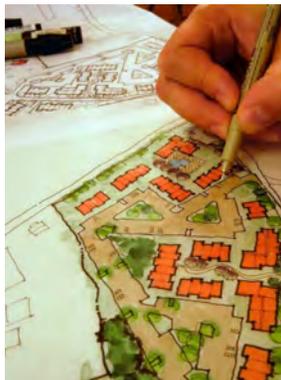


Thank you for your interest in the University of Georgia's graduate program in Environmental Planning and Design. This brochure contains general information regarding our program, including objectives, requirements, and financial assistance. Application information along with the Graduate Bulletin can be found on the UGA Graduate School Web Site: [www.uga.edu/gradschool](http://www.uga.edu/gradschool)

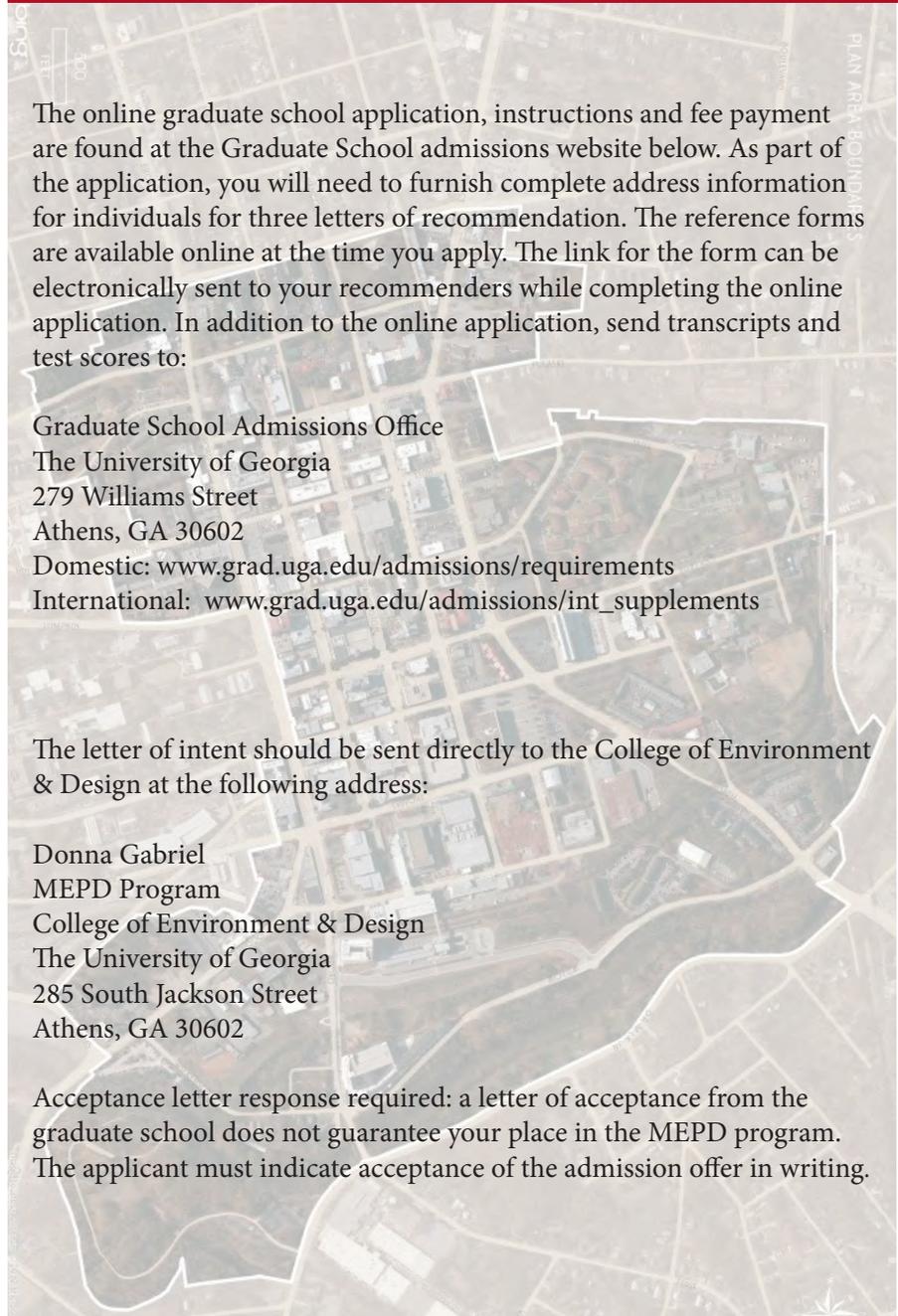


Please feel free to contact us if you have additional questions or to arrange an admissions interview.

