

Master of Urban and Regional Planning

Programme Description

Programme codes

11466 – 879(180)

11466 – 889(180) (Please note: this programme does not admit new students.)

11466 – 887(260) (Two-year programme)

The programmes are presented by the Centre for Regional and Urban Innovation and Statistical Exploration (CRUISE) of the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies.

Specific Admission Requirements

879:

- A professional Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning or Development Planning.
- A pass mark of 60%.

889:

- A professional Bachelor's degree in one of the following disciplines: Urban and Regional Planning, or Engineering, Development Planning, or Architecture
or
- an Honours degree in one of the following disciplines: Geography, Economics, Public Administration, Sociology, Demography.
- A pass mark of 60%.

887:

- A professional Bachelor's degree in one of the following disciplines: Urban and Regional Planning, Engineering, Development Planning, Architecture
or
- an Honours degree in one of the following disciplines: Geography, Economics, Public Administration, Sociology, Demography.
- You may be granted admission to the programme through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
- A pass mark of 60%.

Closing Date for Applications

- South African students:
 - Apply by **31 October** of the preceding year.
- International students:
 - Apply by **31 August** of the preceding year.

Programme Structure

879:

Please note: This option does not provide access to registration with SACPLAN.

The programme comprises a 180-credit research thesis plus possible further prerequisites. The

thesis deals with the study and solving of a relevant urban and regional planning problem.

889:

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The programme comprises a course work component of 90 credits and a research thesis of 90 credits. The thesis deals with the study and solving of a relevant urban and regional planning problem.

887:

This option could possibly lead to registration with SACPLAN, subject to accreditation by SACPLAN.

The programme comprises a course work component of 130 credits and 130 credit research thesis in the second year of study which deals with the study and solving of a relevant urban and regional planning problem.

Programme Content

879:

Compulsory Module

13151 : Thesis (Urban and Regional Planning)	871(180)
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Assessment and Examination

The thesis of 30 000 to 40 000 words, which demonstrates the ability to conduct independent scientific research on a geographical problem, is assessed according to the regulations of Stellenbosch University in Part 1 of the Calendar.

889:

Compulsory Modules

13299 : Social Systems	812(10)
13300 : Spatial Economic Systems	812(10)
13302 : Urban Systems	812(10)
14035 : Urban Form and Structure	812(10)
13306 : GIS Analysis	812(10)
13310 : Planning Practice	812(10)
13151 : Thesis (Urban and Regional Planning)	874(90)
11434 : Planning Legislation	811(10)
11435 : Planning Theory	811(10)
11433 : Planning Design	811(10)

Assessment and Examination

The modules will be assessed by means of tests, examinations, and group and individual assignments – in writing and orally. The thesis in the taught option (programme code 11466-889) contributes 50% to the final mark. The thesis consists of a research project and at least one publishable article, and is assessed according to the University’s regulations for Master’s theses.

887:*Compulsory Modules*

First year:

13299 : Social Systems	812(10)
13300 : Spatial Economic Systems	812(10)
13302 : Urban Systems	812(10)
13301 : Urban Form and Function	871(20)
13306 : GIS Analysis	812(10)
13310 : Planning Practice	871(20)
11434 : Planning Legislation	871(15)
11435 : Planning Theory	871(15)
11433 : Planning Design	871(20)

Second year:

13151 : Thesis (Urban and Regional Planning)	876(130)
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Enquiries

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