Master of Planning (MPlan)
Master of Planning Studies (MPS)

The School of Planning provides professional planning education at the graduate level. They are one of two constituent schools in the Faculty of Architecture and Planning. Their strength lies in understanding urban and environmental systems, and the relationships between them. The faculty are committed to planning and designing good communities in life-sustaining environments. The School offers two programs: the MPlan, a professional degree and the MPS, a research degree that provides an opportunity to pursue planning research at the graduate level.
Why study Planning at Dalhousie?

**CURRICULUM EMPHASIS**
- Specialized knowledge of theory and practice of planning processes;
- A sound appreciation of the environmental, social, and economic processes that shape the form and character of communities;
- The active contribution of students in confronting and resolving contemporary planning problems in local communities; and
- The development of personal capabilities suited to the leadership roles that planners assume.

**CAREERS AS A PLANNER**
Graduates may work in private, public and non-profit sectors. Professional planners perform a variety of duties including (but not limited to):
- Design better neighbourhoods and streetscapes
- Develop plans through analysis of data and identification of goals for the community or the project
- Help create a broad vision for the community
- Facilitate participation in public decisions
- Develop different types of plans, including land-use plan, transportation plan, neighborhood plan, historic preservation plan, community action plan, redevelopment plan, economic development strategic plan, and disaster preparedness plan
- Promote and launch sustainable environmental initiatives
- Responsible for the implementation or enforcement of many of the strategies, often coordinating the work of many groups of people.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
Candidates must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

**LENGTH OF PROGRAM**
MPlan: typical time to complete is 2 years
MPS: typical time to complete is 5 years

**ADMISSION DEADLINE**
This program strongly suggests that applicants apply before February 1st.

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