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# Master of Environmental Planning & Design Admissions Instructions



The online graduate school application, instructions and fee payment are found at the Graduate School admissions website below. As part of the application, you will need to furnish complete address information for individuals for three letters of recommendation. The reference forms are available online at the time you apply. The link for the form can be electronically sent to your recommenders while completing the online application. In addition to the online application, send transcripts and test scores to:

Graduate School Admissions Office  
The University of Georgia  
279 Williams Street  
Athens, GA 30602  
Domestic: [www.grad.uga.edu/admissions/requirements](http://www.grad.uga.edu/admissions/requirements)  
International: [www.grad.uga.edu/admissions/int\\_supplements](http://www.grad.uga.edu/admissions/int_supplements)

The letter of intent should be sent directly to the College of Environment & Design at the following address:

Donna Gabriel  
MEPD Program  
College of Environment & Design  
The University of Georgia  
285 South Jackson Street  
Athens, GA 30602

Acceptance letter response required: a letter of acceptance from the graduate school does not guarantee your place in the MEPD program. The applicant must indicate acceptance of the admission offer in writing.

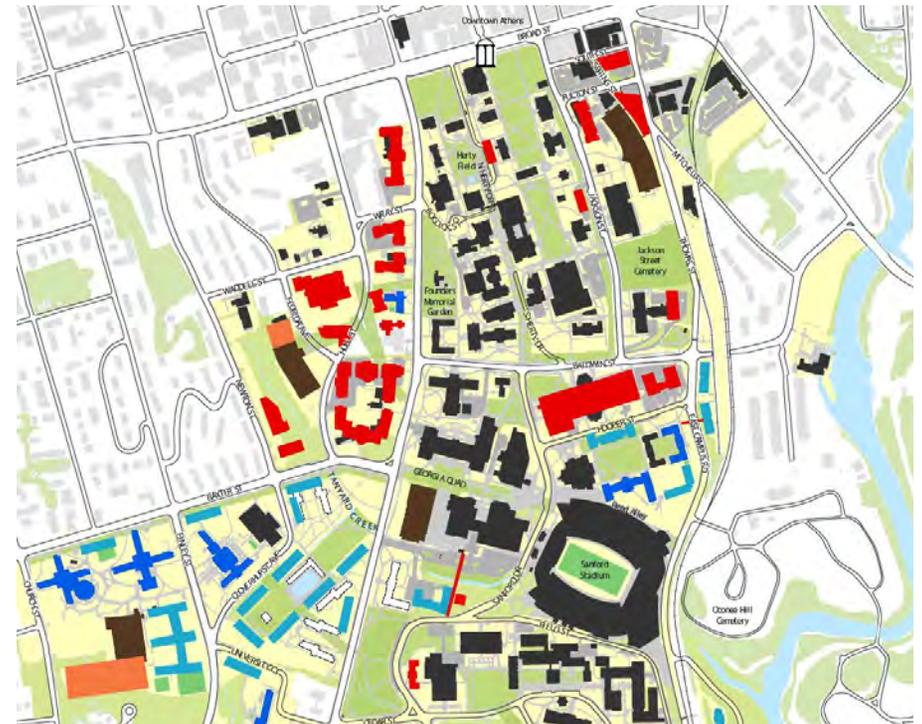
# Master of Environmental Planning & Design Admissions Requirements

- Graduate school application and fee payment of approximately \$75.00 for domestic applicants and \$100.00 for international applicants.
- Academic transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Three reference letters (two from academic sources).
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores of 150+ preferred on verbal.
- International students are required to submit TOEFL scores.
- Letter of intent that outlines the reasons for the student's interest in the program, the relevance of previous degrees and experience, and the applicant's goals and ambitions.
- To arrange an interview contact Donna Gabriel by calling 706-542-4720, or e-mailing donnag@uga.edu.



