

## Geography Urban and Regional Planning | Bachelor's Degree

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEARS
ADVANCE your academic journey	Meet with a <u>First Year Advisor</u> to develop your academic planning.  Explore majors with a <u>MyMajors assessment</u> .  Adopt your <u>University Seminar US1100</u> learning as key for first year success.  Take advantage of the <u>Student Learning Assistance Center</u> (Tutoring)	Visit the <u>College of Liberal Arts Advising Center</u> for guidance with successful degree completion, identifying resources, and help achieving academic, personal, and professional goals.  Explore external scholarship opportunities such as the <u>Fulbright</u> Scholarship to take your expertise to unique locations abroad.  Meet with a faculty mentor to select an undergraduate research opportunity.  Share your knowledge as a <u>Peer Mentor</u> or <u>Tutor at SLAC</u> .	Check your Degree Audit & meet with your academic advisor.  Complete a capstone project related to major.  Create and update a digital portfolio of academic work and experiences.  Meet with a faculty mentor or peer advisor.  Explore next steps including potential graduate programs.
<b>EXPAND</b> your personal and social development	Take advantage of the Student Learning Assistance Center (Tutoring).  Review your degree plan for course options that include the Service-Learning Excellence program.  Attend the College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Expo to explore innovative student research.  Attend Education Abroad and Study in America information sessions to plan a future opportunity to have a global or intercultural experience.	Participate in The Big Event to give back to the regional community.  Attend a Nonprofit and Volunteer Fair from Student Involvement to jump into meaningful service in TXST's community.  Consider joining an Education Abroad or Study in America trip to gain cultural experience while you learn.  Discover Global Online Learning Experiences for courses with culturally dynamic perspectives.	Select a service activity through Student Involvement to give back to the area community.  Seek out a leadership role with the Leadership & Service.  Attend a Student Government Senate meeting to contribute to your fellow students and your own student experience.
<b>ENRICH</b> your practical competence	Explore the TXST One Stop for more information about the scholarships provided to new and continuing students.  Visit BOSS for scholarship opportunities.  Attend an IDEA Center workshop to learn more about undergraduate research.	Join the Student Urban Planning Organization (SUPO) to explore the dynamic world of urban planning, and apply your passion through trips, guest speakers, and volunteer opportunities.  Learn the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies internship opportunities and requirements before participating or taking an internship.  Become a mentee through the COLA mentoring program which connects students with alumni for career advice, networking, and professional development.	Learn about <u>Global Career Accelerator</u> options that give you experience with global companies and indemand tech skills.  Join a professional organization in your major or passion.  Attend a conference related to your major (get recommendations from a faculty) or your student organization.
ELEVATE your career and professional life	Create your <u>LinkedIn</u> profile and connect with colleagues and leaders.  Create your <u>Handshake</u> profile.  Complete your <u>Career Assessments</u> , such as Focus2.	Develop your resume with the help of the professionals at Career Services.  Build Career & Graduate School Fairs into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities.  Join Employer Information Sessions at Career Services or your department.  Prepare to ace your job interviews with Career Services or your academic department.	Identify faculty and professional references.  Develop a full-time employment or graduate school plan with <u>Career Services</u> .  Complete your <u>First Destination Survey</u> to share your post-graduation plans.

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#### **OUTCOMES**

#### Marketable Skills

Think critically

Analyze and solve problems

Communicate clearly and effectively

Ability to demonstrate how effective urban planning influences the utility of the land and infrastructure by creating a land use plan

Ability to discuss and interpret common urban design principles and guidelines that can be used to plan for and evaluate urban design interventions

Ability to explain how cultural, political, and economic systems and environmental factors influence the spatial organization of cities

See more marketable skills for this major

# Experiences in Geography Urban and Regional Planning

The bachelor of science degree with major in geography urban and regional planning covers geographic foundations combined with areas of study affecting the design and implementation of communities, cities, and regions. Students learn the fundamentals of maps, mapmaking, geographic information technologies, and study cultural and communal issues that affect designs. The major emphasizes the physical science elements of geographical study. Students are required to complete a minor and can choose any Texas State approved minor. Students may participate in faculty-led study abroad or Study in America trips, develop a professional community at association or networking events, or join student organizations for a well-rounded experience.

### **Career Opportunities**

GIS technician

Environmental consultant

Transportation planner

Land use planner

Urban landscaper

Housing officer

Real estate appraiser

Junior architect

Research associate