



SORBONNE
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ABU DHABI

Master in Urban Planning and Development

Master Programmes

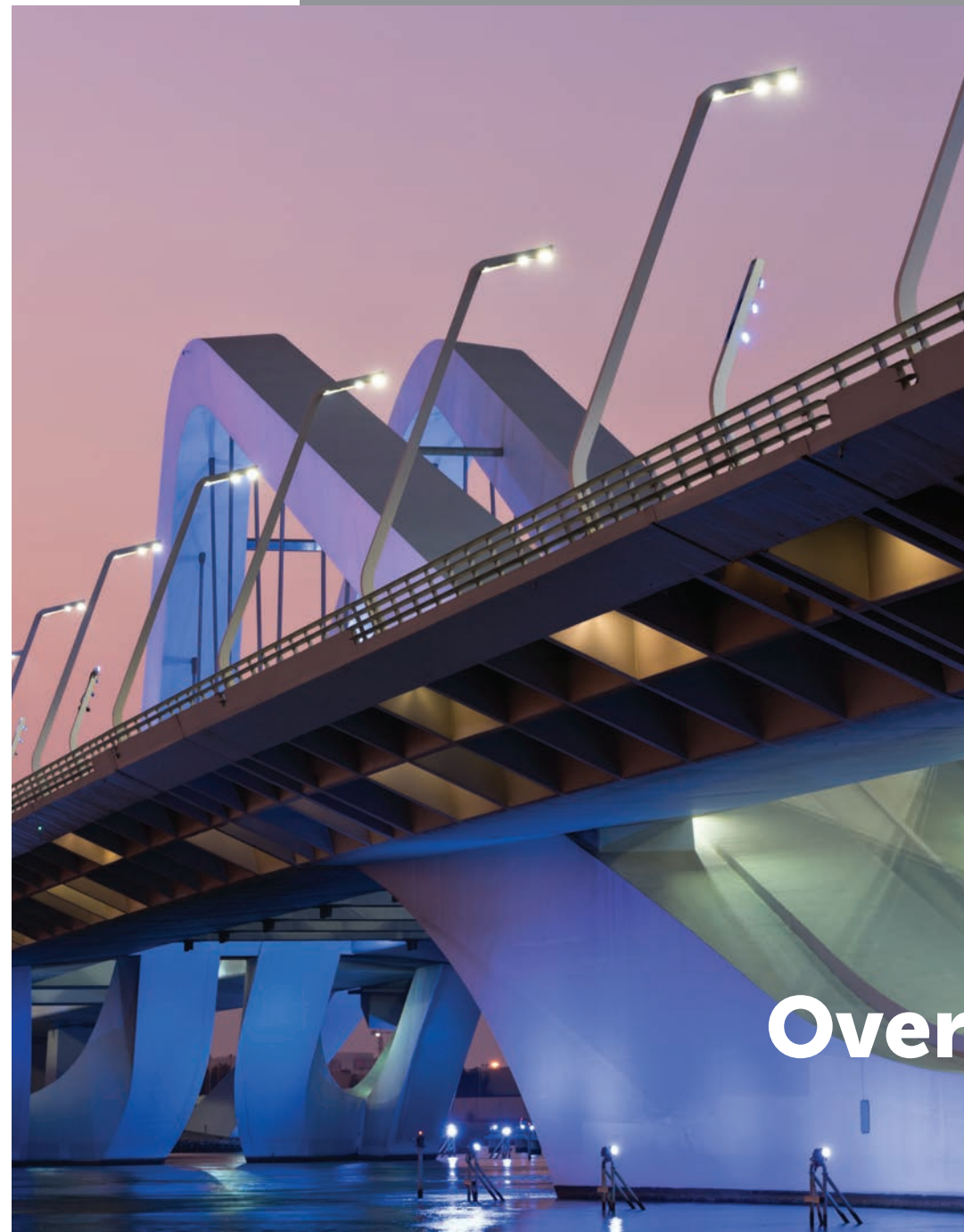
The 18-month Master in Urban Planning and Development is designed for students to acquire the fundamental knowledge and skills required for jobs as a professional urban planner.

A habitable modern city is only successful if its different components are efficiently integrated and the residents and citizens benefit economically and socially leading to an improved quality of life. Regional and urban planners strategically link the complex components of cities and regions including budget, legalities, availability of infrastructure and land and visual appeal. Through intelligent planning, they create plans to build and organically grow dynamic and functional public spaces for small and large populations. Planners work alongside engineers, architects, law enforcement agencies, environmental consultants and legal advisors to create vibrant and sustainable cities and regions.

Through the Sorbonne Urban Planning and Development Institute, students will learn about the role of planners, their fundamentals and ecological and social economic impact. They will study comprehensive policies, planning tools, technological advances like Geographic

Information Systems, how to maximise space and merge form with function, organising metropolitan areas based on thematic and specialised specifications, among others. Students will emerge as skillful thinkers and problem solvers and refine their skills in communication and decision-making. This course provides students with a broad perspective and fundamental competencies vital for their careers as Urban and Regional Planners.

