

## Master in Urban Planning Environment, Climate, and Health Concentration 2026–2027

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Environmental planning is a broad field encompassing a range of professional activities employing a variety of skills. Practitioners may work in the government, non-profit or business sector on watershed planning, the design of ecological infrastructure, industrial ecology, community organizing, workforce development, coastal planning, and hazards mitigation; spatial analysis, environmental risk assessment, energy policy and planning, pedestrian and transit-oriented development, on developing urban food systems and open space preservation, preparing environmental impact statements, etc.

The frameworks that tie this wide-ranging work together include sustainable development, and its notion of achieving the “triple bottom-line” in planning activities by reconciling conflicts between economic development, social equity, and ecological protection and restoration. The idea of resilience, or the capacity to manage change, is also key in this specialization.

**FALL 2026 APPROVED COURSES:**

| COURSE # | COURSE TITLE                                        | UNITS | TYPE    | FACULTY         |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------|
| 3348     | The Idea of the Environment                         | 4     | Lecture | Spinak          |
| 5207     | Land Use and Environmental Law <sup>1</sup>         | 4     | Lecture | Davidson        |
| 5464     | Do No Harm: Dilemmas in Planning for Health         | 4     | Lecture | Maaoui          |
| 6241     | Ecologies, Techniques, Technologies III             | 4     | Lecture | Matthews, Piana |
| 6244     | Climate by Design                                   | 4     | Lecture | Whitesides      |
| 6333     | Water, Aquatic Ecology, and Land-Water Linkages     | 4     | Lecture | Dekker, Nelson  |
| 6380     | Working Landscapes: Natural Resiliency and Redesign | 4     | Seminar | Zimmerman       |

*1. May count toward an Area of Concentration OR the Legal and Institutional Methods Requirement, but not both.*

**SPRING 2027 APPROVED COURSES:**

| COURSE # | COURSE TITLE                                 | UNITS | TYPE    | FACULTY   |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|-------|---------|-----------|
| 3529     | Architecture & the Death of Carbon Modernity | 4     | Seminar | Iturbe    |
| 5409     | Climate Justice                              | 4     | Seminar | Spinak    |
| 5447     | Creating Environmental Markets               | 4     | Seminar | Zimmerman |