# University of Georgia

Chartered in 1785, the University of Georgia is the first state-chartered University in the United States. Beginning with just a handful of students, the University now enrolls over 31,000 students from across the nation as well as international students. The University is full of rich resources including the first permanent building (Old College, completed 1806), National Register districts exhibiting a range of historic architectural styles, world class libraries, museums, concert halls, and the State Botanical Garden. The University of Georgia's programs in historic preservation, landscape architecture and Environmental Planning and Design are offered by the College of Environment and Design, founded in 1969.



An hour's drive from Atlanta today Athens is a vibrant city proud of the symbols of its past within a region that is currently one of the fastest developing in the nation. The town is a center of contemporary popular music, culture, and education; thus, the planning programs is located in a living laboratory where the challenge of accommodating growth and development occur on a daily basis.

## Athens

The city of Athens provides a doorstep laboratory for planning majors at the University of Georgia along with numerous sites, districts, and entire communities across the state. These areas provide professional training and practical experiences to the students in both rural and urban environments.

In 2009, Athens was selected as one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Dozen Distinctive Destinations for its dynamic downtown, attractive architecture, cultural landscape, and strong commitment to preservation, revitalization, and development.

Topics such as downtown revitalization and landscape conservation have been a part of the College of Environment and Design's (CED) instructional emphasis since 1973. Environmental Planning and Design masters program was established in 2009.

Several public service organizations based in Athens and at the CED offer students practical experiences in planning:

- Design Charettes organized by The Center for Community Design & Preservation are rapid, intensive, and creative work sessions, in which a design team focuses on a particular design problem and arrives at a collaborative solution. The public charrette is fast becoming a preferred way to face the planning challenges confronting communities, cities, and regions.
- Hands-On Athens is a repair and rehabilitation program that provides volunteer assistance to low income homeowners in Athens. CED students and faculty gain valuable experience while serving the Athens community.
- Athens Land Trust is a private, non-profit corporation established in 1994 with the goals of land preservation, affordable, energy efficient housing, and neighborhood revitalization. ALT believes in a holistic approach to sustainable development that addresses environmental, economic and community needs.



## Alumni Comments



Theresa Owen  
Education Program Specialist  
Cultural Landscape Laboratory

"I decided on the MEPD program at UGA because of its unique emphasis on the creative design process and the flexibility it allowed for pursuing my interest in food systems planning. In studio classes, my classmates and I worked on real planning challenges within communities in Georgia. This hands-on approach prepared me for a job with the Cultural Landscape Laboratory, a program of the College of Environment and Design. For this position, I am focusing on the preservation of a historic farm outside of Atlanta and how it will benefit both the community and the environment. In the future, I hope to use the skills I've gained to pursue a career in rural and farm land preservation and planning."

"As a graduate in the inaugural class of 2011, I received what I was looking for - the opportunity to investigate, explore, experiment, and report on critical environmental issues that matter to me. Through my collegiate experience I gained the confidence and opportunity to open my own doors in the industry. As an independent consultant for municipalities and private clients I am assisting in the design of food-producing landscapes that not only look beautiful but also provide a positive return to the health of a community."



Mario Cambardella  
Independent Consultant

"For two years I had the privilege of working as a graduate assistant for the Archway Partnership, a program designed to assist local governments across the Georgia with expertise from the state flagship university. I aspire to have a career that allows me to empower people with the knowledge needed to be proactive in the shaping of their community's future. Currently I work for various clients... projects have included a feasibility study for the I-26 linear park in Charleston SC, the creation and design of The University of North Carolina Asheville's Sustainable Procurement Guide, and environmental graphics for several development projects."



Leah Graham Stewart  
Independent Consultant

## Cultural Landscape Lab

[www.ced.uga.edu/cll](http://www.ced.uga.edu/cll)



The UGA-CED Cultural Landscape Laboratory is structured around long term partnerships with organizations and people who steward nationally-significant cultural landscapes. With a research focus on heritage conservation and sustainability, the lab is exploring how our society may best sustain the ecological, social, and cultural systems that constitute America's most treasured landscapes.

## Center for Community Design & Preservation

[www.ced.uga.edu/psd](http://www.ced.uga.edu/psd)



The Center for Community Design & Preservation (CCDP) serves as the Public Service and Outreach office for the College of Environment & Design. We provide opportunities for our faculty and students to engage in real-world projects and put their academic pursuits into practice.

