

# URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (PH.D.)

## Admissions Requirements

Admissions to the doctoral program is governed by the regulations of the Division of Graduate Studies and Urban and Regional Planning. The following criteria must be met:

1. Admissions by the Division of Graduate Studies at Jackson State University with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
2. Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Examination or equivalent test.
3. Promise for successful academic achievement at the doctoral level.
4. For international students, indication of adequate financial support and satisfactory performance on TOEFL demonstrating oral and written proficiency.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. Substantive statement of proposed research within one of the Program's areas of concentration.
7. When applicable, a description of professional experience and/or samples of previous scholarly works.
8. A personal interview with a faculty when practical.

## Candidacy Requirements

Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination and prepare and defend a proposal for dissertation research prior to being declared a degree candidate.

## Degree Requirements

Urban and Regional Planning offers courses on a semester basis. A basic core curriculum and three areas of concentration (Community Development and Housing, Environment and Land Use, and Urban Design) are offered. Thirty-six credit hours of course work beyond the master's degree are required prior to writing the dissertation. After completing these course requirements, students may earn a maximum of twelve additional credit hours of dissertation credit. The Ph.D. is awarded after successful completion and defense of the dissertation.

## Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
URP 700	HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CITI	3
URP 702	THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES IN PL	3
URP 710	ADVANCED STATISTICAL METHODS	3
URP 712	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	3
URP 714	ETHICS IN PLANNING SEMINAR	3
<b>Concentration Courses</b>		
Select 12 hours from one of the three concentration areas		12
<i>Community Development and Housing Concentration</i>		
The following seminars and studios would apply toward this concentration:		
URP 720	URBAN HOUSING POLICIES	
URP 722	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSIN	
URP 724	URBAN REVITALIZATION STUDIO	

URP 726	CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
URP 728	LOCAL & REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVE
URP 729	POLITICS OF PLANNING LOCAL GOV
URP 760	ADVANCED READINGS

### *Environment and Land Use Concentration*

The following seminars and studios would apply toward this concentration:

URP 730	ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE
URP 731	GROWTH DEVELOPMENT
URP 732	ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ETHICS
URP 733	COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
URP 735	LAND USE PLANNING STUDIO
URP 736	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SETTLEMENT
URP 737	PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
URP 760	ADVANCED READINGS

### *Urban Design Concentration*

The following seminars and studios would apply toward this concentration:

URP 740	FOUNDATIONS IN URBAN DESIGN
URP 742	ANALYSIS & EVALUATION METHODS FOR URBAN DESIGN
URP 744	URBAN DESIGN STUDIO
URP 746	URBAN DESIGN DOCTORAL SEMINAR
URP 760	ADVANCED READINGS

### **Electives**

Nine hours minimum of Electives <sup>1</sup> 9

### **Dissertation**

URP 899 DISSERTATION HOURS (12 hours minimum) 12

**Total Hours** 48

<sup>1</sup> Faculty Advisor's Approval Required.