

Norwegian University of Life Sciences



- Scientific conference in the University of Lodz: EcoCity. Knowledge and Competences for the Needs of sustainable Urban Development
- My contribution: The role of urban planners in order to achieve sustainable cities. Presentation of the Master program in Urban and Regional Planning at NMBU
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# Department of Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning at NMBU





- 700 students
- 100 employees
- 25 PhD



## Four fields of study

- Landscape architecture
  - -5 year Master in landscape architecture
  - -3 year Bachelor in landscape engineering
- Property and law
  - 5 year Master in property
  - 2 year Master i propery development
- Public health
  - -2 year Master in public health
- Urban and regional planning

-5 year Master in urban and regional planning



# Urban and regional planning

- Land use
- Urban development
- Urban design
- Community development
- Natural and cultural values
- Regional planning
- Planning processes/ Participation





Spatial planning



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> level:

Two mandatory courses (LAA 250 /APL 250) place making, local planning efforts and relevant planning tools.

-creative idea development

- understand physical, functional and socio-cultural issues that will have an impact on the place/landscape.
- knowledge about different analysis traditions
- illustration plan, perspectives, diagrams
- elaborate formal plan proposals

| 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> level: |  |   |
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| focus                                      | Plan making  | Planning process  |
| Project level                              | single building objects in<br>relation to city/townscape as<br>structure and human habitat.<br>theoretical framework and<br>practical knowledge of choosing<br><b>urban form and urban density</b> | methods for <b>realization and</b><br><b>evaluation</b> of projects, use<br>of legislative and economical<br>tools.   |
|  | LAA 350  | APL 350   |
| Regional level                             | complex landscape situations. –<br>analysis as tool for landscape<br>assessments, stakeholder<br>involvement and strategic<br>planning as described in the<br>European Landscape<br>Convention     | Spatial planning as tool for<br>territorial and functional<br>urbanization. Regional<br>infrastructure <b>strategies</b> in<br>light of localization, land use<br>patterns, development<br>corridors and nodes<br>APL 360 |

#### 5th level:



- Planning theory advanced level
- Academic immersion in own field of interest
- Master thesis:
  - 1) own choice of subject
  - 2) external suggestion
  - 3) part of research project
  - 4) supervisors research field



### Research groups

- Sustainable urban development
- Planning and nature resource management
- Cultural heritage- «green heritage»
- Centre for Landscape democracy
- Dwelling and property
- Property and law
- Public health

# The needs for an urban planner to achieve sustainable urban development



- A solid inter-disciplinary and anytical knowledge on urban sustainable development (what`s in it...)
- Critical thinking
- Skills about creative processes and feasibility studies (look into a possible sustainable future)
- Communication and collaborative skills
  - -With local politicians
  - -With private developers
  - -With different state agencies
  - -With the local public

# Thanks for your attention!