- CCDP delivers conceptual community design services by utilizing a mix of faculty, professional staff and students.
- CCDP houses, FindIT, in conjunction with the Georgia Transmission Corporation, and the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). FindIT's mission is to pro-actively survey historic resources in every county within Georgia complying with state survey standards.

## Study Abroad

[www.ced.uga.edu/index.php/student\\_resources/list/cat/study\\_abroad/](http://www.ced.uga.edu/index.php/student_resources/list/cat/study_abroad/)



Students from the College of Environment & Design have traditionally studied in:

- Cortona, Italy - Students study urban design with understanding of low-rise, high-density urban areas, multi-use open space, mixed-use developments, and the coexistence of people and transportation which have been maintained and unchanged over many centuries in Italy.
- Costa Rica - This service-learning program combines travel, design exploration and community development and in Costa Rica through the eyes of a multi-disciplinary student body.
- Croatia - Students examine how Croatia conserves, interprets, and manages its historic towns and monuments, cultural landscapes, and other aspects of its tangible and intangible heritage using them for economic and social development.

## Environmental Planning & Design

The Master of Environmental Planning & Design is the new professional graduate degree program in the College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia. It is a professional graduate program with an emphasis on a studio-based integrative planning process grounded in environmental and ecological principles. The purpose is to improve life and ecosystem health in regions and urban centers, incorporating cultural, historic and design elements, while engaging community process to identify and plan for long range city and regional goals.

It features Planning and Design Studios in each of its four semesters (regional, city, neighborhood, and personal concentration scales). The core faculty have practiced in planning and design in various locations throughout the U.S., Spain, Turkey, Dubai, Venezuela, Honduras and Guatemala and studios have been conducted in a number of these countries. The 58 hours program met initial Planning Accreditation Board requirements and will begin to seek accreditation in 2013.

Situated in the College of Environment and Design, which houses well-established and highly rated graduate programs in landscape architecture and historic preservation, the MEPD program offers wide-ranging opportunities for collaborative efforts and program concentrations. In addition, students can take course work throughout the University of Georgia in fields such as geography, real estate, anthropology, sociology and ecology to widen their knowledge base and operate within an interdisciplinary framework.

## Master of Environmental Planning and Design Curriculum

The MEPD degree program prepares students for broad-based careers at public planning agencies, private firms, city and regional planning departments, and non-profit agencies. It also offers preparation for doctoral work in city and regional planning. The first year of the program is focused on acquiring basic knowledge and understanding of the history, law, theory, and practice of planning, ecology, GIS, research, graphic communications, and community engagement. In the second year students begin to focus on a specific area of the planning profession as well as shaping their master's thesis or final internship practicum. Each semester involves bringing real world urban and environmental projects into the design studio, beginning with the large or regional scales, the mid-sized town planning scale, and the neighborhood scale.

| First Year                  | Courses   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Fall<br>(16 credit hours)   | PLAN 6520 Environmental Planning Studio 1 (4)<br>LAND 6210 Representation (3)<br>EDES 6270 Environmental use GIS (3)<br>LAND 6310 Landscape Ecology (3)<br>EDES 6650 City Planning (3)                            |
| Spring<br>(14 Credit hours) | PLAN 6540 Environmental Plan/ Designing Studio 2 (4)<br>LAND 6900 Research Strategies (2)<br>EDES 6640 Hist/ Theory American Urban Planning (3)<br>PLAN 6200 Planning Law (3)<br>EDES 6540 Ideas of Community (2) |
| Summer<br>(optional)        | Electives:<br>PLAN 6700 Internship (3)  |
| Second Year                 |   |
| Fall<br>(16 credit hours)   | PLAN 6560 Environmental Plan/ Designing Studio 3 (4)<br>PLAN 6124 Ethic, Justice, and Pro Practice (3)<br>Elective<br>Elective<br>Elective  |
| Spring<br>(12 credit hours) | PLAN 7300 Thesis (1-9) or<br>PLAN 7200 Practicum (1-9)<br>Elective  |

Also available:

- Certificate in Historic Preservation
- Certificate in Historic Landscape Studies
- Certificate in Environmental Ethics

Please see our website for more information on these programs:

[www.ced.uga.edu/index.php/degree/detail/mepd\\_program\\_of\\_study/](http://www.ced.uga.edu/index.php/degree/detail/mepd_program_of_study/)