

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING

The 5-year combination program, Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning and Master of Urban Planning, allows high-performing undergraduate students to streamline their undergraduate and professional education.

The undergraduate core is designed to equip students with knowledge and skills to deal effectively with the opportunities and challenges inherent in the development, growth 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 communities, cities, and regions which are safe, healthy, and sustainable. While still completing undergraduate credits, students begin graduate coursework in urban planning to refine and extend their skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication, leading to an accredited professional degree appropriate for planning positions in the public sector, private consulting, or the non-profit world.

Program Requirements

First Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
LAND 101	Introduction to Landscape Architectural Practice ¹	1
POLS 206	American National Government	3
URPN 201	The Evolving City ¹	3
	Communication (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
	Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
	Mathematics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

POLS 207	State and Local Government	3
URPN 202	Building Better Cities ¹	3
	Communication (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communications)	3
	Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3

Mathematics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3
---	---

Semester Credit Hours 15

Second Year

Fall

ARCH 212	Social and Behavioral Factors in Design	3
LAND 240	History of Landscape Architecture	3
URPN 220	Digital Communication I ¹	3
	American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
	Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

URPN 325	Introduction to GIS in Urban and Regional Planning ^{1,2}	3
	Select one of the following: ^{1,3}	3
URPN 320	Digital Communication II ²	
	Directed elective ⁴	
	Select one of the following: ¹	3
SOCI 214	Social Problems	
SOCI 230	Classical Sociological Theory	
SOCI 311	Social Change	
SOCI 312	Population and Society	
SOCI 317/ AFST 317	Racial and Ethnic Relations	
	American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
	Creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Third Year

Fall

RWFM 375	Conservation of Natural Resources ¹	3
URPN 210	Urban Analytical Methods I ¹	3
URPN 302	Planning Law ^{1,2,3}	3
	or URPN 326 or Advanced GIS in Urban and Regional Planning	
URPN 420	Principles of Urban Design ^{1,2,3}	3
	or URPN 440 or Urban and Regional Economic Development	
URPN 483	Studio in Urban and Regional Science ¹	4

Semester Credit Hours 16

Spring

CARC 481	Seminar ¹	1
URPN 330	Land Development I ¹	3
URPN 331	Public and Private Infrastructure Funding ¹	3
PLAN 613	Planning Methods II ^{1,2}	3
PLAN 658	Plan Implementation ^{1,2}	3

General elective ⁵		3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Semester Away ^{1,6}		
CARC 301 or URPN 494	Field Studies in Design Innovation or Internship	6
Directed elective ⁴		6
Semester Credit Hours		12
Spring		
PLAN 662	Applied Planning I ^{1,2}	3
URPN 493	Urban and Regional Studies Capstone Course ¹	5
General elective ⁵		7
Semester Credit Hours		15
Fifth Year		
Fall		
PLAN 604	Planning Methods I ¹	3
PLAN 610	City Form and Function ¹	3
PLAN 661	Community Engagement ¹	3
PLAN 664	Planning Theory and History ¹	3
PLAN 665	Plan Making ¹	3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
PLAN 640 or PLAN 667	Law and Legislation Related to Planning ¹ or Site Planning	3
PLAN 693	Professional Study ¹	3
Elective ⁷		3
Elective ⁷		3
Elective ⁷		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Total Semester Credit Hours		150

Directed electives may be taken during summer, online, distance education, at another university or college, or at a study abroad university. CARC 301 is a study abroad course. If electing to study abroad, must take CARC 311 and CARC 331 as directed electives. If a student takes URPN 494 in fall of fourth year, 6 hours of directed electives must be added to different semesters other than this fall. ⁷ To be selected in consultation with graduate program advisor.

The program includes a total of 168 hours, which up to 18 hours may be applied toward both the Bachelor of Science in Urban & Regional Planning and the Master of Urban Planning.

¹ Must make a grade of C or better.

² Course counted towards both the undergraduate and graduate requirements. Students in the Urban Design Track will double count URPN 320 and URPN 420. Students in the Urban Policy Track will double count URPN 302 and URPN 440.

³ Students in the Urban Design Track must take URPN 320, URPN 326, and URPN 420 for these requirements. Students in the Urban Policy Track must take a directed elective, URPN 302, and URPN 440 for these requirements.

⁴ Must be selected in consultation with the student's advisor from: AGECE 422, ARCH 250, CSCE 110, ENDS 101, GEOG 352/GEOL 352, LAND 241, PBSI 315, POLS 340/PSAA 340, SOCI 312, SOCI 328, SOCI 404/RPTS 404, SOCI 419, URPN 302, URPN 340, URPN 360, URPN 361, URPN 369, URPN 370, URPN 371, URPN 409, URPN 420, URPN 440, URPN 450, URPN 451, URPN 460, URPN 469, URPN 470, URPN 471, URPN 489. If not participating in study abroad or taken elsewhere in the curriculum, 3 hours must come from list of approved International and Cultural Diversity (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses.

⁵ Select from any 100-499 course not used elsewhere.

⁶ Semester Away: May be satisfied by study abroad, at another university, internship, or special arrangement by advisor or instructor.