

Entry Requirements

Bachelor of Science (Urban & Regional Planning)

General university matriculation requirements for entry into the programme are:

Minimum of **FIVE** (5) CXC Subjects including Mathematics, English and Geography or Social Studies and two other approved subjects.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Planning Director/Officer, Secretary Managers in the Local Government (Parish Councils).
- Research Assistants to Planning Consultants and NGOs
- GIS and Spatial Specialists
- Development Control Officers
- Physical Planners
- Land Use and or Urban Planners
- Community Development Officers/Managers
- Environmental Managers/Officers
- Housing Officers
- Disaster Coordinators
- Transportation Planners
- Parish Managers
- Tourism Planners



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Objectives

- Develop an appreciation in students for the current and historical issues surrounding the practice of planning;
- Allow students to develop an understanding of the theory and practice of planning;
- Develop in students the capacity for original and analytical thought;
- Produce a planner with the requisite knowledge, skills and attitude appropriate for professional practice in both the public and private sectors;
- Train professionals competent in physical and socio-economic development planning as well as in sustainable development and management of natural resources in developing countries.

The Urban and Regional Planning Division is committed to delivery of high quality and relevant planning, education, and community service within the ambits of the vision of the University of Technology, Jamaica. To achieve this, the programme facilitates hands-on learning through collaboration with communities, practicing planners and allied professionals dedicated to address urban and regional issues in a sustainable manner.



Internship

As part of the effort to produce graduates that are functional within the industry, students are exposed to the work environment during their training through an internship programme. The internship programme requires that each student complete a minimum of 240 hours during the summer semester.



Areas of Specialization

- Community Development
- Housing
- Transportation
- Resource Technology and Management
- Planning and Design
- GIS and Remote Sensing
- Historic Preservation
- Environmental Resource Planning



Professional Development

In addition to offering a four year degree, the Division also offers continuous professional development courses in GIS/Remote Sensing, AutoCad, Planning Technology, Building Management, Community Development and Environmental Resource Planning. The objective of these programmes is to assist in the development of technical human resource capabilities within the local government administration or related agencies, in the discipline of planning, environment and building management.



Research Activities

The URP Division offers planning related services to Community Based Organizations, Private Organizations and other local and international agencies. The Division focuses on the following: Human Settlement in Planning, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Culture Heritage Planning.

- The National Housing Policy
- Papine and Environs Development Plan
- Greater Allman Town Redevelopment Plan
- National Squatter Survey
- Strengthening Community Safety Through Local Government Capacity Building-joint United Nation Development Programme.
- Participatory Slum upgrading
- Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) work programme and education training course



Advisory Committee

There are currently 15 Built Environment professionals and educators who serve on the Advisory Committee of the Division. These individuals are drawn from public and private agencies to provide oversight and advice to ensure that the operation of the programme is practical and functional to meet the academic and professional demands of the discipline.



Course Duration & Programme Content

The programme structure is a four (4) year model comprised of eight (8) semesters, at the end of which graduates will earn a Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning B.Sc. (URP)

