

A photograph of four students, three women and one man, gathered around a table in a meeting. They are looking at documents and talking. The background shows a window with blinds.

URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING

POLICY TRACK

WHAT IS URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING?

Urban Planning is a profession concerned with the design and development of the built environment. Urban planners understand the different elements that must exist to create a viable community and have the skills to address its challenges. They collaborate with government officials, business leaders, and citizens to help build communities following evidence-based choices of where and how people work and live.

The Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning degree program is based in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning.

The Policy Track equips students for entry-level positions in planning related fields and prepares them for graduate studies in fields such as urban planning and land development. The core curriculum, designed to teach students the knowledge and skills to deal effectively with the opportunities and challenges inherent in the development and culture of neighborhoods, cities, and regions, is based on theoretical training in the natural, physical, and social sciences. Students acquire skills that enable them to apply these theories to develop safe, healthy, and sustainable places.

Critical thinking and analytical skills are emphasized for problem-solving at the community and regional scale. Classroom service-learning experiences enable graduates to more reliably and realistically assess complex community problems, develop planning and policy solutions for overcoming those problems, and evaluate the outcomes of programs and policies in meeting community and regional needs.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Community development
- Transportation planning
- Housing
- Economic development
- Planning management/finance
- Parks and recreation
- Historic preservation
- Community activism/empowerment

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CATALOG 143 (2020-2021)

PROGRAM SEMESTER CURRICULUM*

LISTING	CLASS	CREDITS
FIRST YEAR Fall Semester		
ENGL 104	<i>Composition and Rhetoric</i>	3
MATH 140	<i>Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences</i>	3
POLS 206	<i>American National Government</i>	3
LAND 101	<i>Intro to Landscape Architectural Practice I</i>	1
URPN 201	<i>The Evolving City</i>	3
History University Core Curriculum		3
First Year Experience		0
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		16
FIRST YEAR Spring Semester		
ARCH 250	<i>Survey of World Architecture History II</i>	3
MATH 142	<i>Business Calculus</i>	3
POLS 207	<i>State & Local Government</i>	3
ECON 202	<i>Principles of Economics</i>	3
URPN 202	<i>Building Better Cities</i>	3
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		15
SECOND YEAR Fall Semester		
URPN 210	<i>Urban Analytical Methods I</i>	3
RENr 205	<i>Fundamentals of Ecology</i>	3
LAND 240	<i>History of Landscape Architecture</i>	3
General Elective		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum (SOCl 205 preferred)		3
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		15
SECOND YEAR Spring Semester		
URPN 310	<i>Urban Analytical Methods II</i>	3
Life and Physical Sciences Core Curriculum		4
History University Core Curriculum		3
Sociology Requirement (upper level)**		3
General Elective		3
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		16
THIRD YEAR Fall Semester		
ENGL 210	<i>Technical Writing</i>	3
RENr 215	<i>Ecology Lab</i>	1
URPN 220	<i>Digital Communications I</i>	3
URPN 302	<i>Planning Law</i>	3
RENr 375	<i>Conservation of Natural Resources</i>	3
Concentration Elective**		3
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		16

LISTING	CLASS	CREDITS
THIRD YEAR Spring Semester		
CARC 481	<i>Seminar</i>	1
URPN 483	<i>Urban and Regional Planning Studio</i>	4
URPN 401	<i>Policy Implementation</i>	3
URPN 325	<i>Intro to GIS</i>	3
URPN 330	<i>Land Development</i>	3
KINE 120 or any core science		1
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		15
FOURTH YEAR Fall Semester		
URPN 494 or CARC 301	<i>Internship or Field Studies in Design Innovation</i>	6
Study Abroad or 2 Concentration Electives**		6
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		6 or 12
FOURTH YEAR Spring Semester		
URPN 331	<i>Public and Private Infrastructure Funding</i>	3
URPN 493	<i>Urban and Regional Planning Capstone</i>	5
Concentration Elective**		3
General Elective		4
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		15
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		120

* Subject to change

**See advisor for a list of approved courses.

A grade of C or better is required in courses under major coursework and supporting coursework..

Study abroad students will take CARC 301, and CARC 311. Other university courses will be approved individually through adviser.

Internship students will register for URPN 494 in 4th year, fall semester. Two approved supporting coursework courses must be taken in semesters other than fall, 4th year.