

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC PLANNING

ONLINE



The Certificate in Public Planning provides a foundation in geographic information systems training, coupled with graduate level coursework in public administration and public policy, to prepare students for careers or advancement in public planning, nonprofit and community organizations, and related fields.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Individuals seeking to expand career options in public planning and related professions

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Official transcripts indicating that the student earned a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- A minimum 2.75 cumulative g.p.a. in the last 60 hours of undergraduate studies.
- Two letters of recommendations.
- Professional goals statement.
- The GRE is not required.
- The application process is all online. Applicants begin their application here: <https://www.eiu.edu/myeiu/>

COST:

Fees Include:

- Application Fee: \$30 (see above Admission Requirement information)
- Tuition: \$289 per credit hour
- Continuing Education Fee: \$44* per credit hour
- Textbook Rental Fee: \$9.75 per credit hour

*subject to change

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Students will meet with the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Melinda Mueller, via email or phone, to develop their study plans.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters. Students may begin the program during any term.

DELIVERY MODE:

Fully online.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Fully online.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Students fees pay for a textbook rental system (see Costs). Textbooks will be mailed to students. Many course readings will be available through the online learning system and Booth Library.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Not applicable.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

18 hours.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Contact Eastern Illinois University's Office of Financial Aid at (217) 581-3713, or <http://www.eiu.edu/finaid/>.

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Political Science courses taken for the Certificate Program in Public Planning may be counted toward the M.A. in Political Science with the Option in Public Administration & Public Policy. Acceptance into the certificate program does not guarantee placement into the graduate degree program. (Find the degree program in the "Liberal Arts & Sciences" section of this publication for more information.)

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REQUIRED COURSES:

- Complete 9 Credits of GIS Courses:
- GEO 5810 Introduction to Geographic Information Science (3 credits)
 - GEO 5860 Geographic Information Systems II (3 credits)
 - GEO 5820 Remote Sensing I (3 credits)
- Complete 9 Credits of Courses in Public Administration & Public Policy:
- PLS 4793 Civic and Nonprofit Leadership (3 credits)
 - PLS 4893 Budgeting in Government & Nonprofit Organizations (3 credits)
 - PLS 5543 Proseminar in Public Administration (3 credits)
 - PLS 5843 Proseminar in Public Policy Research & Analysis (3 credits)
 - PLS 5153 Cities and Urban Policies (3 credits)