The concentration in Urban Development and Urban Design aims to produce graduates who are skilled in analysis and design for development in existing (sub)urban landscapes and urbanizing contexts, whether in North America or elsewhere. A series of courses on urban design, real estate, the politics of development, and urban governance enhance the core curriculum of the professionally-accredited M.U.P. program. Additional courses address innovative approaches to urban development, contemporary urban form, community-based design, globalization and development, and the adaptive redesign of suburban contexts, in addition to enduring topics such as housing, public space, cultural landscapes, and environmental planning. Students seeking to specialize in Urban Development and Urban Design apply at the end of their first year of study; admission into the concentration is based on performance in the first year of study and demonstration of spatial literacy, numeric competency, skills in graphic communication, and understanding of complex development processes.

Research Project (15 Credits)
(3) URBP 630 Supervised Research Project 1
(6) URBP 631 Supervised Research Project 2
(6) URBP 632 Supervised Research Project 3

Required Courses (30 Credits)
(3) URBP 551 Urban Design and Planning
(3) URBP 609 Planning Graphics
(3) URBP 612 History and Theory of Planning
(6) URBP 622 Planning Studio 1
(3) URBP 623 Planning Studio 2
(6) URBP 624 Planning Studio 3
(3) URBP 633 Research Methods for Planners
(3) URBP 635 Planning Law

Required Internship (6 Credits)
(6) URBP 628 Practical Experience

Complementary Courses (15 Credits)
A minimum of 9 credits are selected from Group A; the remaining credits can be selected from Group A or Group B as indicated below.

Group A (9-12 credits)
At least 9 credits (three courses) from the following:
(3) URBP 553 Urban Governance
(3) URBP 555 Real Estate and Planning
(3) URBP 557 The City in History
(3) URBP 604 Urban Design Seminar
Group B (0-6 credits)
0-6 credits from the following or other 500 or 600 level courses (see note below):

(3) ARCH 515 Sustainable Design
(3) ARCH 517 Sustainable Residential Development
(3) ARCH 521 Structure of Cities
(3) ARCH 564 Design for Development
(3) ARCH 566 Cultural Landscapes Seminar
(3) GEOG 525 Asian Cities in the 21st Century
(2) URBP 501 Principles and Practice 1
(3) URBP 504 Planning for Active Transportation
(3) URBP 506 Environmental Policy and Planning
(4) URBP 514 Community Design Workshop
(3) URBP 530 Urban Environmental Planning
(1) URBP 541 Selected Topics in Planning
(1) URBP 542 Selected Topics in Visual Analysis
(3) URBP 543 Special Topics
(3) URBP 556 Urban Economy: A Spatial Perspective
(3) URBP 604 Urban Design Seminar
(3) URBP 608 Advanced GIS Applications
(3) URBP 616 Selected Topics 1
(3) URBP 617 Selected Topics 2
(3) URBP 618 Selected Topics 3
(3) URBP 619 Land Use and Transportation Planning
(2) URBP 625 Principles and Practice 2
(2) URBP 626 Principles and Practice 3
(3) URBP 629 Cities in a Globalizing World
(3) URBP 651 Redesigning Suburban Space
(3) URBP 656 Urban Innovation and Creativity

Students may also take courses at the 500 or 600 level in any academic unit at McGill or at another Montreal university, subject to the approval of the School.

NB: this applies only to students who first registered prior to September 2018.