Our faculty comprises distinguished professors and professionals from the Sorbonne Urban Planning and Development Institute who have achieved worldwide acclaim and impart a thorough knowledge of Urban and Regional Planning. They will guide students to explore the most effective strategies related to sustainable land-use and public spaces, transportation, safety concerns, GIS technologies and advanced-planning systems that shape the cities of tomorrow.



Overview



Programme highlights

International recognition

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi provides the combined experience of Sorbonne University and Paris Descartes University. This rich heritage of joint excellence is now available in Abu Dhabi under the Ministry of Education and is recognised worldwide.

The programme in Abu Dhabi is offered under the Sorbonne Urban Planning and Development Institute (Paris) which was created over 25 years ago. Highly innovative since its inception, the Institute has developed close ties with the industry, in particular with the French Association of Town Planners, Association of French Mayors (AMIF), National Committee of Town Networks and several territorial bodies, the Regional Council of Ile-de France and the Paris Urban Workshop (APUR).

Enhancing individual & national development

Within the next decade, Abu Dhabi is poised to dedicate its focus towards socio-economic sustainability. This curriculum will be crucial in creating and encouraging a new generation passionate about planning cities of the future. Through this programme, future leaders and pioneers have the opportunity to exchange ideas and initiate dialogue as well as refine their skills and career potential to complement the city's rapid and ambitious progress.

Networking

Each class will have a reduced number of students from different countries. A strict entry selection procedure will guarantee the quality of the degree and will allow you to expand your personal network with high potential peers.

Graduates enter promising careers with engineering and design consultancy firms, urban or rural developers, real estate agencies, government enterprises involved with urban affairs, environmental management, community development and research agencies amongst others

The degree in Urban Planning and Development is taught in English and covers a total of three semesters across eighteen months. The course schedule is carefully designed to accommodate working professionals by arranging classes over short periods, including weekends, in consideration of students who intend to combine their studies with their work.

Structure

Modules	Courses
An Introduction to Urbanism and Planning: Fundamentals	Architectural History Introduction to Urban and Land Planning Urban Engineering Urban Planning Law in the UAE Islamic Law/Urbanism Law and Litigation in the UAE Urban Planning Law in France and in Europe Land Economics Planning for Real Geographic Information System (GIS) Urbanisation in the Gulf Countries
Thematic Approaches	Real Estate Project Development, Economy and Real Estate Expertise Urban Design Urban Regeneration in Europe Housing and Financing Retail and Commercial Activities Tourism and Touristic Planning Heritage and Issues in the UAE Environment and Sustainable Development Transport, Mobility and Urban Planning Politics and Urban Planning

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Specialised Approaches	Guidelines Development Risk, Reliance and More Sustainable Cities Green Infrastructure and Large-Scale Landscape Architecture Financial Programming Strategic Foresight for Cities
Professional Workshops	Operational Urbanism Urbanism Project Public Space and Planning

Master's thesis

Non-employed students will be required to submit an extended essay based on their internship. Full-time employed students will be required to submit a research based thesis.

Internship

For nonworking students, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has integrated a mandatory internship in the second year.

The internship will encourage critical thinking and improve students' reasoning abilities by blending academic theory with real life work experience. Students will benefit from a greater depth of experience working in a professional environment.

The internship also provides an excellent opportunity to gain crucial insights and improve access to various career opportunities in the region and beyond. Students will discover that this collaborative learning process can lead to enduring professional relationships, which will open doors and forge new career paths.

Assessment & graduation requirements

Throughout the year, there will be frequent assessment and evaluations. Students will be evaluated on individual assignments, internships presentations, reports and examinations, which usually take place towards the end of every semester. Attendance to all classes is mandatory and it is important that students are punctual and observe university regulations at all times.



Career prospects

There are abundant rewarding career opportunities on a regional and global scale for graduates of the Urban Planning and Development programme. Graduates enter promising careers with engineering and design consultancy firms, urban or rural developers, real estate agencies, government enterprises involved with urban affairs, environmental management, community development and research agencies amongst others.

Admission to our master's programmes is selective and competitive and each applicant will be considered on his/her own merit. Our admissions process ensures that every course has an ideal mix of people with talent, impressive interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.

Admission requirements

General Entry requirements:

Candidates must complete an online application and upload the following items:

- A copy of the bachelor degree earned in a discipline appropriate for the programme
- A copy of the high school diploma
- A detailed curriculum vitae*
- A personal statement (not exceeding one page)
- For non-native English speakers a minimum EmSAT – English score of 1400 or TOEFL score of 550, 213 CBT, 79-80 iBT or an IELTS score of 6.0, valid for at least two years
- Official academic transcripts, official test scores

Shortlisted candidates might be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivations, careers expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area.

International applicants are required to present an equivalency of their degree from the UAE Ministry of Education located in Abu Dhabi. For details on the requirements, visit the website: <https://www.moe.gov.ae>

Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation (www.caa.ae).

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