



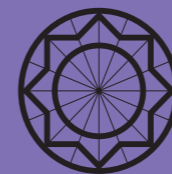
Università  
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Master's Degree

# SPATIAL PLANNING

GUIDE  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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**CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE  
IN SPATIAL PLANNING [LM48]**  
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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); **Economic evaluation for energy transition and sustainable development** (6 CFU); **Free subjects** (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

As a general guideline, 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, 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---enrolment/enrolment-procedures-for-extra-eu-foreign-students/>

**For Intra-Extra EU Students:** <https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/new-students---enrolment/enrolment-procedures-for-intra-eu-foreign-students/>

### Admission and Language skills

After receiving your visa and registering, you will undergo an **online interview on your motivation** and 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

## What is the objective of the course? What is it?

### What does it prepare for?

The Master Degree Course in Spatial Planning (SING) is inspired by the long Italian tradition of urban and territorial planning and addresses future issues related to the planning and design of cities and the sustainable development of territories. The Course is ideal for recent graduates and for professionals who wish to advance their education or to direct their career towards urban and spatial planning with opportunities for employment both in the public sector (municipalities, provinces, ministries) and in the private sector (real estate consulting firms, real estate companies, development industry, voluntary bodies and more).

The Course constitutes the higher professional level of the Planner's university education, in continuity with the Degree Course in Urban Design for the City in Transition or with access from other Degree Courses subject to verification of entry skills.

There are various fields in which Spatial Planning graduates will be able to work: 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 provisions to urban services.

The transversal skills of graduates in Spatial Planning can be spent in different areas ranging from the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage to the protection of ecosystem balances, from urban regeneration to the design of the smart city, from planning for renewable energy and sustainable mobility to European planning and the world of the Third Sector.

In short, one of the main objectives of the Degree Course in Spatial Planning is to respond to the current needs of the world of work, which demands specific reference figures for the construction of strategies, policies and projects of urban and territorial transformation, acting as mediators between the political sphere, social dynamics and territorial realities.

Delivered entirely in English, also thanks to the presence of students from numerous countries around the world, the Course offers an international training environment and actively promotes a global perspective that offers graduates further opportunities for employment in the international sphere.

### What do you learn?

The course of study envisages that students will gain as much experimental experience as possible with thematic workshops, lectures, seminars and meetings with experts and public administrators, internships in public offices, institutions and private companies that will enable them to grasp the various points of view on the transformation of the city and the territory, in economic and evaluative, social, environmental, landscape, infrastructural, historical and architectural and urban design terms. In particular, a thematic planning workshop is foreseen for each year of the course: that of the first year with predominantly urban values (Planning Studio I), that of the second year with predominantly territorial values (Planning Studio II), two other workshops are instead dedicated to the in-depth study of topics related to landscape design (Landscape design Studio) and to social geography and participatory practices in planning processes (Social geography and participatory practices). In addition, the Master's Degree Course in Spatial Planning includes other disciplines oriented to deepening themes, methods and practices concerning Planning Theories, Geomatics, Economic

evaluation for energy transition and sustainable development, Technological Design of Settlements, Landscape Ecology, as well as Energy Policies for the Territory and Sustainable Mobility Policies. In 2019, the degree course received QR Certification - Quality Recognition from AESOP (Assosiation of European Schools of Planning).

In summary, during the course of the degree course you will be able to:

- Learn about the pillars of planning, developing the ability to think critically about space as a basis for project action.
- Understand the development of spatial planning within the European urban and regional planning system, and beyond, exploring the relationship between planning, economic growth and sustainable development.
- Build a conceptual understanding of essential spatial planning theories, including those of geography, sociology and economics, and apply qualitative and quantitative techniques, such as GIS analysis, participatory mapping and field surveys.
- Develop an interdisciplinary approach to spatial planning and new relational skills based on group problem-solving activities and peer teaching.
- Explore the challenges of spatial planning through a 'learning by doing' approach, field visits, student-led seminars, case studies and workshops.
- Develop specific skills on complex and specialised diagnostics concerning cities, territories, landscapes and the environment and their interrelationships, as well as unique skills in strategic environmental assessment (SEA).
- To develop skills for carrying out management activities, coordination and elaboration of strategic environmental assessments and technical feasibility of urban and territorial plans and projects.
- Put the theoretical concepts of strategic spatial planning into practice.
- Obtain an accredited degree with QR Certification - Quality Recognition by AESOP (Assosiation of European Schools of Planning).

