



Department of Urban and Regional Planning

1. What is Urban and Regional Planning?

Planning enhances opportunities for people, strives towards justice of space and addresses economic resilience. Planners join local insights with their professional techniques in a collective attempt to improve place qualities. They develop long- and short-term plans to ensure the best use of land for a specific space. They calculate the environmental costs of economic growth and watch out for resource exploitation. Town- and Regional Planners often work in multidisciplinary teams and need to be able to have insights across disciplines. They also have to understand the needs of the community and convince decision-makers and politicians. Job opportunities are available in national, provincial and local government, NGOs and in the private sector.

The Honours in Spatial Planning (BSPHons) is the first step towards professional registration and must be followed by a Master of Urban and Regional Planning to enable the successful candidate to register with SACPLAN, which is the statutory council for planners, once the successful candidate has sufficient practical training. Admission for both degrees is based on selection. The entrance requirements for Honours in Spatial Planning on a NQF 8 are as follows:

- A 60% average for the undergraduate qualification
- A three-year applicable B degree (see www.ufs.ac.za/urp) or
- A degree with applicable major subjects
- If a student does not entirely meet the admission requirements, in meritorious cases, they can apply for special permission based on the Recognition of Prior Learning.

2. Opportunities

Students with both the Honours and Masters degrees were able to find jobs in South Africa. This profession has been identified as one of the scarce skills professions. Although the programme is not internationally accredited as such, graduates from this department are working in Namibia, England, Ireland, the U.S.A., Canada, Australia and New.

3. Honours in Spatial Planning, majoring in Human Settlements

In consultation with the national Department of Human Settlement, we are pleased to announce a new specialization in 2016, namely a Bachelor of Honours in Spatial Planning, majoring in Human Settlements. The intention of this program is to equip students to have the necessary skills needed to work specifically as Human Settlement (Housing) specialists.

4. Programs offered

- Honours in Spatial Planning
- Honours in Spatial Planning, specializing in Human Settlements
- Master of Urban and Regional Planning (Professional)
- Master of Urban and Regional Planning (Research)
- Master of Human Settlements (Research)
- PhD

All programs are taught either as full-time or part-time (evening classes) or also in a compact format (i.e. lectures are taught in 4-5 one week blocks meaning that you have to negotiate leave with your employer as you will have to be in Bloemfontein to attend classes during those block weeks), thus allowing for full time professionals to attend lectures and register for the degree.

*NB: To register as Professional Planner with SACPLAN students must obtain **both** the BSPHons & Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning. To gain accreditation with the BSPHons degree majoring in Human Settlements, it is likely that extra courses will need to be taken.*

5. Contact details

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Applications for all Honours and Masters programmes close during July 2015.

3. Honneurs in Ruimtelike Beplanning, met spesialisasie in Menslike Nedersettings

In oorleg met die Nasionale Departement van Menslike Nedersettings is ons bly om 'n nuwe spesialisering in 2016, naamlik 'n Baccalaureus in Ruimtelike Beplanning Honneurs aan te kondig, met spesialisasie in Menslike Nedersettings. Die bedoeling van hierdie program is om studente toe te rus met die nodige vaardighede om spesifiek te werk as Menslike Nedersetting (Behuising) spesialiste.

4. Programs offered

- Baccalaureus in Ruimtelike Beplanning Honneurs
- Baccalaureus in Ruimtelike Beplanning Honneurs, spesialisasie in Menslike Nedersettings
- Meester van Stads- en Streekbeplanning (Professioneel)
- Meester van Stads- en Streekbeplanning (Navorsing)
- Meester van Menslike Nedersettings (Navorsing)
- PhD

Al programme word óf as voltydse óf deeltydse (aandklasse) óf in 'n kompak formaat aangebied (bv. lesings word aangebied 4-5 een week blokke wat beteken dat jy moet onderhandel met jou werkgewer vir verlof om die klasse in Bloemfontein by te woon gedurende daardie blok weke). Die formaat van klasse bied voltydse professionele persone die geleentheid om lesings by te woon en vir die graad te registreer.

NB: Om as Professionele beplanner met SACPLAN te registreer moet studente beide die BRBHons & Meestersgraad in Stads- en Streekbeplanning verwerf. Om akkreditasie by die BRBHons graad in Menslike Nedersettings kry, is dit waarskynlik dat ekstra kursusse geneem moet word.

5. Kontakbesonderhede

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Aansoeke vir alle Honneurs en Meestersgraad programme sluit gedurende Julie 2015.

1. Wat is Stads- en Streekbeplanning?

Beplanning bevorder geleentheid vir mense, streef na geregtigheid van ruimte en spreek ekonomiese veerkragtigheid aan. Beplanners neem deel aan plaaslike insigte deur middel van hulle professionele tegnieke om sodoende 'n kollektiewe poging aan te wend om plek se eienskappe te verbeter. Hulle ontwikkel lang- en korttermyn-planne om die beste gebruik van grond vir 'n spesifieke ruimte te verseker. Hulle bereken die omgewingskoste van ekonomiese groei en kyk uit vir uitbuiting van hulpbronne. Stad- en Streekbeplanners werk dikwels in multidissiplinêre spanne en moet insig besit oor die verskeie dissiplines. Hulle moet ook die behoeftes van die gemeenskap verstaan en besluitnemers en politici kan oortuig. Werksgeleentheid is beskikbaar in nasionale, provinsiale en plaaslike regering, nie-regeringsorganisasies en die privaatsektor.

Die Honneurs in Ruimtelike Beplanning (BRBHons) is die eerste stap in die rigting van 'n professionele registrasie en moet opgevolg word met 'n Meester van Stads- en Streekbeplanning om die suksesvolle kandidaat in staat te stel om te registreer met SACPLAN, wat die statutêre raad vir beplanners, sodra die suksesvolle kandidaat voldoende praktiese opleiding het. Toelating vir beide programme is gebaseer op seleksie. Die toelatingsvereistes vir Honneurs in Ruimtelike Beplanning op 'n NKR 8 is as volg:

- 'n 60% gemiddeld vir die voorgraadse kwalifikasie
- 'n toepaslike driejaar B Graad (sien www.ufs.ac.za/urp) of
- 'n graad met toepaslike hoofvakke
- Indien 'n student nie in geheel aan die toelatingsvereistes voldoen nie, in gevalle met meriete, kan hulle aansoek doen vir spesiale toestemming gebaseer op die Erkenning van Voorafleer.

2. Geleentheid

Studente met beide die Honneurs en meestersgrade was in staat om werk in Suid-Afrika te vind. Hierdie beroep is geïdentifiseer as een van die skaars vaardighede beroepe. Hoewel die program nie internasionaal geakkrediteer is as sodanig nie, het gegradueerdes van hierdie departement in Namibië, Engeland, Ierland, die VSA, Kanada, Australië en Nieu-Seeland werksgeleentheid ontvang.



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