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KR Dean

Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

No

Catalog Term

Desired Effective Catalog Term

Fall 2027

Effective Catalog

2027-2028

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)

Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies & Planning in the College of Fine and Applied Arts

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)"

This BAUSP (key 148) is related to:

New FA 27 BAUSP concentrations being proposed in approval workflow: Environmental Planning and Design (key 1421); Transportation (key 1423); and Housing, Community and Economic Development (key 1422);
Old BAUSP concentrations being deactivated in workflow:
Sustainability (key 690); Global Cities (key 687); Social Justice (key 689); Policy & Planning (key 688)

Also related to the BAUSP/MUP joint program as a revision in workflow: key 943.

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.

1- Remove UP 204 Chicago: Planning & Urban Life and add UP 185 Cities in a Global Perspective (NW Cultures & Social Sci Gen Ed) to "UP 203 or UP 204" category in UP core. UP 204 has been deactivated for FA 27 and UP 185 has been determined to provide a suitable alternative to still provide students a choice. UP 203 is Cities: Planning & Urban Life. No change in credit hours, as all three courses are three hours each. UP 185 is not added in Gen Ed table due to it being an elective 'or' option and not a specific requirement.

2- Add UP 218 as requirement to UP core. While previously an elective, requiring a GIS fundamentals course provides all BAUSP students with the technical skills that are increasingly expected in planning practice, government agencies, consulting firms, and nonprofit organizations. Requiring UP 218 ensures that all graduates can collect, manage, visualize, and interpret spatial data at a foundational level. (+3 hrs)

3- UP 347 is required in spring of junior year but the department has historically offered individual course substitutions for students who study abroad in that term. There are some abroad courses available as articulated options for UP 347 or the advisor may work with the student to find an alternative course at UIUC, such as UP 357. The POS is intended to state the requirement and to encourage students to work with their advisor.

4- Remove UP 457 from workshop options. This course has not been offered since SP 19 and there are no current faculty projected to teach the course. The status of this course is under discussion this year, to discern if it will be deactivated. Students still have 4

workshops to select 1 workshop from. One of the remaining workshops (UP 455) hasn't been offered since SP 14, but it is projected to be offered again in the future.

5- Add new category: Advanced Skills Development with student choice of UP 317, 320, 418, or 479. The requirement provides flexibility while ensuring that all students gain advanced skills in communication, data analysis, spatial analysis, or public participation. These competencies reflect the interdisciplinary nature of planning and prepare graduates to effectively analyze urban issues, engage diverse stakeholders, and communicate planning solutions in professional, civic, and community contexts. (+ 3 hrs)

6- The 4 current concentrations will be sunset when the last cohort of Spring 2027 and earlier students have graduated. They are removed from the FA 27 BAUSP degree table as they are not options for FA 27 catalog year students (publicly) and they are removed from the BAUSP in CIM-P in the Program Feature section. Two of the previous concentrations are not directly reflected in the newer concentrations: Social Justice and Global Cities. Each of these concentrations were developed over a decade ago during a time when they were areas where specialization ensured sustained exposure to these areas. In the current BAUSP curriculum, global perspectives and issues of social justice are fully integrated throughout courses and learning experiences rather than confined to specific areas of study. For example, you can see Social Justice reflected in the first Program Learning Outcome and Global Context in the second Program Learning Outcome. In recognition of this broader curricular approach, the Sustainability and Policy concentrations have been re-envisioned and replaced with new curricular structures, described below.

7- Three new concentrations are proposed: Environmental Planning and Design (key 1421); Transportation (key 1423); Housing, Community and Economic Development (key 1422) and added to the POS and linked to the BAUSP. The BAUSP faculty committee examined areas of research strength and courses in the undergraduate curriculum, as well as program learning outcomes and industry/organization career needs in developing the new concentrations. There is no overlap in courses across the three concentrations. Students may elect to complete more than one concentration. This is because there is absolutely no overlap in courses, so even if students completed all three concentrations they would be completing 3 courses in each with no double counting. The college confirmed that Banner is able to code 3 undergraduate concentrations on one undergraduate major/degree. At least 3 hours of the three courses must be at the 300 or 400 level. Pursuing multiple concentrations may be applicable for a student who may have genuine interests that cross concentration boundaries, for students who want to keep career options open, for students who are building interdisciplinary projects, for students who want to stand out to employers or a graduate program, or for students who have significant free electives in their schedule and choose to spend them taking additional courses in UP.

8- The concentration hours are updated from 9-11 to 9. All of the concentrations require 9 hours and students may pick and choose courses of any credit hour within the concentration list to meet that requirement.

