

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
(Final; Information)

EP.27.036 Report of Changes in Temporary Admission Status through September 28, 2026

Listed below are changes in temporary suspensions to admissions status (including adding, removing, or extending such an extension) reported at the August 31, 2026 meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP). Additional information for each proposal is attached.

A. Graduate Programs

- 1. Temporary Suspension of Admission to the Master of Sustainable Urban Design in Sustainable Urban Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College (key 612) -**
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An intentional pause in admissions will enable the department and college to further review the program's intended audience and requirements and determine if a redesign or deactivation is justified.

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Report to the Senate Educational Policy Committee of a Temporary Suspension of Admission of a Degree, Major, Concentration, or Minor

Temporary Suspension – To temporarily suspend admission to/enrollment in a program for a semester, year, or more. Please fill out this form. Once completed, please upload this as part of a CIM Program revision online. If you have questions, please email Brooke Newell (bsnewell@illinois.edu).

Suspension of Admission in order to Eliminate or Replace a Program – To phase down and eliminate a program. This is not the appropriate form. Please complete a phase down/elimination in the CIM P online system.

Non-Direct Admission Designated Program (previously “Permanent Suspension”) – To change a program’s admission status from open to one that does not directly admit students. This is not the appropriate form. Please fill out the **Change to Non-Direct Admission Status** form.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Official Program Name (*Example: Business Administration, MS*): Sustainable Urban Design, MSUD
2. What is the anticipated duration of the suspension of admission? One academic year (the program is not recruiting in 2026-2027 for AY 2027-28) Be specific – list in semesters or years.
3. What governance process was used to make this decision? Consultation with the Department Head, Associate Head, and department faculty. Consultation with college office.
4. Have students been accepted, but have not yet matriculated into the program? No students have been enrolled in the program since spring 2024.
5. How many students are currently enrolled in the program? 0.
6. Are there plans to direct prospective students to a different program during the suspension period?
Yes / No
If yes, please specify the program(s). Please attach your communication with the affected program(s) to this proposal as an appendix (required).
7. Indicate any advising or other impact on continuing students in the suspended program: None
8. How will you ensure that current students in the suspended program will be able to continue their degree progress? Not applicable.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

9. Does this suspension affect any other units on campus? Yes / No
If yes, please explain. Please attach your communication with the affected units to this proposal as an appendix (required).

10. Does this suspension affect students outside of the unit? Yes / No
If yes, please explain.

11. Catalog Page Text: *The text below will appear on the Academic Catalog page for the program unless the sponsoring unit needs alternative text. If that is the case, provide the text below.*

This program is not accepting applications for academic year(s) 2026 - 2027.

10KS5721MSUD: SUSTAINABLE URBAN DESIGN, MSUD

In Workflow

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Approval Path

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3. Mon, 15 Jun 2026 18:00:37 GMT
David Hays (dlhays): Approved for 1569-LAARC Head
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Nicole Turner (nicturn): Approved for KR Dean
5. Fri, 21 Aug 2026 18:00:32 GMT
Tom Teper (tteper): Approved for University Librarian
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8. Wed, 26 Aug 2026 19:02:14 GMT
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History

1. Mar 25, 2019 by Deb Forgacs (dforgacs)
2. May 2, 2019 by Mary Lowry (lowry)
3. Oct 29, 2020 by Mary Lowry (lowry)
4. Mar 1, 2022 by Nicole Turner (nicturn)
5. Aug 2, 2024 by Nicole Turner (nicturn)
6. Mar 12, 2025 by Nicole Turner (nicturn)
7. Jun 24, 2025 by Brooke Newell (bsnewell)

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Changes proposed by: Nicole Turner

Proposal Type:

Major (ex. Special Education)

This proposal is for a:

Revision

Administration Details

Official Program Name

Sustainable Urban Design, MSUD

Sponsor College

Fine & Applied Arts

Sponsor Department

Landscape Architecture

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If additional stakeholders other than the Sponsor and College Contacts listed above should be contacted if questions during the review process arise, please list them here.

KR Dean

Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

No

Catalog Term

Desired Effective Catalog Term

Fall 2026

Effective Catalog

2026-2027

Proposal Title

Proposal Title (either Establish/Revise/Eliminate the Degree Name in Program Name in the College of XXXX, i.e., Establish the Bachelor of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, include the Graduate College for Grad Programs)

Temporary Suspension of Admission to the Master of Sustainable Urban Design in Sustainable Urban Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College

Are there other related proposals that should be considered simultaneously with this one? If yes, please list the program keys and/or titles. Consider Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Joint Programs in your department. Please know that this information is used administratively to move related proposals through workflow efficiently and together as needed. Format your response like the following "This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145)"

Program Justification

Provide a brief description, using a numbered item list, of the proposed changes to the program.

Provide a list of numbered items of what changed and why each change was necessary.

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Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects outside of the sponsoring department impacted by the creation/revision of this program?

No

Program Features

Academic Level

Graduate

Does this major have transcribed concentrations?

