

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING, PHD

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 |
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| 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 Credit Requirement | 51 credits |
| Minimum Residence Credit Requirement | 32 credits |
| Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement | 26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/). |
| Overall Graduate GPA Requirement | 3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/). |

Other Grade Requirements The minimum average GPA in courses satisfying the Structure and Processes of Cities and Regions requirement shall be 3.5. If a student does not achieve this GPA in the three courses s/he identifies, they may continue to take courses (within the general departmental PhD program policies of how long a student may be a pre-dissertator) from the list provided until they have three courses where their average GPA is 3.5.

Assessments and Examinations The department administers three preliminary field examinations. The purpose of the preliminary examinations is to satisfy the department that the student is knowledgeable about the central theoretical and methodological perspectives common to the field of planning, and has sufficient knowledge about the design and conduct of research to undertake the dissertation.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

PhD students and their advisors are responsible for filing copies of executed breadth agreements with the PhD program committee. The breadth requirement must be satisfied prior to filing the warrant for the preliminary examination.

REQUIRED COURSES

All doctoral students are required to complete 9 credits on the structure and processes of cities and regions. These courses shall cover the nature of urban and regional development processes over time and the impact of urban and regional development on the social, economic, environmental, institutional, and physical structure of cities and regions. Courses should also cover the response of federal, state and local governments to the issues and problems generated by such development and the planner's role in developing public policy and programs to deal with those problems and issues.

Courses satisfying the requirement for this component of doctoral studies must be approved by the student's PhD advisor and then by the PhD program committee and shall be recorded on a form provided by the committee.

The remainder of the required credits to reach a minimum of 51 typically are made up of research credits (URB R PL 990).

Coursework Satisfying Requirement for Structure and Processes of Cities and Regions

| Code | Title | Credits |
|----------------------------|---|---------|
| ECON 475 | Economics of Growth | 3-4 |
| ECON 712 | Economic Theory-Macroeconomics Sequence | 3 |
| ECON/REAL EST/URB R PL 420 | Urban and Regional Economics | 3 |
| URB R PL/ECON/REAL EST 420 | Urban and Regional Economics | 3 |
| REAL EST/ECON/URB R PL 420 | Urban and Regional Economics | 3 |

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| A A E 731 | Frontiers in Development Economics 2 | 3 |
| A A E/REAL EST/ URB R PL 520 | Community Economic Analysis | 3 |
| GEOG/ URB R PL 505 | Urban Spatial Patterns and Theories | 3 |
| ISY E 516 | Introduction to Decision Analysis | 3 |
| PUB AFFR 873 | Introduction to Policy Analysis | 3 |
| PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI/ URB R PL 874 | Policy-Making Process | 3 |
| POLI SCI/ PUB AFFR/ URB R PL 874 | Policy-Making Process | 3 |
| URB R PL/POLI SCI/ PUB AFFR 874 | Policy-Making Process | 3 |
| REAL EST/ URB R PL 720 | Urban Economics | 3 |
| REAL EST 978 | Research Seminar in Real Estate and Urban Land Economics | 1 |
| URB R PL/ECON/ PUB AFFR 734 | Regional Economic Problem Analysis | 3 |
| URB R PL 751 | Introduction to Financial Planning | 3 |