

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING - BS, URBAN POLICY TRACK

The Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning degree program is based in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning (LAUP) within the School of Architecture at Texas A&M University. The Urban and Regional Planning program equips students for entry-level positions in planning allied fields and prepares them for graduate studies in fields such as Urban Planning and Land Development. The core curriculum, 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.

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, design solutions for overcoming those problems, and evaluate the outcomes of programs and policies in meeting community and regional needs.

The Urban Policy Track emphasizes policy solutions for building resilient, efficient, healthy, and sustainable communities. Policy evaluation and formulation address urban issues related to the equitable provision of public services, housing, environmental services, employment, and transportation. Skill-building emphasizes critical thinking, analytical skills, and written and verbal communication.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	
LAND 101	Introduction to Landscape Architectural Practice ¹	1
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	3
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
Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
ARCH 250	Survey of World Architecture History II	3
ECON 202	Principles of Economics ¹	3
MATH 142	Business Calculus	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3
URPN 202	Building Better Cities ¹	3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Second Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ECCB 205	Fundamentals of Ecology	
LAND 240	History of Landscape Architecture	3
URPN 210	Urban Analytical Methods I ¹	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3
General elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
URPN 310	Urban Analytical Methods II ¹	3
Select one of the following: ¹		3
SOCI 230	Classical Sociological Theory	
SOCI 311	Social Change	
SOCI 312	Population and Society	
SOCI 314	Social Problems	
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)		4
General elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Third Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ECCB 215	Fundamentals of Ecology–Laboratory	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	3
RWFM 375	Conservation of Natural Resources ¹	3
URPN 220	Digital Communication I ¹	3
URPN 302	Planning Law ¹	3
Concentration elective ^{1,2}		3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
CARC 481	Seminar ¹	1
URPN 325	Introduction to GIS in Urban and Regional Planning ¹	3
URPN 330	Land Development I ¹	3
URPN 401	Policy Implementation 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)		1
Semester Credit Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
Semester Away ³		
Select one of the following:		6
CARC 301	Field Studies in Design Innovation ^{1,4}	
URPN 494	Internship ^{1,5}	

Concentration elective ^{1,2,6}	6
Semester Credit Hours	12
Spring	
URPN 331 Public and Private Infrastructure Funding ¹	3
URPN 493 Urban and Regional Studies Capstone Course ¹	5
Concentration elective ^{1,2}	3
General elective	4
Semester Credit Hours	15
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ Must make a grade of C or better.

² See advisor for a list of approved courses.

³ 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.

⁴ Study abroad course. If electing to study abroad, must take CARC 311 and CARC 331 as concentration electives.

⁵ If a student takes URPN 494 in Fall of 4th year, 6 hours of concentration electives must be added to different semesters other than this fall.

⁶ This course will be selected in consultation with the student's advisor. If not participating in study abroad, 3 hours must come from approved course in International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>).