The Master of Science in Urban and Regional Policy (MURP) seeks to equip students with the skills to solve today's critical urban problems through the use of policy analysis, research, and strategic action. Many of the major issues that societies face today—issues of climate change and sustainability, equity and social justice, and economic growth—have their roots in urban growth and change. Solutions to these issues require a multisystem approach that coordinates interventions in economic, environmental, sociocultural, political, spatial, and infrastructural systems in order to maximize impact. For example, revitalizing a distressed community requires connecting it to economic opportunity through transportation and economic development interventions, providing good-quality affordable housing, fostering social interaction through the creation of public space, encouraging the development of strong social institutions, and dealing with environmental concerns.

The MURP degree marries training in theories and frameworks of urban development with an understanding of urban politics and the way in which different policy strategies evolve through the interplay between branches and levels of government. Students have an opportunity to learn skills of policy analysis, economic analysis, quantitative and qualitative research, and oral and written communication. Moreover, students have opportunities to gain experience in the application of their knowledge and skills through internships, co-op, class projects, and a capstone research report. Students graduate and enter the workforce with a unique set of perspectives, skills, experiences, and professional connections. Many go on to careers working for state and local government, federal agencies, community development corporations and other nonprofit organizations, research institutes, and as private-sector policy consultants.

The optional cooperative education experience ("co-op") is available to eligible students. Cooperative education is central to both the Northeastern experience and to the College of Social Sciences and Humanities experiential liberal arts framework. Northeastern's signature co-op ecosystem provides qualified master’s students with six-month work experiences in businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies in Boston and across the United States. Graduate students take their work from campus learning spaces, apply their knowledge outside of the classroom, and then bring knowledge and skills gained in community learning spaces back to our campus learning spaces during the cocurricular experiential integration course.

The program is not accepting applicants for Spring 2019.
Co-op Work Experience and Experiential Integration

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Program Credit/GPA Requirements

48 total semester hours required (50 with optional co-op)
Minimum 3.00 GPA required