### What can one do afterwards?

The Master's Degree in Spatial Planning takes on the professional qualification of Territorial Planner, in accordance with Presidential Decree 328/2001, following the State Examination and enrolment in the Order of Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects and Conservators, section A.

The Territorial Planner works both as a freelance professional and in public institutions or private and third sector entities in the field of urban and territorial transformations, infrastructures and energy policies, landscape and environment as well as in the field of urban policies. The spatial planner can work as a policy maker, consultant or project manager for government, consulting companies, project developers or research institutes, as well as increasingly in international planning.

The internship period takes place in organisations and institutions of different levels and allows students to explore various fields of planning, providing an important link to the world of work.

For more info see:

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

## OTHER INFO

### 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. The assignees of the bed can use the housing service of the ERSU Palermo at the following residential structures:

- University Residence "Santi Romano", Viale delle Scienze ed. 1;
- University Residence "San Saverio", Via G. di Cristina, 7;
- University Residence "Casa del Goliardo", Vicolo Sant'Uffizio ai Tribunali, 13/15;
- University Residence "Casa Biscottari", Via dei Biscottari, 12;
- University Residence "Schiavuzzo", Via Schiavuzzo, 24;
- University Residence "Santissima"

### Fee payment

#### NON-EU STUDENTS RESIDING ABROAD

Non-EU students residing abroad can choose to pay the tuition fee according to one of the following options.

OPTION 1: Fixed Fee Structure based on Country of Origin

There are three categories:

List A: €206 fixed fee (including regional tax of €156 for the right to study)

List B: €256 fixed fee (including regional tax of €156 for the right to study)

Other students not listed: €356 fixed fee (including regional tax of €156 for the right to study)

OPTION 2: Tuition fee adjusted to the family's economic situation (ISEE PARIFICATO)

The tuition fee is composed of two parts:

1. Fixed Fee: €156 (€140 Regional Tax and €16 duty stamp);
2. Variable Fee: Amount calculated based on the student's declared income. To utilize this option, foreign students with a resident family abroad must provide certain financial documents (ISEE PARIFICATO):

Family income from 01/2022 to 12/2022

Family bank account statements until 31/12/2022, and personal bank account statements in Italy if applicable until 31/12/2022

Family status of 2024 (number of members)

Property papers of 2024

The deadlines and payment methods and the rules for exemptions may be found at <https://www.unipa.it/amministrazione/direzionegenerale/serviziospecialeperlucidatticae-glistudenti/tasse-e-agevolazioni/>

### Scholarship opportunities

Scholarships are economic contributions, awarded by competition, provided by ERSU Palermo ([www.ersupalermo.it](http://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/](http://www.unipa.it/strutture/orientamento/studenti-stranieri/isee-parificato/)

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# THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

The Department of Architecture (DARCH) is formed by: 89 teaching staff members, 36 PhD students, 10 Research Fellows, 18 administrative and technical staff members.

Except for PhD students and Postdoc fellows, teaching staff members are full-time professors of the University of Palermo. They belong to a wide range of academic fields, all in the realm of architecture. Therefore they offer different point of views as well as different approaches to the knowledge of physical transformation of natural and built space. Nevertheless their studies boast a common capacity to envisage, design, plan, represent and deal with these transformations. Appropriate communication of the character and peculiarities of the transformations is also particularly sought after by DARCH.

DARCH'S research is focused on all the wide range of studies of physical environment: design, architectural design, urban design, urban and regional planning, landscape design, design management, preservation projects and preservation-oriented diagnostics.

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