No

What is the longest/maximum time to completion of this program?

11 month

What are the minimum Total Credit Hours required for this program?

37

What is the required GPA?

2.75

CIP Code

303301 - Sustainability Studies.

SOC Code(s) (Should be completed only for Certificates:)

Does this program prepare graduates for entry into a career or profession that is regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

Program of Study

Revised programs

MSUD Report-of-Temporary-Suspension-of-Admission-1.docx

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Code	Title	Hours
LA 537	Planning & Design Studio II	5
LA 589	Sustainable Urban Design Theory	4
Choose one elective broadly related to urban design:		3-4
GGIS 408	Humans and River Systems	
GGIS 438	Geography of Health Care	
GGIS 466	Environmental Policy	
GGIS 479	Advanced Topics in GIS	
GGIS 496	Climate & Social Vulnerability	
LA 570	Landscapes and Human Health	
LA 587	Graduate Seminar	
LA 597	Research Design & Methods	
PSYC 472	Environmental Psychology	
Choose one elective concerning urban systems:		2-4
ARCH 418	History of the Urban Environment	
GGIS 410	Green Development	
GGIS 465	Transportation & Sustainability	
LA 480	Sustainable Design Principles	
UP 418	Intermediate GIS and Spatial Analysis	

LA 482	Advanced Design Communications	4
LA 538	Urban Design Research Studio	5
LA 446	Sustainable Planning Seminar	4
UP 475	Real Estate Development Fundamentals	4
LA 592	Urban Design Capstone Studio	6
Total Hours		37

Other Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Minimum GPA:		2.75

Corresponding Degree

MSUD Master of Sustainable Urban Design

Program Regulation and Assessment**Plan to Assess and Improve Student Learning**

Illinois Administrative Code: 1050.30(b)(1)(D) Provision is made for guidance and counseling of students, evaluations of student performance, continuous monitoring of progress of students toward their degree objectives and appropriate academic record keeping.

Are the learning outcomes for the program listed in the Academic Catalog?

Yes

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the basic structures and functions of urban systems.
2. Have a deep level of understanding of the fundamentals of sustainability and their functional links to urban systems.
3. Be proficient in applying various types of design software and spatial analysis techniques.
4. Be able to combine sustainability principles and urban design theory and practice to address urban landscape issues at local and global levels.
5. Be comfortable working in multidisciplinary teams to solve complex urban problems.

Did you make any revisions to the learning outcomes you copied and pasted from the current academic catalog?

No

Program Description and Requirements Attach Documents**Delivery Method****This program is available:**

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

Admission Requirements**Is this revision a change to the admission status of the program?**Yes ~~No~~**Please describe the admission status change, whether suspension or resumption of the admission status:**

No students will be admitted for AY 2027-2028. The plan is for a one year temporary suspension of admission, with no recruitment during AY 2026-2027.

Provide a brief narrative description of the admission requirements for this program. Where relevant, include information about licensure requirements, student background checks, GRE and TOEFL scores, and admission requirements for transfer students.

Enrollment

Describe how this revision or phase down/elimination will impact enrollment and degrees awarded. If this is an elimination/phase down proposal include the plans for the students left in the program.

No students are currently enrolled in the program.

What is the matriculation term for this program?

Fall ONLY

Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision?

No

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available?

No

Additional Budget Information

Attach File(s)

Financial Resources

What tuition rate do you expect to charge for this program? e.g, Undergraduate Base Tuition, or Engineering Differential, or Social Work Online (no dollar amounts necessary)

FAA Graduate Differential - was approved as self supporting in Fall 2019

Are you seeking a change in the tuition rate or differential for this program?

No

Is this program requesting self-supporting status?

Yes No

Attach letters and self-supporting documents as applicable

Program Support

Provide a brief description of the support for this program, including the financial, faculty, space, advisors/staff. Discuss plans to acquire any additional support that will be needed. If new or additional facilities or significant improvements to already existing facilities is needed, describe the Facility Need, Year 1 and 5 cost, and any other applicable notes.

There is no support needed for the temporary suspension of admissions to the MSUD.

Attach any supporting documents as applicable.

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

The Library's resources, collections, and services are sufficient to meet the needs of the program outlined in this proposal.

EP Documentation

EP Control Number

EP:27.036

Attach Rollback/Approval Notices

Non-EP Documentation

U Program Review Comments

Rollback Documentation and Attachment

DMI Documentation

Attach Final Approval Notices

Banner/Codebook Name

MSUD: Sust Urban Design - UIUC

Program Code:

10KS5721MSUD

Minor Code

Conc Code

Degree Code

MSUD

Major Code

5721

Senate Approval Date

Senate Conference Approval Date

BOT Approval Date

IBHE Approval Date

HLC Approval Date

DOE Approval Date

n/a

Effective Date:

Program Reviewer Comments

Allison McKinney (agrandly) (Tue, 25 Aug 2026 14:47:24 GMT): Administratively approved.

Key: 612