

URBAN SCIENCES AND PLANNING

The Bachelor of Urban Sciences and Planning (BUSP) degree at the University of Florida prepares students to address complex urban challenges by integrating theoretical foundations with practical applications.

About this Program

- **College:** Design, Construction and Planning (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGDCP/>)
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Urban Sciences and Planning
- **Credits for Degree:** 120

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

Building on a strong base in urban planning and interdisciplinary courses, students explore how tools from economics, policy analysis, governance, ethics, data science, and geospatial analysis can be used to craft innovative solutions to built environment and environmental issues in the US and globally. Designed for careers in both public and private sectors, the Bachelor of Urban Sciences and Planning prepares student for careers in the fields of urban planning and applied data and spatial analytics.

Transfer Students

Transfer students must complete their AA degree and these courses with minimum grades of C:

- STA 2023
- ECO 2013
- ECO 2023
- POS 2041 or POS 2112

Transfer students must also have a 3.0 minimum overall GPA. Refer to the admissions website for transfer admission information, application deadlines, and online application.

Coursework for the Major

The BUSP degree program requires 120 credit hours. Students complete 51 hours of coursework in the major. Each course in the major is 3 credit hours and 100% of these courses are required. Students will be required to complete their general education requirements (30 credits, 6 courses covered by program requirements). Twenty-one (21) credits from outside the department are required as critical tracking courses. This will leave 48 additional credits of elective (21 of which must be 3000-level or higher). Students are encouraged to use elective coursework to pursue a minor or certificate.

Students should meet with an advisory as early as possible in their academic careers to plan their course of study.

The specific coursework for the major is as follows:

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
LAA 1330	Site Analysis	3
ECO 2013	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECO 2023	Principles of Microeconomics	4
STA 2023	Introduction to Statistics 1	3
POS 2041 or POS 2112	American Federal Government American State and Local Government	3
Approved history elective		3
Approved ethics elective		3
Approved Governance and Law elective		3
Approved Data & Methods elective		3
Approved Communications elective		3
URP 4000	Preview of Urban and Regional Planning	3
URP 4273	Survey of Planning Information Systems	3
URP 4744	Neighborhood Planning	3
DCP 4300	AI in the Built Environment	3
URP 4942	Community Service	3
URP 4XXX	Urban Planning Studio 1	3
URP 4XXX	Urban Planning Studio 2	3

URP electives	12
Total Credits	62

Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for progress toward each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites (<https://cpm.flvc.org/advance-search/>) may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- Complete DCP 1003 with minimum grade of C
- 2.6 UF GPA Required

Semester 2

- Complete URP 1XXX This Must Be the Place and (ECO 2023 or ECO 2013) and LAA 1330 with minimum grades of C
- 2.6 UF GPA Required

Semester 3

- Complete (ECO 2023 or ECO 2013) and STA 2023 with minimum grades of C
- 2.75 UF GPA Required

Semester 4

- Complete URP 2001 and (POS 2041 or POS 2112) with minimum grades of C
- 3.0 UF GPA Required

Semester 5

- Complete URP 4000 and URP 4273

Semester 6

- Complete URP 4744 and DCP 4300

Semester 7

- Complete URP 4942 and URP 4XXX Urban Planning Studio 1

Semester 8

- Complete URP 4XXX Urban Planning Studio 2

Model Semester Plan

Students are required to complete a Quest 1 course in semester 1 or 2, and a Quest 2 course in semester 3 or 4.

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

Course	Title	Credits
Semester One		
Quest 1 (Gen Ed Humanities)		3
DCP 1003	Creating our Built Environment (Critical Tracking)	1
State Core Gen Ed Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
State Core Gen Ed Composition (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities (PHI 2010 recommended)		3
		Credits
		13
Semester Two		
LAA 1330	Site Analysis (Critical Tracking)	3

ECO 2023	Principles of Microeconomics (Critical Tracking ; Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)	4
URP 1XXX	This Must Be the Place (Critical Tracking)	3
Gen Ed Composition		3
Approved Communication Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
Credits		16
Semester Three		
ECO 2013	Principles of Macroeconomics (Critical Tracking ; State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)	4
STA 2023	Introduction to Statistics 1 (Critical Tracking ; State Core Gen Ed Mathematics)	3
Gen Ed Biological and Physical Sciences		3
Approved History Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
Electives 1000/2000 level		3
Credits		16
Semester Four		
Quest 2 (Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences)		3
POS 2041 or POS 2112	American Federal Government (Critical Tracking ; State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences) or American State and Local Government	3
URP 2001	Comparative Urbanization ((Critical Tracking ; Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences and International)	3
Gen Ed Mathematics		3
Approved Ethics Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
Credits		15
Semester Five		
URP 4273	Survey of Planning Information Systems (Critical Tracking)	3
URP 4000	Preview of Urban and Regional Planning (Critical Tracking)	3
Approved Data and Methods Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
Approved Governance and Law Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
Elective 3000/4000 level		3
Credits		15
Semester Six		
DCP 4300	AI in the Built Environment (Critical Tracking)	3
URP 4744	Neighborhood Planning (Critical Tracking)	3
URP Electives (Critical Tracking)		6
Elective 3000/4000 level		3
Credits		15
Semester Seven		
URP 4XXX	Urban Planning Studio 1 (Critical Tracking)	3
URP 4942	Internship (Critical Tracking)	3
URP Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
Electives 3000/4000 level		6
Credits		15
Semester Eight		
URP 4XXX	Urban Planning Studio 2 (Critical Tracking)	3
URP Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
Electives 3000/4000 level		9
Credits		15
Total Credits		120

Approved Electives

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Students must choose one course from each of the following five categories.

History

Code	Title	Credits
ARC 1000	Architecture + Humanity	3
ARC 1720	Survey of Architecture History	3
DCP 4000	Overview of Historic Preservation	3

GEO 3611	Housing, People, and Places in a Spatially Diverse America	3
GEO 4554	Regional Development	3
LAA 2710	History of Landscape Architecture	3

Ethics

Code	Title	Credits
IDS 1114	Ethics and the Public Sphere	3
PHI 3681	Ethics, Data, and Technology	3
PUP 3002	Current Controversies in Public Policy	3

Governance and Law

Code	Title	Credits
ISS 2122	The History of Political Economy	3
ISS 2440	Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law	3
POS 3122	State Politics	3

Communications

Code	Title	Credits
GEO 4170	Communicating Science in the Geosciences	3
SPC 2351	Listening	3
SPC 2608	Introduction to Public Speaking	3

Methods and Data Tools

Code	Title	Credits
AMH 3593	Oral History	3
EEL 3872	Artificial Intelligence Fundamentals	3
GEO 3602	Urban and Business Geography	3
GEO 4170	Communicating Science in the Geosciences	3
GEO 4700	Transportation and Urban Accessibility	3
GIS 2114	The World & Big Data	3
GIS 4324	GIS Analysis of Hazard Vulnerability	3