

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (M.A.)

Admission Requirements

Admission to the graduate degree program in Urban and Regional Planning is governed by the regulation of the Division of Graduate Studies and Urban and Regional Planning. The following criteria must be met:

1. Admission by the Division of Graduate Studies;
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
3. Consistent with Graduate School Guidelines, Conditional status may be assigned to students who possess a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 – 2.99 at the undergraduate level (on 4.0 scale);
4. Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Examination or equivalent test;
5. Demonstrated promise for successful academic achievement in professional graduate work;
6. For international students, indication of adequate financial support and satisfactory performance on TOEFL demonstrating oral and written proficiency;
7. Official statement of intent; and
8. Three letters of recommendation.

Degree Requirements

Urban and Regional Planning offers courses on a semester basis. Forty-nine credit hours are required for a master's degree. A basic core and three areas of concentration (Community Development and Housing, Environment and Land Use, and Urban Design) are offered. A thesis or major report option may be elected. An internship in a planning or planning related agency is required of all students with no prior planning or planning related experience.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
URP 500	HISTORY OF PLANNING ¹	3
URP 502	PLANNING THEORY & PRACTICE ¹	3
URP 504	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS & COMPUTE ¹	4
URP 506	LEGAL ASPECTS OF PLANNING ¹	3
URP 508	INTRODUCTION TO URBAN DESIGN ¹	3
Concentration Courses		
Select 15 hours minimum from one of the three concentration areas		15
Electives		
Select nine credits hours of elective courses ²		9
Internship		
URP 570	INTERNSHIP ¹	3
Thesis or Non-Thesis Option		
Select six credit hours from one of the following options:		6
<i>Thesis</i>		
URP 560	THESIS RESEARCH	
URP 566	MASTER'S THESIS	
<i>Non-Thesis</i>		

Six credits of non-thesis courses ²

Total Hours 49

¹ Required course.

² Faculty Advisor's approval required.

Concentration Courses

(15 hours minimum from one of the three concentration areas)

Community Development and Housing Concentration

Community development is an encompassing term, which includes all the facets of human effort to improve the quality of life in the environment. The term typically anticipates initiatives by members of the community to make these improvements with the assistance of advocates and government. The dynamics of the social, economic, and political spheres are included. A major element of community development is housing and its associated human settlement issues. The roles of the public and private sectors in determining the location, design, construction, and management of housing are central to the city planning function.

Code	Title	Hours
Select a minimum of 15 credit hours from the following:		
URP 520	HOUSING POLICY ¹	
URP 521	AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY	
URP 522	INTRO. TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMEN ¹	
URP 524	NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ²	
URP 525	LAND DEVELOPMENT DYNAMICS	
URP 526	CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	
URP 527	PUBLIC FINANCE PLANNING	
URP 528	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING	
URP 529	PLANNING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
URP 551	REGIONAL PLANNING	
URP 571	GIS FOR PLANNING	
Total Hours		15

¹ Required Concentration Course.

² Required Concentration Studio Course.

Environment and Land Use Concentration

This concentration focuses on an analysis of measures that conserve, preserve, and equitably distribute the ecological and social elements of the natural and built environment. The role of natural systems in efforts to achieve a sustainable environment is included in the study of environmental planning. In the investigation of environmental systems, planning seeks to identify and document the economic, political, and social outcomes of policies and programs that engage protective and preservative environmental measures.

Code	Title	Hours
Select a minimum of 15 credit hours from the following:		
URP 530	INTRO TO ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNIN ¹	
URP 531	GROWTH MANAGEMENT ¹	
URP 532	ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ETHICS	
URP 533	RURAL LAND USE PLANNING	
URP 535	COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING STUDIO ²	
URP 536	DVLPNG NATIONS ENVIRONMENTL PL	

URP 537	PLAN IMPLEMENTATION	
URP 538	ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATION	
URP 571	GIS FOR PLANNING	
Total Hours		15

¹ Required Concentration Course.

² Required Concentration Studio Course.

