

Master of Urban Planning and Policy

Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** None required for admission.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
 - **TOEFL** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test), **OR**,
 - **IELTS** 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, **OR**,
 - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required.
- **Personal Statement** Required. The statement must address the applicant's educational and career goals and previous pertinent work, volunteer, and/or academic experience.
- **Other Requirements** Applicants must submit a recent paper, essay, or project of which they are the sole author or designer. This material may be of an academic, professional, or personal nature, and must be at least 1000 words in length. Applicants for research assistantship positions must submit a resume.
- **Deadlines** The application deadline for this program is earlier than the Graduate College deadline; [application deadlines](#) for this program are listed on the Graduate College website.

Degree Requirements

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 60.
- **Course Work** At least 24 hours must be at the 500 level, and at least 16 hours must be in the student's major area, including 12 at the 500-level.

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
UPP 458	Introduction to Geospatial Analysis and Visualization I	
UPP 461	Geographic Information Systems for Planning and Policy	
UPP 500	History and Theory of Urban Planning	
UPP 501	Urban Space, Place and Institutions	
UPP 502	Planning Skills: Computers, Methods and Communication	
UPP 505	Plan Making	
UPP 506	Plan-Making Studio	
UPP 508	Global Urbanization and Planning	

Specialization Requirements

Students must complete at least one three-course specialization in a substantive field of planning. Students may select from the following approved specializations or develop their own with faculty approval:

- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Environmental Planning and Policy
- Spatial Planning
- Urban Transportation

Community Development Specialization

Code	Title	Hours
UPP 540	Community Development I: Theory	
UPP 541	Community Development II: Practice	
Another 540-series or faculty-approved course		

Economic Development Specialization

Code	Title	Hours
UPP 530	Economic Development I: Analysis	
UPP 531	Economic Development II: Planning	
Another 530-series or faculty-approved course		

Environmental Planning and Policy Specialization

Code	Title	Hours
UPP 570	Environmental Planning and Policy	
UPP 571	Economic and Environmental Planning	
or UPP 572	Systems Methods for Environmental Planning and Policy	
Another 570-series or faculty-approved course		

Spatial Planning Specialization

Code	Title	Hours
UPP 550	Spatial Planning: Theoretical Foundations	
UPP 557	Spatial Planning: Methods	
Select one of the following:		
UPP 553	Land Use Law	
UPP 556	Spatial Planning: Studio	
UPP 558	Land Use Regulation and Planning	
Other course approved by the department		

Urban Transportation Specialization

Code	Title	Hours
UPP 560	Urban Transportation I: Introduction and Policy	
UPP 562	Urban Transportation II: Laboratory	
Another 560-series or faculty-approved course		

Other Requirements

- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Course-work-only or thesis. No other options are available.

- *Thesis*: No more than 16 hours of UPP 598 can be applied to the degree.
- *Course-work-only*: Professional portfolio required. 2 hours of UPP 595 required for the degree.
- **Other Requirements**
 - *Continuous Registration*: Students who have completed all degree requirements except the thesis/portfolio must register for zero semester hours to maintain continuity of registration.
 - *Internship*: Students must complete an approved 300-hour internship and register for UPP 590.

Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- Black Studies
- Gender and Women's Studies
- Survey Research Methodology