

Public Information

The Planning Accreditation Board requires this information be posted for the BS Urban & Environmental Planning program.

Student Achievement

The Bachelors of Urban and Environmental Planning (BUEP) program at West Chester University prepares students to succeed in entry-level positions in planning and planning-related disciplines. Students in the program gain the planning-related knowledge, skills, and values, supported by a strong liberal arts education, necessary to assume leadership roles to help communities foster sustainable, equitable, and healthy places. Student achievement is measured with a variety of methods, including a formal learning assessment, exit survey, and the quality of studio and other work products.

Studio Achievement

The program values high-impact, experiential learning opportunities for all its students. Students are required to take a series of two, 3-credit studio courses (PLN403: Planning Design Studio and PLN405: Planning Design Studio) in the final year of the program where they demonstrate the competence required to become professional planners. While studio is fundamentally a team effort, students are assessed on individual work.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number Enrolled in PLN405: Planning Design Studio (Spring)	6	11	12	13	14
Percent Assessed as Superior (A) or Excellent (B)	83%	90%	92%	92%	100%

Graduating Student Survey

100% of 2025 graduates of the program reported that the courses they took while studying in the program enhanced their ability to collect and analyze planning-related data (n=10, exit survey data, combines “agree” and “strongly agree” responses).

100% of 2025 graduates of the program reported that the courses they took while studying in the program enhanced their understanding of comprehensive plan making, environmental, and physical planning (n=10, exit survey data, combines “agree” and “strongly agree” responses).

Student Awards

BUEP students are frequently awarded competitive external and internal (WCU and college-level) scholarships for service and academic achievements. In 2025, these included the Lewis H. Marshall Award, the George Fasic Planning Scholarship, and the 1871 Award.

2025-2026 Tuition and Fees

In State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$11,464
Out of State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$23,876

Student Retention Rate

Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2024 and continued into fall 2025	88%
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Student Graduation Rate

Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2021	20%
Percentage of students graduating within 6 years, entering class of 2019	50%

Number of Degrees Awarded

Number of degrees awarded for 2024-2025 Academic Year	9
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AICP Pass Rate

Percentage of bachelor's graduates taking the AICP exam within 5 years who passed, graduating class of 2019	NA*
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*No 2019 graduates have yet taken the AICP exam, so no passage rate can be calculated. Graduates from other years (2018, 2021, 2022, 2025) have taken the exam. 100% have passed (n=5).

Employment

Percentage of all graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related, or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2024	89%*
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*Includes graduates pursuing further education and excludes graduates about which employment information could not be confirmed.