

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

The 5-year BS and MUP 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
	American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
	Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
	Mathematics (http://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
URPN 220	Digital Communication I ¹	3
	Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3
	Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Second Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
ARCH 212	Social and Behavioral Factors in Design	3
LAND 240	History of Landscape Architecture	3
URPN 210	Urban Analytical Methods I ¹	3
	Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
	General elective ²	3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
URPN 310	Urban Analytical Methods II ^{1,3}	3
URPN 325	Introduction to GIS in Urban and Regional Planning ^{1,3}	3
	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 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
	Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Third Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
RWFM 375	Conservation of Natural Resources	3
URPN 302	Planning Law ^{1,3}	3
	or URPN 320 or Digital Communication II	
URPN 420	Principles of Urban Design ^{1,3}	3
	or URPN 440 or Urban and Regional Economic Development	
	Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
	General elective ²	3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CARC 481	Seminar ¹	1
PLAN 658	Plan Implementation ^{1,3}	3
URPN 330	Land Development I ¹	3
URPN 483	Studio in Urban and Regional Science ¹	4
	Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
	Directed elective ^{1,4,5,6}	3
Semester Credit Hours		17

Fourth Year

Fall		
Semester Away ⁷		

CARC 301 or URPN 494	Field Studies in Design Innovation ^{1,8,9} or Internship	6
Directed elective ^{1,4,5,6}		6
Semester Credit Hours		12
Spring		
PLAN 610	Structure and Function of Urban Settlements ^{1,3}	3
URPN 331	Public and Private Infrastructure Funding ¹	3
URPN 493 or URPN 409	Urban and Regional Studies Capstone Course ¹ or Urban Design Studio	5
General elective ²		4
Semester Credit Hours		15
Fifth Year		
Fall		
PLAN 604	Planning Methods I ¹	3
PLAN 661	Information and Communication in Planning ¹	3
PLAN 664	Planning Theory and History ¹	3
PLAN 665	Plan Making ¹	3
Elective ¹⁰		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
PLAN 640 or PLAN 667	Law and Legislation Related to Planning ¹ or Site Planning	3
PLAN 662	Applied Planning I ¹	3
PLAN 693	Professional Study ¹	3
Elective ¹⁰		3
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Semester Credit Hours		15
Total Semester Credit Hours		150

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.

Total Program Hours 168

¹ Must make a grade of C or better.
² Select from any 100-499 course not used elsewhere.
³ Course counted towards both the undergraduate and graduate requirements.
⁴ See advisor for a list of approved courses.
⁵ This course will be selected in consultation with the student's advisor. If not participating in study abroad, 3 hours must come from list of approved International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses.
⁶ Urban Design Track must take URPN 326 and 6 hours of directed electives. Urban Policy Track must take 9 hours of directed electives.
⁷ Semester Away: May be satisfied by study abroad, at another university, internship, or special arrangement by advisor or instructor. Concentration electives may be taken during summer, online, distance education, at another university or college, or at a study abroad university.
⁸ CARC 301 is a study abroad course. If electing to study abroad, must take CARC 311 and CARC 331 as concentration electives.
⁹ If a student takes URPN 494 in fall of fourth year, 6 hours of concentration electives must be added to different semesters other than this fall.
¹⁰ To be selected in consultation with graduate program advisor.