

6. INSTRUCTION

Classes are organized with flexibility in order to accommodate students who are gainfully employed. The course will be taught through lectures, practical work, sub group work, seminars, internet services and individual field projects.



7. STRUCTURE OF PROGRAMME

The programme was developed from international and local trends of urbanization, environmental change, economic unpredictability, and globalization. Key aspects of the program include:

- The programme is accredited by the Academic Planning Committee and follows the prescribed standards of planning education.
- The program emphasizes on regional planning, land use planning and policy development to enhance community resilience to economic, social, and environmental challenges.
- There is a practical focus on Design, Housing, Resilience planning-expressly on issues related to climate change, resource dependency, economic resiliency, smart cities.
- The programme is designed with reference to environmental, resource planning and management, transportation and planning.
- There are also core courses in Research Methodology, Seminar/Practicum (internship placement), Thesis defence. Students take course work for 3 semesters and 4th semester is for Seminar/Practicum and preparation of Dissertation.



8. STAFF

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: OUMAROU TOUMBA : Lecturer, Environmental Risk, Natural Resource Planning and Management Analyst.

FULL TIME

BALGAH Sounders Ngu: Professor, Remote Sensing, Urban Studies, Development Studies Expert.

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ASHU ORU : Urban and Regional Planning Expert.

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

Department of GEOGRAPHY

Masters in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) Professional Programme



DURATION OF STUDIES

Two (02) YEARS (4 SEMESTERS)

1. RATIONALE

To train students by giving them orientation toward professional expertise. The programme covers all the core spatial planning subjects that are important to planning, practice, research, technical and soft skill required to be a competent and innovative town and country planner. Consequently, the programme exposes the students to appreciate social, economic and political processes that shape cities and regions, and ways in which public policy can improve the quality of life in towns and regions. Therefore, concepts such as planning, sustainability, urban governance and regional development form the basis of the courses in the programme. It is against this background that the Department of Geography's Professional Masters programme in Urban and Regional Planning is out to address urban and regional issues in a professional manner.

2. OBJECTIVES OF DEGREE PROGRAMME

The Masters is designed to produce competent and skilled planning professionals and researchers grounded in critical scholarship and learning.

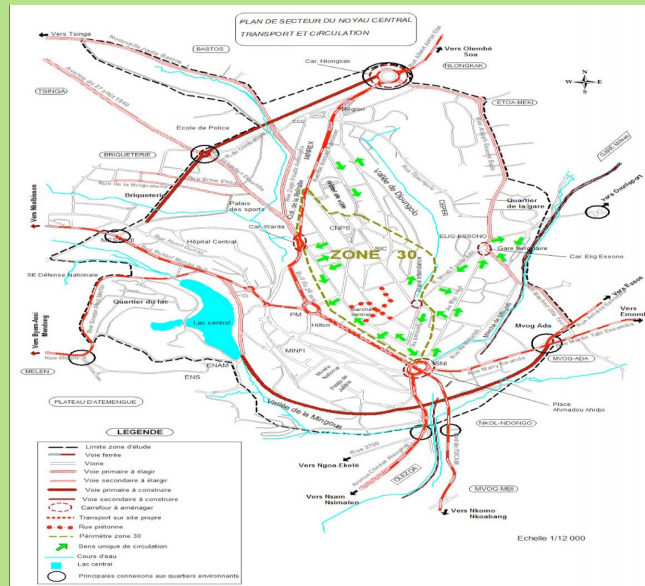
The followings are the specific objectives:

- To equip students with the following competences:
 - * the ability to identify the communities' current and future needs and undertaking specific courses of action and /or developmental strategies;
 - * the capacity to adopt and /or build models of territorial organisation and development strategies that benefit both individual interests and the community as a whole;
 - * the capacity to engage in multicultural dialogue about ideas, concepts, principles and models of development.
- To improve the quality of planning and development at the urban and regional levels using planning tools in making critical decisions.
- To provide institutions and organisations with skills to solve a range of issues on sustainable development, urban management and regional planning, from the point of view of public agency or a citizen group of community interests to improve the quality of life in human settlements.
- To organize courses to develop professional excellence in general planning practice and special competences on functional bases under the functions of three areas of concentration: Land Use & Real Estate Development, Health & Social Planning, and Environmental Services.

3. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission is open to candidates with a good B.Sc or B.A degree in Geography, Architecture, Economics, Political Sciences, Environmental Science, and other related disciplines.

Candidates shall be selected on a merit basis through a selection of application files which will comprise an application form, credentials and three reference letters.



4. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The award of the Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) shall be subjected to the University of Buea general regulations governing the award of Professional Masters' Degrees. The MURP candidates in the programme must pass the prescribe courses and must complete a thesis that demonstrate a reasonable mastery of the concepts and tools of the science of Urban and Regional Planning and the subject matter in his/her area of specialization.



5. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of Urban and Regional Planning have a wide range of careers in:

Public/Private

- Urban and rural planning/development institutions,
- Government, state agencies, municipalities, consultancy,
- Environmental protection, housing management, economic planning,
- International Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations,
- Multi-national companies, private planning firms,
- Research organizations,
- Teaching and research in technical and professional schools,
- The transport and logistic sector and other related environments,
- Community activism and empowerment agencies

- Community development agencies
- Economic development organisations
- Environmental and natural resources management agencies,
- Conservation agencies,
- Housing agencies,
- Land use planning agencies,
- Parks and recreation agencies.

Self employment (Consultant)

- Urban design planners,
- Urban planners,
- Regional planners,
- Transportation planners.
- City planners,
- Code enforcement planners.