Urban Design Concentration

Urban design, broadly understood, is place making. In urban design, we consider the many aspects of development and come to understand multiple analytic paths through which we can engage urban issues and contexts. We approach urban design as a sociopolitical phenomenon, embracing urban design as a web of relationships between private, public, and nonprofit interests that influence the relational and spatial configurations of our cities. The primary emphasis of the urban design curriculum is to support the development of citizens, planners, and scholars who are able to identify and analyze both urban issues and contexts, who are prepared to use context sensitive design principles and social science frameworks, and who are committed to leading creative approaches for improving the quality of life of those who live and work in urban areas.

Code	Title	Hours
Select a minimum of 15 credit hours from the following:		
URP 540	HISTORIC PRESERVATN & CONSERVA	
URP 541	TECH SKILLS OF COMP AND COMMUN ¹	
URP 542	INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY FAC	
URP 543	COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN I	
URP 544	DESIGN STUDIO ²	
URP 546	SITE DEVELOPMENT	
URP 547	BEHAVIOR & CULTURAL FACTORS ¹	
URP 571	GIS FOR PLANNING	
URP 572	ADVD CONCEPTS IN GIS URB PLNG	
Total Hours		15

¹ Required Concentration Course.

² Required Concentration Studio Course.

Curriculum Plans

Community Development and Housing Concentrations: Non-Thesis Option-Full Time Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
URP 500	HISTORY OF PLANNING	3
URP 502	PLANNING THEORY & PRACTICE	3
URP 520	HOUSING POLICY	3
Hours		9
Spring		
URP 504	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS & COMPUTE	4
URP 508	INTRODUCTION TO URBAN DESIGN	3
URP 522	INTRO. TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMEN	3
Hours		10
Summer		
URP 521	AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY	3

URP 555	INDEPENDENT STUDY	3
Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
URP 506	LEGAL ASPECTS OF PLANNING	3
URP 523		3
URP 524	NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION	3
URP 570	INTERNSHIP	3
Hours		12
Spring		
URP 526	CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	3
URP 529	PLANNING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3
URP 532	ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ETHICS	3
URP 551	REGIONAL PLANNING	3
Hours		12
Total Hours		49

Urban Design Concentration, Non-Thesis Option-Full Time Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
URP 500	HISTORY OF PLANNING	3
URP 502	PLANNING THEORY & PRACTICE	3
URP 541	TECH SKILLS OF COMP AND COMMUN	3
Hours		9
Spring		
URP 504	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS & COMPUTE	4
URP 508	INTRODUCTION TO URBAN DESIGN	3
URP 530	INTRO TO ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNIN	3
URP 547	BEHAVIOR & CULTURAL FACTORS	3
Hours		13
Summer		
URP 521	AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY	3
URP 533	RURAL LAND USE PLANNING	3
Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
URP 506	LEGAL ASPECTS OF PLANNING	3
URP 542	INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY FAC	3
URP 543	COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN I	3
URP 544	DESIGN STUDIO	3
Hours		12
Spring		
URP 522	INTRO. TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMEN	3
URP 545		3
URP 546	SITE DEVELOPMENT	3
URP 570	INTERNSHIP	3
Hours		12
Total Hours		52

Environment and Land Use Concentration, Non-Thesis Option-Full Time Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
URP 500	HISTORY OF PLANNING	3
URP 502	PLANNING THEORY & PRACTICE	3
URP 530	INTRO TO ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNIN	3
Hours		9

Spring		
URP 504	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS & COMPUTE	4
URP 508	INTRODUCTION TO URBAN DESIGN	3
URP 531	GROWTH MANAGEMENT	3
	Hours	10
Summer		
URP 533	RURAL LAND USE PLANNING	3
URP 537	PLAN IMPLEMENTATION	3
	Hours	6
Second Year		
Fall		
URP 506	LEGAL ASPECTS OF PLANNING	3
URP 534		3
URP 535	COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING STUDIO	3
URP 538	ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATION	3
	Hours	12
Spring		
URP 532	ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ETHICS	3
URP 536	DEVELOPING NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PL	3
URP 539		3
URP 555	INDEPENDENT STUDY	3
	Hours	12
	Total Hours	49