URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM

Master of Urban and Regional Planning (M.U.R.P.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Program Admission Deadlines:

Fall: February 15
Spring: October 15
Summer: February 15

Minimum Total Hours: 48
Program Level: Masters
CIP Code: 04.0301
Dept Code: GPY
Program (Major/College): URP AS

CONTACT INFORMATION

College: Arts and Sciences
Department: Geography
Contact Information: www.grad.usf.edu
Other Resources: www.usf4you.usf.edu

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The goal of the program is to train students to become planning practitioners able to work in a variety of public and private sector environments in a number of different fields. Graduates of this program will go on to play a vital role addressing the planning and public policy challenges in our region and beyond.

Effective planners must possess a wide range of cross-cutting skills; our program is therefore designed to foster strong analytical abilities; technological facility; effective communication skills; and deep knowledge in specialization areas. Our specialization areas build on the existing strengths of faculty across campus, and allow us to offer a program that will be distinctive within the state and around the country. Emphasis on environmental planning, building on faculty expertise in Geography, Geology and Environmental Sciences and Policy, gives our program a unique edge. Similarly, our courses in applied quantitative and geospatial analysis draw on the technological skills and high-quality facilities of the Geography Department; we will also have a strong program in Growth Management and Transportation Planning based on our links to the Center for Urban Transportation Research and the Florida Center for Community Design and Research. Graduates of the Masters program in Urban and Regional Planning will be able to:

1. Engage in policy-related research relevant to urban and regional issues
2. Assume positions of leadership public, private and nonprofit organizations engaged in planning, land use, and public policy
3. Further public discourse on the problems confronting cities and regions
4. Utilize communications and technical skills to become successful at all levels of the planning profession.

The program offers an MA with both a thesis and a non-thesis option. The Thesis Option Requires 42 credit hours of graduate level coursework with a six credit hour thesis. The Non-thesis option requires 48 credit hours of coursework followed by a Comprehensive Examination. Coursework includes a six course (18 credit) core; completion of a 3-6 internship credits (with students already working the field exempt upon approval). Students must maintain a 3.0 average.

Accreditation:
Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools.
ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

Program Admission Requirements
Students must
• have taken the GRE exam with a minimum score of at least 500 V and 500 Q, taken within the last five years preceding the application and the score submitted regardless of the GPA.
• have a bachelor's degree with a 3.00 undergraduate GPA
• two letters of recommendation (one from a faculty member)
• a “letter of intent” explaining your background and interest in Urban and Regional Planning sent directly to the Geography Department; all other admissions material is submitted to the Graduate School.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Total Minimum Hours: 48

The program required 48 hours and will be based on satisfactory (3.0) completion of the following:

Core Requirement

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<td>Planning, Theory, and History</td>
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<td>URP 6115</td>
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<td>Urban and Metro. Economic Development Strategies</td>
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Electives: 18 hours minimum

Eighteen (18) hours of credit approved by the major adviser.
Non-thesis students will complete 24-30 credits of electives.
Thesis students will complete 18-24 credits of electives.

Anthropology
ANG 5488 Quantitative Methods in Applied Anthropology (space permitting with Dept. permission) -
ANG 6447 Selected Topics in urban Anthropology (as appropriate, depending on topic) -
ANG 6448 Regional Problems in Urban Anthropology 3
ANG 6465 Regional Problems in Medical Anthropology 3
ANG 6766 Research Methods in Applied Anthropology 3

Architecture and Community Design
ARC 6397 Introduction to Urban Design 3
ARC 5931 The City 1-5

Economics
ECO 6505 Public Finance 3
ECO 6525 Public Sector Economics 3
ECP 6614 Urban Economics 3
ECP 6624 Regional Economics 3
Geography
GSI 5049 GIS for Non-majors 3
GEO 6166 Perspectives on Environmental Thought -
GEO 6159 GIS Seminar -
GEO 6178 Environmental Applications of GIS -
GEO 6345 Technological Hazards and Environmental Justice 3
GEO 6605 Contemporary Urban Issues 3
GEO 6704 Adv Transportation Geography 3

Public Administration/Political Science
POS 5159 Urban Policy Analysis 3
PAD 5333 Concepts and Issues in Public Planning -
PAD 5807 Urban and Local Government Administration 3
PAD 6336 Community Development Programs and Strategies 3
PAD 6338 Urban Land Use and Policy Administration 3
PAD 6339 Housing and Public Policy 3
PAD 6355 Urban Growth Management 3

Public Health
PHC 6120 Community Partnership Advocacy 3

Sociology
SYA 6475 Community Analysis -
SYA 6440 SPSS and Social Research -
SYA 6315 Qualitative Research 3
SYA 6655 Evaluation Research -

Transportation Engineering
TTE 5501 Transportation Planning and Economics 3
TTE 6651 Public Transportation 3
TTE 6655 Transportation and Land Use 3
CGN 6933 Land Use and Transportation 1-4

Comprehensive Exam
Students in the thesis option complete the thesis in lieu of a comprehensive exam.
Students in the non-thesis option complete a comprehensive exam.

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<td>GEO 6971 Thesis (3-6 hours)</td>
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<td>URP 6940 Internship in Urban and Regional Planning (3-6)</td>
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<td>In addition to the required courses listed above, all students will complete between 3-6 credits of internship (Students currently working in the field of planning can be exempt from this requirement with approval of the Program Director)</td>
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COURSES
See [http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/sabs.cfm](http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/sabs.cfm)