Urban Studies is a broad interdisciplinary program designed to provide an integrated understanding of the social, political, economic, environmental and cultural processes that shape urban life, with particular attention paid to how these processes operate in space and time.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

**Knowledge of the evolution and history of cities:** Connect with and integrate information from multiple disciplines which are linked to Urban Studies.

**Understand the principles:** of planning, of urban governance, political and economic factors in urban development.

**Communicates effectively, both orally and in writing:** Presenting ideas and information clearly, public speaking and presentation skills; Writing clearly and concisely.

**Designing programs:** Integrate the goals of sustainable development, good government and economic viability when evaluating proposals and strategies; balance various private interests with the public interest and identify viable, workable options.

**Qualitative and quantitative research methodologies:** Diverse and thorough with consultations as part of research to ensure that as many voices as possible are heard and considered during the planning process; measure and analyze statistical information for its implications.

**Resource management:** Knowledge of land, air and water resources; Knowledge of the use and needs of new technologies.

**Sample Job Titles**

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

- Architect
- Assistant City Manager
- Community organizer
- Homeless & Sustainable housing Officer
- Emergency Services Planner
- Environmental Planner
- Environment Impact Officer
- Foreign Service Officer
- Parks Technician
- Planner
- Policy analyst
- Policy researchers or administrators
- Project Coordinator
- Research assistant/Researcher
- Teacher/Professor
- Transit Planner
- Urban / Regional Planners
- Urban / Regional Redevelopers

**Need help deciding what to do?**

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties: www.rmalberta.com
- Alberta Land Surveyor’s Association: www.alsa.ab.ca
- Alberta Municipal Affairs: www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca
- Alberta Professional Planners Institute: www.albertaplanners.com/
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association: www.auma.ca
- Canadian Institute of Planners: www.cip-icu.ca
- Canadian Urban Institute: www.canurb.org
- Cyburbia: www.cyburbia.org
- Intergovernmental Committee on Urban and Regional Research (ICURR): www.muniscope.ca
- International Society of City and Regional Planners: www.isocarp.org/
- Transportation Association of Canada: www.tac-atic.ca

**Potential Industries**

- Architecture firms
- City, town, and regional planning
- Community Development
- Community Conflict Resolution
- Convention Planning
- Demography
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environmental Policy & Planning
- Government
- Housing
- International Development
- Land Use Planning & Management
- Non-profits & NGOs
- Post-Secondary
- Public Administration
- Public Policy
- Real Estate & Real Estate Developers
- Quality Assurance
- Tourism
- Transportation planning
- Sustainability
- Urban Planning and Design
- Urban/Environmental Relations
- Waste Management

**Job Boards**

- Indeed: https://ca.indeed.com/
- Municipal World: https://www.municipalworld.com/
- Geography Jobs.ca: http://www.geographyjobs.ca/
- FSWEP Program: http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/fsweppfetes/index-eng.htm

**Career Services**

Your Future Starts Here

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions
  & much more!

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**Additional Resources**

Careers in Urban Planning by Gillian Houghton, G. Houghton
Careers in Architecture By Blythe Camenson
Careers in Community Development by Paul C. Brophy, Alice Shabecoff
Community planning: an introduction to the comprehensive plan By Eric D. Kelly, Barbara Becker

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**Student Clubs**
Urban Calgary Students’ Association:
www.urbancsa.org/

**Aligned Majors**
Earth Sciences, Geography, Sociology