Graduate Program in Urban Management (PPGTU)

The Graduate Program in Urban Management (PPGTU) is a transdisciplinary center for urban studies, part of the School of Architecture and Design, based at the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR). Strategically located in Curitiba, Brazil—a city known for its innovative role in urban, transport and environmental planning—and established in 2002, PPGTU offers research degrees at Master and PhD levels. Every year there are 20 Master and 10 PhD candidates enrolled, some of them from the Americas, Africa, Europe and Asia. The focus of the program comprises the following research areas: urban and regional planning and design; environmental management and technologies; and public policy. PPGTU is also responsible for the publication of URBE, a major Latin American journal in urban studies, indexed in Scopus and Scielo.

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STRUCTURE

The graduate program in urban management has its focus in three major research areas:

1) Public Policy
- Cities and Solutions: Urban Eco Socioeconomy

- Multilevel Governance and Institutional Arrangements in Public Policies for Local Development

- Governance, Public Policy and Social Participation

- Strategic Digital City: models and experiences

- Ecosystems of Innovation and Urban Areas

2) Urban and Regional Planning and Design
- Urban and Regional Landscape Management

- Metropolitan Management and Planning

- Large Urban Projects

- Urban Mobility

- Networks, Technologies and Territorialities

3) Environmental Management and Technologies
- Sustainable Urban Settlements

- Environmental Management

APPLICATION

Admission to Master and PhD levels opens every year and the selection process takes place in November/December. The registration process opens in September.

The selection process consists of:

- Analysis of Curriculum Vitae.

- Interview (face to face or remotely).

- Analysis of the Research Proposal.

- Writing exam covering knowledge in Urban Studies.

- English reading and interpretation test covering knowledge in Urban Studies.

Tuition fees for Master and PhD programs can be found HERE. Students (especially international students) are eligible to apply for scholarships provided by the program.

COURSES AND CREDITS

Master and PhD candidates need to take a number of credits in order to fulfil the requirements for each of these levels. Credits are divided in courses, publication, dissertation and thesis, depending on the level taken. In total, Master candidates must complete 20 academic credits, and PhD candidates 36 academic credits. Courses are divided as follows.

Master
Module I - Base Course (4 credits/60 hours - compulsory)
1 - Urban Systems (60h)

Module II - Transdisciplinary Courses (6 credits/90 hours - compulsory)
1 - Management and Public Policy (30h)

2 - Urban and Regional Development and Planning (30h)

3 - Urban and Regional Sustainability (30h)

Module III - Complementary Courses (4 credits/60 hours - compulsory)
1 - Epistemology and research methodology (30h)

2 - Dissertation-oriented Seminars (30h)

Module IV - Advanced Courses (6 credits/90 hours - elective)
Each year, there will be offered several elective courses, covering the research topics of the program's thematic interests.

Module V - Dissertation (4 credits - compulsory)
Development of the dissertation under the guidance of a supervisor, chosen at the beginning of the Master program.

PhD
PhD candidates can validate a total of 18 credits attributed to courses taken during a previously obtained Master level, subject to approval by the program's scientific board. Remaining credits are divided as follows:

Compulsory Courses (9 credits/135 hours)
1 - Contemporary Research in Urban Management (45h)

2 - Theories and Concepts in Urban Management (45h)

3 - Doctoral Colloquium (45h)

Electives (9 credits/135 hours)
Each year, there will be offered several elective courses, covering the research topics of the program's thematic interests.

Publication (02 credits)
PhD candidates are required to publish at least one journal article during their term of 48 months. Acceptance for publication must be proven before the final Viva Exam.

Thesis (10 credits)
Development of the dissertation under the guidance of a supervisor, chosen at the beginning of the PhD program.