

# URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING, M.S.

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

| Face to Face | Evening/Weekend | Online | Hybrid | Accelerated |
|--------------|-----------------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Yes          | No              | No     | No     | No          |

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

| Requirement Detail                      |  |
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| Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement | 46 credits   |
| Minimum Residence Requirement           | 24 credits   |
| Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement | 23 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a> )). |
| Overall Graduate GPA Requirement        | 3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's GPA Requirement policy ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/</a> )).   |

**Other Grade Requirements** In addition to Graduate School requirements, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning requires that all core courses and all courses in a student's area of specialization (other than research credits) be taken on a graded (i.e., not satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.)

In all core courses and all courses in a student's area of specialization, a minimum grade of BC is considered satisfactory. Grades of C or below in core and specialization courses may not be counted toward degree requirements, but are still counted in the cumulative GPA. If a student receives a grade of C or below in a department required core course, the student must retake the course and achieve a satisfactory grade.

In elective courses, a grade of C or above is considered satisfactory.

Any course in which a student receives a grade of D or F may not be used to satisfy any department graduation requirements. However, these courses will still be counted in the cumulative GPA.

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| Assessments and Examinations | Students must complete either a thesis or a professional project. See details in the handbook. |
| Language Requirements        | No language requirements.  |

### REQUIRED COURSES

| Code  | Title  | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| <b>Planning Core</b>  |  |         |
| URB R PL/SOC WORK 721   | Methods of Planning Analysis                                 | 3       |
| URB R PL 742  | Planning Orientation Seminar                                 | 1       |
| URB R PL 781  | Planning Thought and Practice                                | 3       |
| URB R PL 833  | Planning and the Legal System                                | 3       |
| URB R PL 791  | Visual Communication for Planners                            | 3       |
| URB R PL 912  | Planning Workshop  | 4       |
| Select one of the following to satisfy the Structure and Functions of Cities and Regions requirement: |  |         |
| URB R PL 512  | Gentrification and Urban Restructuring                       | 2       |
| URB R PL 550  | Transportation and the Built Environment                     |         |
| URB R PL 601  | Site Planning  |         |
| URB R PL 611  | Urban Design: Theory and Practice                            |         |
| URB R PL 731  | Introduction to Regional Planning                            |         |
| URB R PL/ECON/PUB AFFR 734  | Regional Economic Problem Analysis                           |         |
| URB R PL 751  | Introduction to Financial Planning                           |         |
| URB R PL 761  | Central City Planning: Issues and Approaches                 |         |
| URB R PL 841  | Urban Functions, Spatial Organization and Environmental Form |         |
| URB R PL 844  | Housing and Public Policy                                    |         |
| Select one of the following to satisfy the Geospatial Methods requirement:                            |  | 2       |

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| LAND ARC 311                                | Introduction to Design Frameworks and Spatial Technologies          |           |
| LAND ARC 511                                | Geodesign Methods and Applications                                  |           |
| LAND ARC/<br>ENVIR ST/<br>SOIL SCI 695      | Applications of Geographic Information Systems in Natural Resources |           |
| GEOG/<br>CIV ENGR/<br>ENVIR ST 377          | An Introduction to Geographic Information Systems                   |           |
| GEOG 378                                    | Introduction to Geocomputing  |           |
| GEOG/ENVIR ST/<br>LAND ARC/<br>URB R PL 532 | Applications of Geographic Information Systems in Planning          |           |
| GEOG 578                                    | GIS Applications  |           |
| GEOG 579                                    | GIS and Spatial Analysis  |           |
| <b>Planning Concentration</b>               |   | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Electives <sup>1</sup></b>               |   | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Professional Practice Internship</b>     |   |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                        |   | <b>46</b> |

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Students may enroll in up to 2 credits of URB R PL 999 Independent Work concurrent with work on their final professional project.

### **Urban and Regional Planning and Public Affairs or International Public Affairs (M.S. IN URPL/MPA or MIPA)**

The Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture and the La Follette School of Public Affairs offer a double degree Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning and either a Master of Public Affairs or Master of International Public Affairs. Students completing the double degree must follow the double degree plan. The Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture requires **46** credits for the Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning. The La Follette School requires **42** credits for the Master of Public Affairs/Master of International Public Affairs. Per UW-Madison Graduate School policy, an overlap of 25% of credits is permitted (**11** credits can count toward both degrees). Students can graduate with both degrees by completing **77** credits in three years.

Graduate coordinators for both programs have sample curricular plans that they will share with prospective or current students to assist with successful completion of all degree requirements.