

Department of Urban Planning (Saudi Arabia)

Institutional Information (Last update at: 18/04/2014)

School/Department name (Native language)	Department of Urban Planning
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AESOP Member Status	Corresponding Member
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School Information

Full time academic staff members	27
Part time staff members	0
Staff members engaged in research	27
Staff members engaged in professional activities	18

Degree Programmes and Educational Provision

Undergraduate/first cycle degree(s) offered at School/Department

BSC in urban planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

5

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

Teaching languages	arabic and english
Specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum	1-urban planning track. 2-urban design track
The degree requires an assessed period of work in practice	No
Programme accreditation by a professional body/other institution	Underway.
Curriculum/approach description	Students spend 1 year preparatory year before joining the college. After that 2 more years are spent as college requirements (all students: architecture and planning). In the last 2 years of the program, students can choose either the urban planning track, or the urban design track as department requirement.

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

MSc in Urban and Regional Planning

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	2
Part time option	No
Delivery mode	On campus
Number of ECTS	
Teaching languages	arabic-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

Stemming from the desire to achieve development objectives in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, along with the importance of educational investment, and in response to the needs of a comprehensive urban boom with its urban as well as population growth in all cities, the Department of Urban Planning developed its graduate program as part of its attempt to play a key role in the national development.

As a result of the generous support of the government to ensure elite science and education, the graduate program includes a highly qualified faculty with various specializations and emphasis in all urban fields.

MSc in Urban and Regional Planning

Program Objectives:

Curriculum/approach description

- Increase the understanding of the graduate program in the historical and theoretical base of the urban and regional development and the role of the planner and planning in it.
- Provide students with scientific basics and analytical capability along with technical skills for studying the urban, regional and national planning issues which elevates the performance of the urban environment.
- Qualify students to practice high-level planning in the various public and private establishments and agencies.
- Train students to outline strategies and planning programs which produce urban environments suitable to desert areas while maintaining Arabic and Islamic aspects.
- Provide students with various urban planning professional skills taking into account the development and prosperity in the field of planning.
- Develop an understanding to the natural environment and energy resources which provide the sustainable development base. Develop the ability to evaluate the capabilities of the environment's impact on strategies, planning, programs and projects.
- Develop the ability of graduate students to perform research or a project independently in the area of urban design and urban and regional planning.

MSc in Master of Real Estate Development

Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)

2

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

Teaching languages

arabic-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

Curriculum/approach description

Program Objectives:

The objectives of the program can be summarized as follows:

- 1- Provide the scientific material for real estate studies.
- 2- Equip the student with the scientific needs in the fields of land planning and development and its codes, marketing and valuation sciences, and property management.
- 3- Prepare highly qualified graduates in the field of real estate Development, which becomes one of the territories highly needed in the last few decades.

Msc in Urban Design

**Number of years
normally used to
complete this
degree(FT)**

2

Part time option

No

Delivery mode

On campus

Number of ECTS

Teaching languages

arabic-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

**Curriculum/approach
description**

2 years (+ dissertation) program. It aims at developing deep understanding of urban design issues and seeks to equip students with the necessary knowledge in order to allow them to solve the challenges, especially in the Saudi urban environment.