

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), 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. 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 two 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

Code	Title	Credits
Structure and Process of Cities & Regions		
Students are required to complete three courses (9 credits) on the structure and processes of cities and regions. Refer to the list below.		9
Breadth		9
Research Methods		
Students are required to complete 9 credits of research design and methods coursework. Requirements include at least one course in research design and at least one course in quantitative research methods. A list of approved courses is provided by the department.		9
Elective Courses and Dissertator Courses		
Students complete elective and/or dissertator courses. Elective credits must be graduate level coursework		18-20
URB R PL 990	Research and Thesis	
Spring PhD Seminar		
Students in the URPL PhD Program are expected to participate in the 1 credit PhD Research Seminar (URB R PL 932) each Spring semester		4-6
Total Credits		51

Coursework Satisfying Requirement for Structure and Processes of Cities and Regions

Code	Title	Credits
ECON/REAL EST/ URB R PL 420	Urban and Regional Economics	3

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ECON 475	Economics of Growth	3-4
GEOG/ URB R PL 505	Urban Spatial Patterns and Theories	3
ISY E 516	Introduction to Decision Analysis	3
AA E/REAL EST/ URB R PL 520	Community Economic Analysis	3
C&E SOC/SOC 541	Environmental Stewardship and Social Justice	3
ECON 712	Economic Theory-Macroeconomics Sequence	3
REAL EST/ URB R PL 720	Urban Economics	3
AA E 731	Frontiers in Development Economics 2	3
URB R PL/ECON/ PUB AFFR 734	Regional Economic Problem Analysis	3
URB R PL 751	Introduction to Financial Planning	3
URB R PL 781	Planning Thought and Practice	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 978	Research Seminar in Real Estate and Urban Land Economics	1