9- The major core hours are updated from 43 to 49 to reflect the additional 6 hours added to the major.

The program learning outcomes are not being revised as part of this proposal. The outcomes were updated during the 2024–2025 academic year, and the curricular changes proposed here were developed to support and advance the achievement of those recently adopted goals.

An updated sample schedule is attached.

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?

Yes

Please describe:

1- UP 204 Chicago: Planning & Urban Life is deactivated for FA 27
2- Eliminate concentration: Global Cities
3- Eliminate concentration: Policy & Planning
4- Eliminate concentration: Social Justice
5- Eliminate concentration: Sustainability

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

Undergraduate

Does this major have transcripted concentrations?

Yes

Concentrations

Concentrations(s)
~~Urban Studies & Planning: Global Cities, BA~~
~~Urban Studies & Planning: Policy & Planning, BA~~
~~Urban Studies & Planning: Social Justice, BA~~
~~Urban Studies & Planning: Sustainability, BA~~
Urban Studies & Planning: Environmental Planning and Design, BA
Urban Studies & Planning: Housing, Community and Economic Development, BA
Urban Studies & Planning: Transportation, BA

Will you admit to the concentration directly?

No

Is a concentration required for graduation?

Yes

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

4 years

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

120

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

Provide detailed information (course rubrics, numbers, and credit hours) of how a student could obtain 40 credit hours of upper-division coursework.

Core Major Hours: ~~40 hour upper division/advanced course requirement~~
UP 312 - 4 hours
UP 316 - 3 hours
UP 347 - 4 hours

UP 447, UP 455, UP 456, or UP 478 ~~Workshop~~ - 4 hours
Adv Skills Dev (UP 320 or 317 or 418 or 479) ~~UP 401~~ - 3 to 4 ~~1 hour 24~~ hours
UP 401 - 1 hour
3 hrs ~~selected from additional 15 hours~~ of UP ~~UP electives, UP~~ concentration
= 22 hours minimum
18 ~~courses, or free electives ***This major estimates 28~~ hours selected from 'additional 15 hours of UP electives', remaining 6 hours of UP concentration courses, or free electives (estimated at 23 hours) ~~free electives.~~

Revised programs

BAUSP Sample Schedule FA 27.xlsx
UP 204 deactivation approved FA27.pdf

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300- or 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/) (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Composition I		4-6
Advanced Composition		3
fulfilled by UP 312		
Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)		6
Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)		6
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)		6
fulfilled by ECON 102 or ACE 100; and AAS 100 or AFRO 100 or GGIS 101 or GGIS 104 or LLS 100 or SOC 100		
Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)		3
Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)		3
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)		3
Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)		6-10
fulfilled by UP 116 or STAT 100; and UP 316		
Language Requirement (Completion of the third semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required)		0-15

Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Courses		**10 minimum**
FAA 101	Arts at Illinois	1
ECON 102	Microeconomic Principles	3
or ACE 100	Introduction to Applied Microeconomics	
UP 116	Urban Informatics I (or equivalent)	3
or STAT 100	Statistics	
3-4 hours selected from:		3-4
AAS 100	Intro Asian American Studies	

AFRO 100	Intro to African American St	
GGIS 101	Global Development & Environment	
GGIS 104	Social and Cultural Geography	
LLS 100	Intro Latina/Latino Studies	
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	

Code	Title	Hours
Urban Studies & Planning Core		**49 minimum**
UP 101	Introduction to City Planning	3
UP 201	Planning in Action	3
UP 203	Cities: Planning & Urban Life	3
or UP 185	Cities in a Global Perspective	
UP 211	Local Planning, Gov't and Law	3
UP 218	GIS Fundamentals for Planners	3
UP 312	Communication for Planners	4
UP 316	Urban Informatics II	3
UP 347	Junior Planning Workshop	4
If studying abroad in spring of junior year, consult with advisor for potential alternatives.		
Select one Advanced Skills Development course from:		3-4
UP 317	Introduction to Urban Data Science	
UP 320	Digital Storytelling	
UP 418	Intermediate GIS and Spatial Analysis	
UP 479	Community Engagement in Planning	
Select one workshop from:		4
UP 447	Land Use Planning Workshop	
UP 455	Economic Development Workshop	
UP 456	Sustainable Planning Workshop	
~~UP 457~~	~~Small Town/Rural Planning Workshop~~	
UP 478	Community Development Workshop	
UP 401	Professional Development Seminar (Individual portfolio development, networking opportunities, and a culmination event.)	1
Plus 15 hours of UP electives in addition to Foundation, Core, & Concentration		15

