

MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING

A candidate will be recommended for the MUP degree upon satisfactory completion of 80 units, normally completed as 20 units of required and elective courses each term. Lecture and seminar courses are usually four units, studios are usually eight units. Over the two years, students must take 28 units of core studio and required lecture courses, 12 units satisfying three Methods Requirements (Analytic Methods, Economic Methods, and Implementation Methods), 12 units satisfying one of the Areas of Concentration, and 8 units of project-based learning (a studio, an independent thesis, or two 4-unit pre-approved project-based courses). Students complete the remainder of the program with elective courses and, if they choose, additional studio or project-based options.

Current students should refer to the current MUP Curriculum Details based on their date of matriculation. At the beginning of each year, students are assigned a faculty advisor with whom they discuss curricular schedules and other academic matters. Concurrent and joint degree students must consult the rules governing such programs for additional information on curricular requirements.

First Term

0 Units	STU 1121	Pre-Term Workshop (August)
8 units	STU 1121	First Term Core Urban Planning Studio
2 units	VIS 2127	Representation for Planners
2 units	VIS 2128	Spatial Analysis
4 units	Analytic Methods Requirement*	
4 units	Methods Requirements*, Area of Concentration Requirement**, Project-Based Learning Requirement***, and/or general elective****	

Second Term

8 units	STU 1122	Second Term Core Urban Planning Studio
4 units	HIS 4152	Urban Planning Theory and Praxis: Comparative-Historical Origins and Applications
4 units	SES 5103	Public and Private Development
4 units	Methods Requirements*, Area of Concentration Requirement**, Project-Based Learning Requirement***, and/or general elective****	

Third Term

20 units	Methods Requirements*, Area of Concentration Requirement**, Project-Based Learning Requirement***, and/or general electives****	
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Fourth Term

20 units	Methods Requirements*, Area of Concentration Requirement**, Project-Based Learning Requirement***, and/or general electives****	
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Footnotes:

* *Methods Requirements*: Students must take 4 units in each of three methods requirements: Analytical Methods, Economic Methods, and Legal and Institutional Methods. Students must fulfill the Analytical Methods requirement in the first year and must obtain advance approval to not satisfy it in the first semester. Students who demonstrate sufficient experience may be able to waive some methods requirements or pass an exemption exam.

** *Area of Concentration Requirement*: Students must take at least 12 units of preapproved courses in one area of concentration. Core studios, required courses, methods requirements courses, independent thesis, and option studios may not be used to satisfy the Area of Concentration requirement. Only students declaring the Urban Design Area of Concentration may apply a UPD option studio to their concentration requirement.

**** Project-Based Learning Requirement:* Students must take a minimum of 8 units of Project-Based Learning, which may be met in one of three ways: an 8 unit option studio, an 8 unit independent thesis, or a total of 8 units in preapproved project-based courses that have a substantial amount of the assignment load (40% or more) comprised of an applied, real-world, project for an external client. Only students who receive a grade of “Pass” or higher in both required core studios may meet their Project-Based Learning requirement by declaring thesis. Candidates pursuing thesis must take 9204, Preparation for Independent Thesis Proposal for UPD, in the fall term of their second year.

***** No more than fifty percent of units may be taken outside the GSD in each term.*

Residence: Four terms of full-time study in residence are normally required for award of the degree. Under special circumstances, students may receive permission to reduce their course loads and extend their studies over a longer period. Concurrent and joint degree candidates must consult the rules governing concurrent and joint degrees for information on residency requirements.