

URBAN STUDIES & PLANNING, BA

For the degree of Bachelor of Arts Major in Urban Studies & Planning

Students pursuing this major select one of four concentrations:

Global Cities (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/global-cities/>)

Policy & Planning (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/policy-planning/>)

Social Justice (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/social-justice/>)

Sustainability (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/sustainability/>)

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning offers a program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Planning. The aim of urban planning is to sustain and enhance the quality of life in cities and regions. Therefore, in addition to technical skills, students also acquire a broad liberal education that leads to an understanding of the natural and social environments, their problems, and their potential for enriching human life. The urban planning degree emphasizes skills in analysis, problem solving, and communication within complex urban and social contexts. As a result, undergraduate planning education leads to diverse professional careers or graduate study in urban planning or related professions, such as law, business, public policy or public administration. Continuation in the program requires the student to maintain a 2.00 grade point average. The degree is professionally accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board.

A transfer student must have completed 30 or more semester hours of acceptable undergraduate college work (including introductory courses in microeconomics, statistics, and sociology; a sequence in English composition is desirable) with an earned grade point average of at least 2.75 (A = 4.0). Transfer applicants not meeting these requirements will be considered in special cases.

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree General and Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/:/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
UP 101		3 UP 116 or STAT 100	3
ECON 102 or ACE 100		3 UP 201	3
Comp. I or Language Other than English (3rd level)		4 Language Other than English (3rd level) or Comp. I	4
FAA 101		1 General Education course	3
Foundation Course		3 General Education course	3
Free Elective course		1	
		15	16

Second Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
UP 203 or 204		3 Concentration Gateway course	3
UP Elective		3 UP 211	3
General Education course		3 UP Elective	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
		15	15

Third Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Concentration Elective		3 Concentration Elective	4
UP 312		4 UP 316	3
UP Elective		3 UP 347	4
General Education course		3 UP Elective	3
Free Elective course		1 Free Elective course	1
		14	15

Fourth Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
UP 400-level Workshop		4 UP 401	1
UP Elective		3 Free Elective courses	14
Free Elective courses		8	
		15	15

Total Hours 120

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To be consistent with our accreditation requirements, we are using the Knowledge, Skills, and Values identified by the Planning Accreditation Board as desired outcomes for planning education:

1. General planning knowledge:
 - a. Purpose and Meaning of Planning:
 - b. Planning Theory:
 - c. Planning Law:
 - d. Human Settlements and History of Planning:
 - e. The Future:
 - f. Global Dimensions of Planning:
2. Planning skills:
 - a. Research Written, Oral and Graphic Communication:
 - b. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods:
 - c. Plan Creation and Implementation: is able to use
 - d. Planning Process Methods:
 - e. Leadership:
3. Values and ethics
 - a. Professional Ethics and Responsibility:
 - b. Governance and Participation:
 - c. Sustainability and Environmental Quality:
 - d. Growth and Development:
 - e. Social Justice:

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Urban + Regional Planning

Urban + Regional Planning Department website (<https://urban.illinois.edu/>)

Urban + Regional Planning Department Faculty (<https://urban.illinois.edu/people/meet-our-faculty/>)

College of Fine & Applied Arts

Fine & Applied Arts website (<https://faa.illinois.edu>)

Fine & Applied Arts catalog information (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/faa/>)