

# URBAN STUDIES & PLANNING, BA & URBAN PLANNING, MUP

For the degrees of Bachelor of Arts Major in Urban Studies & Planning and Master of Urban Planning in Urban Planning

**department website:** <https://urban.illinois.edu>  
**department faculty:** Urban & Regional Planning Faculty (<https://urban.illinois.edu/people/meet-our-faculty/>)  
**college catalog page:** Fine & Applied Arts (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/faa/>)  
**college website:** <https://www.faa.illinois.edu/>

The 4+1 program allows for students completing the BAUSP degree in the Department to complete the MUP on an accelerated timeline--BAUSP and MUP degrees in five years. To be eligible to participate in the 4+1 program, the student should be a Junior BAUSP major with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Junior BAUSP majors who do not meet these requirements are welcome to inquire about applying to the program, but their applications will need to provide extraordinary evidence of preparedness for the MUP program in order to gain admission.

Eligible BAUSP students should submit their application packet as a single PDF document to Professor Andrew Greenlee, Director of MUP Admissions ([agreen4@illinois.edu](mailto:agreen4@illinois.edu)) by December 15 of their Junior year. Application packet should include a cover letter, statement of purpose, resume and work examples. Students will be notified by January 15 of their Junior year if they have been accepted into the 4+1 program.

At the end of their senior year, 4+1 students wishing to complete the MUP degree will formally apply to the MUP program, submitting a full application package including recommendations, resume and transcripts.

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## BAUSP

**General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.**

**Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.**

| Code                     | Title                                  | Hours |
|--------------------------|--|-------|
| RHET 105                 | Writing and Research (or equivalent)   | 4     |
| 3-4 hours selected from: |  |       |
| AAS 100                  | Intro Asian American Studies           |       |
| AFRO 100                 | Intro to African American St           |       |
| AIS 102                  | Contemp Issues in Ind Country          |       |
| GEOG 101                 | Global Development&Environment         |       |
| GEOG 104                 | Social and Cultural Geography          |       |
| LLS 100                  | Intro Latina/Latino Studies            |       |
| SOC 100                  | Introduction to Sociology              |       |
| ECON 102                 | Microeconomic Principles               | 3     |
| or ACE 100               | Introduction to Applied Microeconomics |       |

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| UP 116      | Urban Informatics I (or equivalent) | 3  |
| or STAT 100 | Statistics                          |    |
| Total Hours |                                     | 10 |

| Code  | Title  | Hours |
|---|--|-------|
| UP 101  | Introduction to City Planning  | 3     |
| UP 201  | Planning in Action   | 3     |
| UP 203  | Cities: Planning & Urban Life (or UP 204 Chicago: Planning and Urban Life) | 3     |
| UP 312  | Communication for Planners   | 4     |
| UP 316  | Urban Informatics II   | 3     |
| Capstone Preparation: During the 3rd year, students enroll in UP 301, Capstone Preparation. Students meet individually with their capstone advisor to develop a plan to meet the capstone requirement. To pass this course students must turn in a proposal at the end of the semester.   |  | 1     |
| Capstone Experience: Students engage in a semester or summer-long applied activity outside of the classroom. The Capstone Experience is intended to engage the students in the real world and prepare them for the job market. Students typically complete this requirement during their junior year, but have the option to complete it during the summer between their 3rd and 4th year. Examples include a paid or unpaid internship, volunteer work, consulting project with a client, summer research and more. Students enroll in UP 390, Planning Internship, and/or UP 397, Undergraduate Project, to receive credit.   |  | 3     |
| Capstone Seminar: During the 4th year, students enroll in UP 401 for 2 semesters. Students will participate in monthly activities to discuss and reflect on the Capstone Experience. In addition, students will present a poster summarizing their capstone experience in a public setting; for example at a public engagement conference, public meeting or community meeting, McNair Scholars conference, James Scholars event, Illinois American Planning Association meeting, undergraduate research symposium, or other venue. The seminar sessions also include career development such as resume writing, interviewing and networking with professionals through the Wetmore Lecture Series. |  | 2     |
| Concentration (select one): Sustainability, Policy & Planning, Social Justice, or Global Cities   |  | 9-11  |

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| Total Hours |  | 31-33 |
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| Code  | Title                              | Hours |
|---|------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>BAUSP Senior Year</b>  |                                    |       |
| The MUP core courses meet the BAUSP requirements for UP electives and planning-related electives. 4+1 students are expected to enroll in the first year MUP core courses in their senior year, although they are not yet admitted to the MUP program. |                                    |       |
| Senior Workshop (pick 1 from the following or discuss other offerings with your advisor)  |                                    | 4     |
| UP 447  | Land Use Planning Workshop         |       |
| UP 455  | Economic Development Workshop      |       |
| UP 456  | Sustainable Planning Workshop      |       |
| UP 457  | Small Town/Rural Planning Workshop |       |
| UP 478  | Community Development Workshop     |       |
| UP 501  | Planning History and Theory        | 4     |

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| UP 503 | Physical Planning           | 4 |
| UP 504 | Urban History and Theory    | 4 |
| UP 505 | Urban and Regional Analysis | 4 |
| UP 511 | Law and Planning            | 4 |

## MUP

| Code                | Title   | Hours |
|---------------------|---|-------|
| UP 510              | Plan Making   | 4     |
| UP 591              | Capstone Seminar (enrollment required for two semesters- 0 hours total) | 0     |
| UP 598<br>or UP 599 | Master's Project<br>Thesis Research                                     | 8     |

**Once admitted to the MUP program, a 4+1 student must take 32 hours of graduate courses, 20 of which must be UP courses. These courses include the capstone seminar and master's project or thesis. The 32 hours of graduate courses is a minimum requirement for the MUP degree; it cannot be reduced by UP 590 internship or course waivers.**

| Requirement  | Description   |
|--|---------------|
| Other MUP Requirements   |               |
| Up to two MUP core courses may be included among the 32 hours. If more core courses are needed, then correspondingly more than 32 hours will be required for the MUP degree. |               |
| Minimum Hours Required Within the 20 Unit:   |               |
| Minimum 500-level Hours Required   | 16 (12 in UP) |
| Overall:   |               |
| Minimum GPA:   | 3.0           |