

# Spatial Planning and Environment Department (France)

## Institutional Information (Last update at: 08/08/2018)

<b>School/Department name (Native language)</b>	Département Aménagement et Environnement, Ecole Polytechnique de l'Université de Tours
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<b>AESOP Member Status</b>	Full Member
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## School Information

Full time academic staff members	24
Part time staff members	8
Staff members engaged in research	27
Staff members engaged in professional activities	5

## Degree Programmes and Educational Provision

### (Post)Graduate/masters or second cycle degree(s) offered at School/department

#### Master Planning and Sustainability: Urban and Regional Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	1
Part time option	No
Delivery mode	On campus
Number of ECTS	60
Teaching languages	English
Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum	
The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice	No
Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution	
This is an Erasmus mundus programme	No

This Master proposes a deep understanding of contemporary planning challenges for cities and urban regions, with a special focus on European-wide urban problems. By training to up to date research issues and methods, it invites students to develop innovative concepts and strategies for qualitative interventions in urban territories. Through research, it prepares students for leadership roles in urban development and management, and strategic planning in the context of climate change.

The program targets English-speaking students specializing in urban and regional planning, environment and local development. The requirement for admission corresponds to 240 European credits (ECTS).

This degree cultivates competences in the organization and conception of urban and regional planning projects. It takes into consideration the environmental and landscape constraints, in the perspective of sustainable planning practices.

It consists of 120 hours of lectures, seminars and workshops including a methodological seminar. 800 hours of research training and laboratory seminar. 30 hours of French language and French culture (initiation to the French language).

#### Curriculum/approach description

Six thematic modules:

- Urban and regional issues, planning institutions and practice, a cross-national approach
- Cities, city-regions and strategic spatial planning
- Risks, decision making and planning
- Project, heritage and sustainable development

## **Master Planning and Sustainability: Urban and Regional Planning**

-Project sciences and analysis of space: planning process and complexity  
-Research methods

These modules are organized around lectures, but also personal work, which includes reading, writing summaries and essays. Some modules include group work.

Research training:

The programme interacts with research conducted by the laboratory Cités, Territoires, Environnement, Sociétés and more particularly the research team "Urban and regional planning projects, landscape and environment". The various research programmes carried out by this group provide the intellectual environment for the development and the discussion of each student's individual research. The courses and research topics offered within this Master stem out from research carried out the following axes: Planning systems and projects, Environmental and landscape dynamics, Risks and vulnerabilities, Sustainable local and regional development.  
<http://polytech.univ-tours.fr/m2ri-planning-sustainability>