



URBAN DESIGN (CERTIFICATE)

This certificate program creates a cross-disciplinary platform for graduate students and professionals who are interested in shaping the urban environment.

Description

This certificate can provide you with the skill sets necessary to connect needs and opportunities in the built environment with design solutions and strategies in order to better address the contemporary urbanism challenges in Nebraska and beyond.

Certificate Holders Skill Set Opportunities

Systematic understanding of the urban environment, including physical, historical, social, political, economic, and cultural aspects of the built environment and their potential influence on urban design initiatives.

Ability to synthesize current urbanism discourse in the planning, design thinking, place-making, and spatial approach processes for analyzing the characteristics of urban areas and their interdependence with the surrounding urban fabric.

Enhanced design and problem-solving skills to tackle complex urban design problems.

Effective communication, representation, and visual skills to improve urban design projects, including verbal, written, graphic and model-based presentations.

Collaborative abilities with stakeholders such as landowners, developers, governmental officials, and industrial partners.

Who should apply?

Any student who sees themselves designing or planning for urban settings will find this certificate invaluable. Sought after by employers, certificate holders will have a unique understanding of the urban environment from a social, economic, and ecological perspective.

Program-Related Information

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Program Website

<https://architecture.unl.edu/degree-programs/customize-your-education-minors-dual-degrees/urban-design-graduate-certificate/>

Applying for Admission

Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.

If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.
When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.
- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

Additional requirements specific to this program

- Resume
- Three References
- Personal Statement: Include your professional goals and how enrolling in this certificate program will assist you in meeting your professional goals.

Certificate programs are not considered degree programs, so international students should be aware that admission to this program is ineligible for immigration forms for an F-1 student visa.

Admission Application Deadlines

- March 1: Fall admission
- November 1: Spring admission
- April 1: Summer Admission

The urban design certificate committee will review the application for admission.

Requirements

Complete 14-15 credit hours as outlined here, with grades of B or higher in all classes. Only one course per "or" group below may be applied toward this certificate.

Required Courses (6 credits)		6
CRPL 800	Introduction to Planning	3
ARCH 861	Urbanism	3
Electives (8-9 credits)		8-9
ARCH 810 & ARCH 811	Advanced Architectural Design I and Advanced Architectural Design II	10
CRPL 830	Planning with GIS	3
CRPL 833	GIS in Environmental Design and Planning	3
ARCH 562	Urbanism and the Catalysts of Change	3
ARCH 863	Project Territory (available only to students stacking this certificate with M.Arch)	3
CRPL 864	Urban Design	3
ARCH 892	Selected Topics in Architecture	1-6

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CRPL 892	Selected Topics in Community and Regional Planning	1-9
or CRPL 990	Planning Studio	