

Master's Degree

SPATIAL PLANNING

GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS







CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE IN SPATIAL PLANNING [LM48] DIPARTIMENTO DI ARCHITETTURA DI PALERMO The new master's degree in **Spatial Planning** is entirely in English. The course, inspired by the long-standing Italian tradition of urban and territorial design, looks at future issues related to the planning and design of cities and territories.

1st year

Planning Studio 1 (10 CFU);
Planning Theory (6 CFU);
Landscape Design Studio (8 CFU);
Geomatics (6 CFU);
Social Geography and Participatory
Practices Studio (6 CFU);
Urban and Regional Economics (6 CFU);
Other Courses (student's choice) (8 CFU);
Other knowledge useful for job placement (2 CFU).

2nd year

Planning Studio 2 (10 CFU); Urban and Regional Policies (6 CFU); Technological Design for Settlements (6 CFU); Landscape Ecology (6 CFU); Energetic Policies for the Territory (6 CFU); Sustainable Mobility Policies (6 CFU); Urban Design (8 CFU); Internship (10 CFU); Final thesis (10 CFU).





Filippo Schilleci Course Coordinator

"a planner has the ideas and tools to make the world better"

Who can apply

To be admitted to the master's degree in Spatial Planning, international applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent university qualification awarded by an international higher education institution. The admission is subject to an assessment of the prior university career of the candidates. In general, the course admits students with a **degree in the field of spatial planning and architecture or engineering** or possibly with a pathway that has included at least **basic drawing skills** and a background even partial in the field of architecture and/or engineering or in the field of **sociology or geography**. In any case, the individual background of the graduate applying to enrol on the course will be taken into account and assessed.

How to apply

Application Deadlines and pre-enrolment

To apply for the master's degree in Spatial Planning, it is necessary to follow the procedures laid down by the University. For the official procedure follow the info at the links:

- For Extra-EU Students: https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/new-students---enrol-ment/enrolment-procedures-for-extra-eu-foreign-students/
- For Intra-Extra EU Students: https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/new-students/ ts---enrolment/enrolment-procedures-for-intra-eu-foreign-students/

Admission and language skills

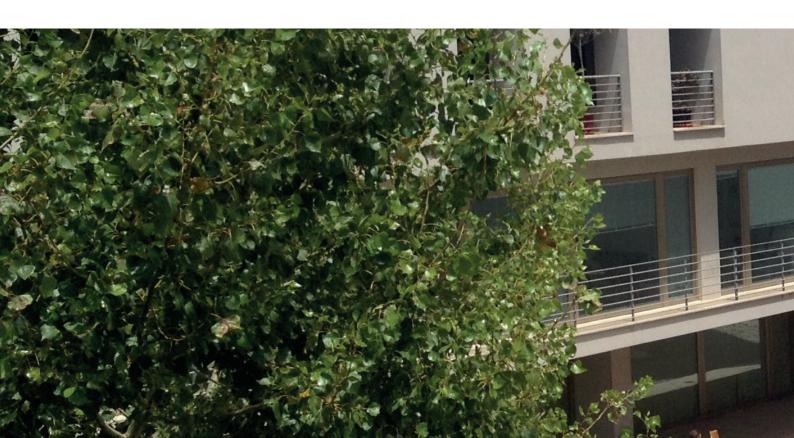
In order to get enrolled in a Master's Degree Course, you must receive an admission letter from the Course Coordinator. After that you will undergo an **online interview on your motivation**. You will undergo also a **language test** through our language centre: the required level is **English level B2**, but if you do not already have this level, you can compensate by taking some courses at our university.

What about SING

The two-year **Master's Degree in Spatial Planning (SING)**, inspired by the long-standing Italian tradition of urban and territorial design, looks at future issues related to the planning and design of cities and territories.

The course trains **planners of cities and of the sustainable development of territories** in all fields of action: from the definition of land uses to the conscious and sustainable use of natural resources, from the protection of the environment to the enhancement of landscapes, from infrastructural endowments to urban services. The fields of action of spatial planning extend from the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage to the protection of ecosystem balances, from urban regeneration to the design of the smart city.

The professionalism of the master's degree in SING is also expressed in the performance of management activities, coordination and processing of strategic environmental assessments and technical feasibility of urban and territorial plans and projects. He/she is the expert capable of directing and carrying out complex and specialised diagnoses concerning cities, territories, landscapes and the environment and their reciprocal interrelationships, possessing exclusive competences in strategic environmental assessment (SEA).



