

AGENTS UCLA Luskin OF CHANGE

URBAN PLANNING

Planners change the world—by shaping cities and regions, and the lives and livelihoods of those in them. Affordable housing, good jobs, clean air and water, safe parks, lively culture, and vibrant streets are all on planners' to-do list. As a UCLA Luskin planner you will be trained as a generalist—in economic analysis, law, statistics, history, and urban studies—and as a specialist in one or more areas—community development, environmental assessment, housing, international and regional planning, transportation, or urban design. Changing the world is a challenging, important, complex, exciting, and dynamic job. With the right tools, planners have the power to make it happen.

**Right now.
Right here.
Become an agent of change.**

Only at UCLA Luskin.

“At Luskin, we martial the tools of social science to address human problems, and to improve the quality of individual lives, families, communities, and the wider world.”

Gary Segura
Dean, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

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MASTER OF URBAN + REGIONAL PLANNING

“I am grateful to be part of a community committed to a justice that comes from the people who are most affected.”

Chloe Green
Master of Urban and Regional Planning

AT UCLA LUSKIN

At the convergence of the fields of social work, urban planning, and policymaking, the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs identifies and develops emerging areas of research and teaching, cultivating leaders and change agents who advance solutions to society's most pressing problems.

It's a perfect fit: one of the nation's most highly ranked planning programs in one of the world's most dynamic and culturally vibrant cities. With 61 percent of our students coming from diverse backgrounds, we reflect this vibrancy.

UCLA Luskin Urban Planning embraces the living laboratory of Los Angeles. Against this unique backdrop, we conduct transformative research, engage communities, and redefine the practice of planning. Together, our students and faculty find, test, and implement solutions to the most pressing problems facing our communities and regions today.

OUR PROGRAM

UCLA Luskin's Master of Urban and Regional Planning is a full-time, two-year program that links theory with practice, classrooms with fieldwork. We seek students with a passion for social change who are unafraid to think critically, challenge conventional wisdom, and speak truth to power. Our students have big ideas, and learn practical, cutting-edge tools and techniques to turn those ideas into reality.

UCLA Luskin planning graduates complete a comprehensive core curriculum, a real-world capstone project that integrates knowledge and action, and one or more **areas of specialization:**

- Community Economic Development and Housing
- Design and Development
- Environmental Analysis and Policy
- Regional and International Development
- Transportation Policy and Planning

Additionally, students have the opportunity to complete **certificate programs** in Design and Development, Food Studies, Global Public Affairs, Leaders in Sustainability or Urban Humanities. Our quarter system allows for a wider variety of focused courses than most other planning programs, and our global alumni network helps us place students in internships around Los Angeles, in California and North America, and around the globe.

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1969, Urban Planning at UCLA Luskin seeks to:

- Create cutting-edge planning scholarship
- Train practitioners for leadership in the planning profession
- Build prosperous communities and a more just society

Planning is a multi-disciplinary field of study, and many of our students choose to link their planning studies with other fields through **joint master's degree programs** in:

- Architecture
- Latin American Studies
- Law
- Management
- Public Health

CHANGE AGENTS

Our graduates hold leadership roles in Southern California and around the world. These change agents work in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, sharing a passion to affect lives and the expertise to turn passion into reality.

UCLA Luskin **alumni work** on every aspect of planning, including:

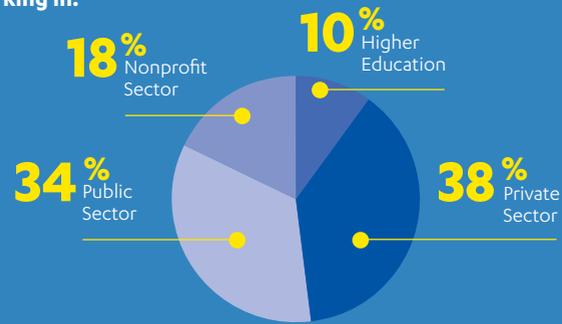
- AECOM
- Asian Pacific American Legal Center
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- Environmental Science Associates
- Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Department of Transportation

ACCREDITED

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning is accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board, a joint undertaking of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

URBAN PLANNING GRADUATES

Working in:



72% employed within 3 months of graduation

81% found employment through a connection built at UCLA Luskin

FUNDING YOUR UCLA DEGREE

As a UCLA Luskin student, you have a variety of financial aid options, including merit-based fellowships, teaching assistantships, and research appointments. All eligible students are guaranteed a need-based fellowship award from the department. Additional funding is available from both the UCLA Graduate Division and Financial Aid Office. For further information, visit our website.

"There are no setbacks or height restrictions to your dreams."

Betsy Edasery
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Luskin Spotlight

DIANA IONESCU

When the Motor Avenue Farmers Market opened in September 2012, UCLA Luskin Urban Planning student Diana Ionescu knew it had all been worth it. At just 25 years old, and with two calendar years of trying to breathe life into this project, she has made a difference in her neighborhood.

"You would think that because farmers markets are so popular and that they're a one-stop shop, there would be a good guide to starting one," said Ionescu, a native of Romania. "It definitely taught me a lot about city government and bureaucracy."

Active throughout her undergraduate studies at UCLA in efforts to support "Food Not Bombs," fair-trade coffee, and sweatshop-free clothing, Ionescu wasn't easily deterred by challenges in establishing the much needed access to locally grown food in her community.

She shrugged her shoulders, thought "Why not?" and went to work.

"The idea of a farmers market had been kicking around for several years and there had never been someone there long enough," she said. "I was passionate about it and interested in those issues."

Today more than 40 market vendors serve local residents every week, and five community gardens developed by the market promote health, synergy, and self-reliance. The power of one project has brought real change to the community.

