

PROGRAM IN URBAN PLANNING

What is Urban Planning?

Urban Planning is a profession whose objective is to manage the growth and development of cities in an orderly and predictable manner.

Professional planners assist civic leaders, businesses, and citizens to play a meaningful role in creating communities that enrich people's lives.

The goals of planning are therefore to:

- improve the welfare of community residents,
- promote economic development by providing certainty to developers and investors through the community comprehensive plan,
- maintain and improve property values through zoning and other land use regulatory tools,
- stabilize neighborhoods, and
- control aesthetics and ensure architectural harmony through design reviews.

Students graduating from the program will:

- i) have a thorough knowledge of how cities function;
- ii) acquire the tools needed to undertake urban planning, land use regulation and economic development in cities and rural areas;
- iii) gain skills in urban analysis and planning that will enable them to gain entry level jobs in both the private and public sector;
- iv) gain a broad-based knowledge in liberal education beyond that required for the minimum general education; and
- v) be prepared to pursue graduate level study in urban related fields.

Program Requirements

The program has a core of courses and two areas of concentration. These two areas are; i) Urban Economic Development, and ii) Urban Planning. The core requirement is met by taking at least one course from the listed options. Altogether students will be required to take 30 credits of specified (core) courses. In addition to this, students will have to take the specified four courses in their area of concentration plus an elective course from the list of recommended electives. The program therefore requires a total of 45 credits for graduation.

Core Courses:

The following core requirements must be met by students majoring in the Urban and Regional Studies Program. The requirement is met by taking at least one course from the listed options.

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1. Base Course

99-131 Contemporary Urban Issues

2. Statistics

36-210 Economic and Business Statistics or
67-107 Introduction to statistics or
67-301 Introduction to probability and Statistics or
86-203 Elementary Psychological Statistics or
92-281 Social statistics

3. Economics

36-206 Principles of Economics I or
36-207 Principles of Economics II

4. Research methods

35-343 Empirical Analysis of Criminal Justice Issues or
50-302 Field Methods of Geography or
92-381 Sociological Research

5. Urban Geography

50-324 Urban Geography or
50-471 Geographic Information Systems

6. Urban Politics

84-209 Urban Government or
84-225 State and Local government
84-366 The Politics of Urban Growth

7. Sociology

92-151 Modern Social Problems or
92-311 Sociology of the Modern City

8. Planning

99-300 Planning

9. Field Experience

99-471 Field Experience

99-480 Internship

10. Housing

99-320 Housing

Areas of Concentration/Emphasis

After meeting the core requirement, students will then be required to declare their area of concentration in either urban economic development or in urban planning. Each area of concentration has four required courses (12 credits). In addition students must take one of the recommended elective courses in consultation with the URS Coordinator.

Urban Economic Development Concentration

1. 99-425 Urban Analysis
2. 50-311 Economic Geography
3. 36-339/539 Urban and Regional Economics and Policy
4. 36-403/603 Public Sector Economics
5. Electives

Urban Planning Concentration

1. 99-317 Land Use Regulation
2. 99-351 Planning Seminar
3. 50-213 Population Geography
4. 99-350/520 Planning Theory
5. Electives.

**RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE COURSES FOR STUDENTS MAJORING IN URBAN
AND REGIONAL STUDIES**

Urban and Regional Studies

99-360 Real Estate Development Process

Geography:

50-371 Introductory Cartography

50-391 Computer Cartography

50-419 Natural Hazards and Disaster Planning

50- Air Photo Interpretation and Remote Sensing

Economics:

36-321/521 Labor Economics

36-360 Environmental Economics and Policy

36-430/630 Human Resource Economics

36-440 Applied Economic Forecasting

Sociology:

92-315 Population Problems

92-351 Criminology

92-359 Minority Groups and Race Relations

Anthropology:

21-336 Social Organization

21-450 Urban Anthropology

Political Science:

84-221 Introduction to Public Administration

84-212 Metropolitan Government and Politics

84-225 State and Local Government

84-321 Contemporary Issues in American Politics

84-366 Politics of Urban growth

Criminal Justice:

35-288 Police in Modern Society

35-346 Introduction to Community-Based Corrections

Business Administration

28-371 Introduction to Marketing

Social Work

93-167 Introduction to Social Work