City Planning

IN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
IN THE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND FINE ARTS

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General Information
The School of Public Affairs offers graduate study leading to the Master of City Planning degree.

The San Diego metropolitan community affords significant internship opportunities for the graduate student in federal, state, and local government agencies.

Master of City Planning Degree
Admission to Graduate Study
All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to Graduate Admissions and to the School of Public Affairs.

All students must submit admissions materials electronically before April 1:
1. Letters of recommendation (two letters from professors or employers);
2. Unofficial transcripts;
3. Current curriculum vitae or resume;
4. Personal statement (500 word essay) providing background and general interest, reasons for choosing this graduate degree. Include professional aspirations and special areas of interest in planning.

For information regarding the admissions process, visit the school website at http://spa.sdsu.edu.

Advancement to Candidacy
All students must meet the general requirements for advancement to candidacy, as described in Requirements for Master’s Degrees and be recommended by faculty. In order to be recommended for advancement, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.0 in 24 units of city planning courses.

Specific Requirements for the Master of City Planning Degree
(Major Code: 02061) (SIMS Code: 665917)
In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing for the purpose of pursuing the Master of City Planning degree, the student must complete an approved program of study consisting of at least 48 units of approved 500-, 600-, and 700-numbered courses, with no more than nine units of 500-level courses, to include:

1. Complete the following core courses:
   - C P 630 Seminar in Urban Planning Implementation ..................................3
   - C P 640 Seminar in Urban Planning Theory ..................................3
   - C P 660 City Planning and Geographic Information Systems Applications ........3
   - C P 670 History of Urban Planning ..................................3
   - C P 675 Seminar in Environmental Policy and Planning ..................3
   - C P 690 Seminar in Land Use Planning Principles and Techniques ..........3
   - C P 695 Computer Applications for Urban Design ..........................3
   - C P 700 Urban Design and Land Use Planning Studio ......................3

2. Twelve units of 600- and 700-numbered courses in planning elective courses, readings and research.

3. C P 796 Internship in Urban Planning.............................................3-6 (Cr/NC)

4. P A 604 Methods of Analysis in Public Administration and Urban Affairs ..................3

5. P A 606 Seminar in Quantitative Approaches to Public Administration ........3

6. Other electives to complete program selected with the approval of adviser.

7. Students in Plan B are required to enroll in Public Administration 795, Capstone Seminar in Public Affairs (3). Students who have approval of the graduate adviser to pursue Plan A must include City Planning 799A, Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP.

At least 39 units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University, and at least 24 units of program courses shall be enrolled in and completed after advancement to candidacy.

Not more than a total of nine units in courses 797 and 798 will be accepted for credit toward the degree.

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Requirements for Master’s Degrees

1. Present an academic record consistent with the Master of City Planning degree.

2. Achieve a minimum of 3.00 for the Master of City Planning degree.

3. Complete 48 units of approved 500-, 600-, and 700-numbered courses.

4. Achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 in 24 units of city planning courses.

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Courses Acceptable for Master's Degree Program in City Planning (C P)
Refer to Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

GRADUATE COURSES

C P 625. Quantitative Techniques in Urban Planning (3)
Prerequisite: Public Administration 604.
Advanced techniques for analyzing problems in city planning; emphasis on computer applications.

C P 630. Seminar in Urban Planning Implementation (3)
Analysis of the content and function of zoning, subdivision regulation, codes, capital budgeting, urban renewal, model cities, and other implementation methods and programs.

C P 635. Seminar in Housing Policy and Community Development (3)
Study, definition, and analysis of housing needs and problems. Public policies and programs addressing the availability and affordability of housing, and equitable economic development.

C P 640. Seminar in Urban Planning Theory (3)
Prerequisite recommended: City Planning 630.
Alternative theories of planning and organization of the planning function. Emphasis on conceptual foundations, relationship to governmental structure, decision making, and ideological and ethical orientations.

C P 660. City Planning and Geographic Information Systems Applications (3)
ArcGIS mapping software extensively utilized in city planning. Proficiency necessary to use software in professional context for work required by public and/or private sector planning employment.

C P 670. History of Urban Planning (3)
History of urban development and of the field of urban planning.

C P 675. Seminar in Environmental Policy and Planning (3)
Theoretical elements of environmental policy, sustainability; application to urban planning. Green site planning, urban design, and transportation policy.

C P 690. Seminar in Land Use Planning Principles and Techniques (3)
Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.
Prerequisite: City Planning 660.
Land-use and physical planning principles and techniques at the regional, community, specific and subdivision planning levels.

C P 695. Introductory Urban Design Studio (3)
One lecture and six hours of laboratory.
Acquisition of computer graphics skills to successfully communicate urban design ideas and plans. Focus on laboratory work and the production of planning related graphic pieces.

C P 700. Urban Design and Land Use Planning Studio (3)
Two lectures and three hours of laboratory.
Prerequisites: City Planning 690 and 695.
Preparation of land-use plans and planning reports at the regional, community and subdivision levels.

C P 710. Seminar in Theories of Urban Design (3)
Perspectives and methodologies of contemporary urban design and its contribution toward improving the quality of the physical, social and economic environment.

C P 730. Seminar in Urban Transportation Planning (3)
Issues, techniques and practices in urban transportation planning with general emphasis on interrelations between transportation and land use planning.

C P 796. Internship in Urban Planning (3-6) Cr/NC
Students will be assigned to various government agencies and will work under joint supervision of agency heads and the course instructor. Participation in staff and internship conferences. Maximum credit six units.

C P 797. Research in Urban Planning (3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisite recommended: Consent of director of city planning program.
Research in one of the areas of urban planning. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

C P 798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisite recommended: Consent of staff.
To be arranged with director of city planning and instructor. Individual study. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

C P 799A. Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy.
Preparation of a project or thesis for the master's degree.

C P 799B. Thesis Extension (0) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Prior registration in Thesis 799A with an assigned symbol of RP.
Registration required in any semester or term following assignment of RP in Course 799A in which student expects to use the facilities and resources of the university; also student must be registered in the course when the completed thesis is granted final approval.

C P 799C. Comprehensive Examination Extension (0) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Completion or concurrent enrollment in degree program courses.
Registration required of students whose only requirement is completion of the comprehensive examination for the master's degree. Registration in 799C limited to two semesters.

Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering
Refer to “Engineering” in this section of the bulletin.