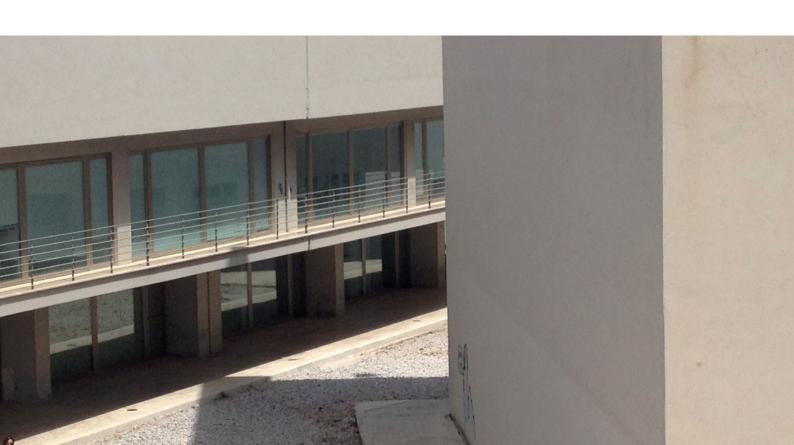
The course of study envisages that students will carry out as much experimental experience as possible with **thematic laboratories** and characterising and related disciplines that enable them to grasp the various points of view on the transformation of the city and the territory, in economic, social, environmental, landscape, infrastructural and architectural and urban design terms.

Furthermore, the course envisages disciplines (frontal teaching) oriented at deepening topics, methods and practices concerning Planning Theories, Geomatics, Urban and Regional Economics, Technological Design of Settlements, Landscape Ecology, as well as Energy Policies for the Territory and Sustainable Mobility Policies.

The course of study in Spatial Planning provides **in-depth knowledge in the field of urban and spatial planning**, through the provision of a training course covering the areas of the city and the territory by means of frontal lectures, experimental laboratories, seminars with meetings with public administrators, internships in public offices, institutions and private companies.

For more info see:

https://www.unipa.it/dipartimenti/architettura/cds/spatialplanning2286/en/index.html



SPATIAL PLANNING MASTER'S DEGREE PROFESSORS



OTHER INFO

https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/useful-information/about-palermo-u-niversity/

Fee payment

University fees are divided into two instalments: the first to be paid at the time of enrolment, the second in December at the end of the first semester. Students can pay online using the PagoPa system, accessible from their personal area of the University website. The tax amounts are calculated on the basis of the ISEE "parificato" for international students with the family residing abroad.

To allow the effective exercise of the right to study, Unipa provides students with various types of financial aids: exemptions and reductions in fees, scholarships, Degree awards, also through ERSU (the regional Agency for the right to study).

The deadlines and payment methods and the rules for exemptions may be found at https://www.uni-pa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialeperladidatticaeglistudenti/tasse-e-agevolazioni/

Scholarship opportunities

Scholarships are economic contributions, awarded by competition, provided by ERSU Palermo (www. ersupalermo.it) to support and facilitate university students in their studies. All international students wishing to enrol in three-year Degree courses, single-cycle Degree courses, 2nd cycle Degree course, unpaid PhD courses can participate in the ERSU Call which is published annually, generally in July, before beginning of the academic year.

Specifically, the winner will obtain:

- a monetary contribution;
- the bed inside the university residences;
- free meals at university canteens.

To be admitted to the competition, students must be in possession of the economic-patrimonial and merit requirements foreseen by the call.

For international students with a family residing abroad, it is necessary to have the ISEE "parificato" which is issued by the authorized CAF (tax assistance office) www.unipa.it/strutture/orientamento/studenti-stranieri/isee-parificato/

See: https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/scholarship-for-international-students/

Accomodation

Ersu Palermo housing service.

The Regional Agency for the Right to Study, ERSU Palermo, confer accommodations by competition to support and facilitate university students. The Agency offers the possibility to all non-resident students participating in the competition to request, at the same time as they apply for a scholarship, the assignment of a bed at one of the university residences managed by ERSU Palermo.

See: https://studenti.ersupalermo.it

Unipa Community Services

Unipa is strongly committed to providing a variety of services. Unipa has a Language Centre (CLA: https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/useful-information/the-italian-language-school-for-foreign-students-itastra/) that provides language classes. The University Sport Center (CUS: https://www.cuspalermo.it) provides students with several services designed to combine teaching and leisure, training and wellbeing, including a large heated outdoor pool; courses in different disciplines, services offered to students with discounted rates. Unipa provides its foreign students with free medical consultation through the University Medical Clinic (AMU) and psychological counselling through the Guidance and Tutoring Center (COT).

See also: https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/useful-information/facilities/

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