The minor in the urban and regional planning shall consist of 9 credits of coursework taken in the department (http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/urb_r_pl/).

Courses shall be taken with those faculty who have some percent of budgeted appointment in the department (so-called core faculty).

Courses taken shall be at the 600 level and above, excluding URB R PL 699 Directed Study, and no more than 3 credits of URB R PL 999 Independent Work.

The student, in consultation with the department’s minor advisor (the Ph.D. program committee chair unless otherwise designated), shall select the 9 credits. To the extent possible, the student shall select a set of courses which give the student a breadth of understanding of the theory and methods of the field of urban and regional planning, and which provide some depth in an area of urban and regional planning concentration. Students must consult with a member of the faculty on the selection of these courses and secure a note of endorsement (e.g., an email message) for their course selection for the faculty member or the chair of the PhD program committee.

The student shall execute a minor agreement (on a form to be provided by the Ph.D. program committee) specifying the courses that the student will take. On completion of all the agreed-upon courses, the student’s warrant will be signed by the chair of the Ph.D. program committee.

A 3.5 grade point average shall be required for minor certification. If a student does not achieve this GPA in the 9 credits the student identifies, the student may, in consultation with the minor advisor, select additional courses, so that the student completes 9 credits where the average GPA is 3.5.

The Ph.D. program committee shall review the merits of individual requests for the application of credits from other institutions toward a minor in the urban and regional planning. The total number of credits that may be accepted in this manner will not exceed 3.