

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING, PH.D.

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

Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's GPA Requirement policy (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 Ph.D. 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.

Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or a Graduate/Professional certificate.

If choosing a doctoral minor, Option A requires a minimum of 9 credits in a single department/major field of study. Selection of this option requires the approval of the minor department under the guidelines of that department and on forms developed for that purpose by the selected department. Option B requires a minimum of 9 credits in one or more departments and can include coursework in URPL. Selection of this option requires the approval of the department's Ph.D. program committee. Forms for the filing of Option B minors are available from the Ph.D. program committee.

Ph.D. students and their advisers are responsible for filing copies of executed minor agreements with the Ph.D. program committee. The minor field 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. They 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 Ph.D. advisor and then by the Ph.D. 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 (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
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
I SY 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