Is Urban Landscape your future? Named a "Top 50" profession by US News & World Report and forecast to grow up to 20% through 2018, it is a dynamic and fast expanding field. If you love designing your environment and care about sustainability, the Master of Design for Sustainable Urban Environments is a great fit.

**What is MDES-SUEN?**

The Master of Design for Sustainable Urban Environments brings together the allied professional fields of environmental design, landscape architecture and urban planning. The objective of the MDES is to offer advanced study and research opportunities in the design of ecologically and economically productive urban environments. The MDES prepares students to be innovative and entrepreneurial creators and managers of next-generation public spaces. The program seeks to supply graduates for the rapidly growing field of sustainable urbanism through a dynamic curricular mix of design and technical courses. The program links with classes and research in Architecture, Art and Media Studies, Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Earth and Environmental Sciences.

**What are my career and research opportunities in MDES-SUEN?**

The MDES-SUEN offers two tracks: a one-year (36 CH) program for students holding a professional degree in landscape, architecture or planning; and a two-year (64 CH) degree for students holding a bachelor’s degree in any field. The programs engage students in advanced design research skills and application. They allow specialization in topics such as waterfront vitalization, brownfield redevelopment, sustainable and secure pedestrian environments; urban habitat design and management; green and blue infrastructure design and planning with an emphasis on handling increased storm water and tidal influx in the urban landscape.

The one-year MDES-SUEN degree is ideal for students wishing to build upon their professional degree by focusing on the unique design and planning topics that define the 21st century city. Areas of study include advanced training in visualization and digital modeling techniques, workshop-based courses in urban ecology and landscape technologies, graduate seminars on sustainable urbanism, resilient cities and urban policy.

The two-year MDES-SUEN is appropriate for students wishing to develop graduate-level design and planning skills. Instructors lead students through fundamental visualization, representation and implementation techniques, introductory to advanced history/theory themes and urban ecology and technologies. Studio courses introduce fundamental design and planning principles in the first year and advance to design research and application in the second year. Interdisciplinary dialogs between the students’ diverse disciplinary backgrounds enriches the studio content and enables development of customized study areas.
What distinguishes the MDES-SUEN program at Northeastern?

**Urban Focus:** As our world rapidly urbanized and industrializes, experts in sustainable urban design are increasingly in demand – and the MDES-SUEN program as well as Northeastern University as a whole is focused specifically on urban issues.

**Faculty:** We have an outstanding faculty with expertise in environmental design, landscape planning and urban ecology, each of whom brings research and real-world expertise to the classroom.

**Interdisciplinary learning:** MDES-SUEN students at Northeastern have exciting opportunities to collaborate with students and learn from faculty in allied fields such as architecture, art, urban studies, policy, civil and environmental engineering.

**Boston:** Boston is home to a number of internationally recognized works and practitioners of landscape architecture and urban design. Northeastern students enjoy a rich educational environment which includes interaction with these people and projects through lectures, field trips, case studies and co-ops.

Where do I find out more?

For more information on the related profession of landscape architecture, see the American Society of Landscape Architects at [www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org). For research initiatives see the Landscape + Urbanism online journal at [www.landscapeurbanism.com](http://www.landscapeurbanism.com).

For details about the Urban Landscape program and MDES-SUEN degree at Northeastern, visit the School of Architecture web site: [http://www.architecture.neu.edu/content/master-design-sustainable-urban-environments](http://www.architecture.neu.edu/content/master-design-sustainable-urban-environments).

For tuition and financial aid information, see the Graduate School web site: [http://www.northeastern.edu/graduate/prospective-students/cost-financial-aid/](http://www.northeastern.edu/graduate/prospective-students/cost-financial-aid/). See also the Landscape Architecture Foundation for additional graduate funding opportunities: [http://www.lafoundation.org/scholarship/](http://www.lafoundation.org/scholarship/).

How do I apply to the MDES-SUEN program?

1) Contact the Urban Landscape Program Director, Jane Amidon.

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   151 Ryder Hall  
   j.amidon@neu.edu  
   (617) 373-4614

2) Submit the following through the university’s Apply Yourself application system ([http://www.northeastern.edu/graduate/apply_now/](http://www.northeastern.edu/graduate/apply_now/)):

   - Completed application  
   - Application fee  
   - Personal statement  
   - 3 recommendation letters  
   - Transcripts

3) Send the following material directly to Urban Landscape Program Graduate Admissions,  
151 Ryder Hall, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115:

   - CV  
   - Portfolio