Code	Title	Hours
~~Sustainability (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/sustainability/)~~		
~~Global Cities (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/global-cities/)~~		
~~Policy & Planning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/policy-planning/)~~		
~~Social Justice (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/social-justice/)~~		
Required Concentration		**9**
One concentration is required. Students may select more than one concentration (two or all three). No courses may overlap with any other UP major requirements.		
Each concentration requires 9 credit hours, with at least 3 credit hours at the 300 or 400 level.		
Environmental Planning and Design (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/envir/)		
Housing, Community and Economic Development (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/hced/)		
Transportation (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/urban-studies-planning-ba/transport/)		

~~Foundation CoursesUrban Studies & Planning Core RequiredConcentration.Choose one below:~~ **Summary of Credits for the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Planning**

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		
Foundation Courses		10
Urban Studies & Planning Core		49
Concentration		9
Free Electives		
A minimum of 40 credits at the 300 or 400 course level are required		
Total Degree Hours		**120**

Corresponding Degree

BA Bachelor of Arts

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

Students who complete a degree in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning will be able to:

1. Identify and understand the planners' role in:
advocating for racial and economic equity;
planning for the needs of disadvantaged groups;
expanding choice and opportunity;
reducing inequities through critical evaluation of systems and institutions;
planning for sustainable communities;
reducing impacts of climate change; and
creating equitable and climate#adapted futures.

2. Demonstrate planning proficiency in a global context in the areas of:
history, theory, law and institutions;
the evolution of the practice of planning; and
urban and regional development.

3. Build and put into practice a set of skills that are central to the planning profession, including skills specific to:
communication, community engagement, and the planning process;
research and critical thinking;
mapping and data visualization; and
data collection and analysis, and data analytics.

4. Illustrate professional leadership values including collaborative skills and ethical behavior in research, client representation and decision-making.

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?

No

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.

~~Admitted students are not admitted directly to a concentration.There are no changes to admissions requirements.Students declare their concentration in the first or second year of study.Electing one of the four concentrations is required for graduation.Students may choose two concentrations, if they complete both gateway courses and distinct concentration courses, with no overlap.No more than two concentrations are permitted.~~

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.

Students are not admitted directly to a concentration, so no significant impact on enrollment is expected. The two eliminated concentrations have faced limited enrollment over time: Global Cities- 2 in FA 26, 3 in FA 25, 5 in FA 24, 0 in FA 23, 2 in FA 22, 3 in FA 21, 4 in FA 20.
Social Justice- 2 in FA 26, 4 in FA 25, 5 in FA 24, 5 in FA 23, 9 in FA 22, 9 in FA 21, 9 in FA 20.
All BAUSP enrolled majors:
108 in FA 26, 114 in FA 25, 110 in FA 24, 86 in FA 23, 99 in FA 22, 84 in FA 21, 90 in FA 20.
While the number of majors is growing larger, the number of students declaring these two concentrations is decreasing. There is potential that with the introduction of the new concentrations that it may increase interest and invite students new to the field to declare the major, which the department would welcome.

Current students are able to complete their degree requirements and concentrations based on the catalog year they entered the university with. Students who started the BAUSP major in FA 26 or earlier who wish to declare one of the new concentrations that launch in FA 27, they may do so for FA 27 while keeping their major catalog year the year they entered the university. No course substitutions will be made and they would need to complete the concentration requirements exactly as listed in the program of study.

The 4 old concentrations will be eliminated in June 2031 or when all current students have transitioned to the 3 new concentrations, whichever happens earlier.

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 Differential Undergraduate

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

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.

This program proposal was developed with consideration of requiring no new financial resources, faculty, advisors/staff, or physical space.

The only new courses are UP 186 and UP 218. UP 186 is also a General Education course open to students across campus. All other courses that make up the concentration are already developed and being offered. UP 218 has been woven into the on-load course teaching for UP faculty and is also offset by the deactivation of UP 204, one less course to be taught in the department moving forward.

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning includes 15 core faculty, an undergraduate advisor, and a director of undergraduate studies which serves 109 undergraduate majors and 77 minors (SP 26).

Temple Hoyne Buell Hall serves as the primary home for the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. The 73,000 square foot building was designed so that most classroom, studio, and office spaces have natural light available during the day, creating an inspiring environment for design education.

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.

Disciplinary specialist Mike Dickinson from the City Planning & Landscape Architecture Reference & Resource Center was consulted with and has stated, "These changes should not impact the Library's collections budget for the Department of Urban & Regional planning, or our ability to offer research assistance."

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