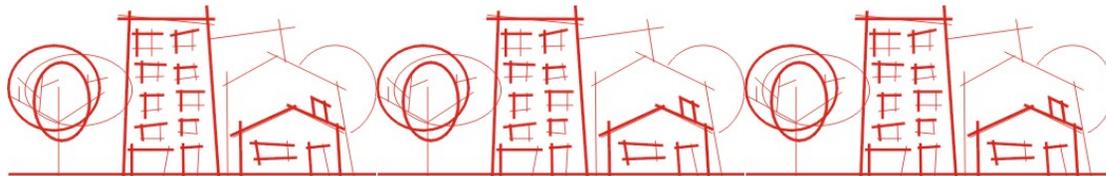


# UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING



## Objective:

Society's demands on the built and natural environment continue to increase. Planning addresses the interface between the social, environmental, and economic dimensions of cities and regions – never before has the need to shape visions and guide community outcomes been greater. The undergraduate minor in Urban and Regional Planning introduces students to the challenging and vital aspects of creating, improving and sustaining cities and regions.

## Requirements:

15 credit hours	6 hours core requirements	URP 3001 URP 4000
	9 hours electives selected from:	URP 2931 URP 4273 URP 4880 URP 4905 (several topics) Off-campus* Study abroad programs*

Application should be made early so that guidance can be given in terms of course selection and special studies parameters. To be accepted, students must have a 2.5 (C+) grade point average and maintain a C+ or higher in all minor coursework. No S grades will be accepted for the minor coursework. The URP Minor does not provide professional certification. It is the responsibility of each student to declare the minor through their major degree department or college.

\* Off-campus and study abroad programs will be accepted as electives based on prior approval by the Undergraduate Coordinator. If the student chooses to use any graduate level course to count toward the undergraduate minor, and thus ultimately the undergraduate degree, the student cannot later use that same course to count toward a graduate degree at the University of Florida.

## Course Descriptions

### Core Requirements

URP 3001 *Cities of the World*  
A large-scale course, this world urbanism overview covers basic issues in urban areas across the globe. This course is listed as an international and general elective in the university's core. Students explore the causes and consequences of rapid urbanization and learn about urban development. 3 credit hours, offered every fall and spring.

URP 4000 *Preview of Urban and Regional Planning*  
This is the capstone course for students pursuing the minor in URP. It provides the students with a foundation of knowledge about the processes, approaches, and outcomes of urban and regional planning at the national, regional, and local levels. 3 credit hours, offered every fall and spring, and often during the summer.

## **Electives**

URP 2931 *Seminar in Urban and Regional Issues*  
This course provides exposure to issues impacting the built and natural environments, including sprawl, growth management, community redevelopment and historic preservation, crime prevention through design, and applications of techniques such as geographic information systems and community visioning. The seminar hosts several speakers and experts in these areas. 3 credit hours, offered every spring.

URP 4273 *Survey of Planning Information Systems*  
Introduces students to concepts and theories associated with desktop geographic information systems (GIS), as related to urban and regional planning. 3 credit hours, offered every fall and spring.

URP 4880 *Crime Prevention Planning*  
This course is offered as a graduate course, and will be dual-listed as an undergraduate course. It focuses on strategies to mitigate crime through the design and management of the built environment. 3 credit hours, offered every fall.

URP 4905 *Housing and Urban Development*  
Students study the fundamentals of housing economics, the issue of affordability, and housing policy. This is followed by a review of the land development and home building process. Housing is also placed in a broader context with discussion of (sub)urbanization and community development in the U.S. and Europe. 3 credit hours, offered every fall.

URP 4905 *Community Service*  
This course provides students with an opportunity to work directly with a community service agency in Gainesville. In lieu of meeting in a class, each student will volunteer to work with an agency. Students will be required to submit a report at the end of the course. 3 credit hours, offered every fall and spring.

URP 4905 *Special Studies*  
This unique course offers the opportunity for students to tailor their planning interests by working with faculty on research projects, in a studio course, or by pursuing their own directed research in an approved topic. Requires approval and supervision by a URP faculty member. 3 credit hours, offered every fall and spring.

## **Study Abroad/Off-Campus Studies\***

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning offers a 6-credit Study Abroad Program every summer: Urban Planning & Design in Curitiba, Brazil. Other off-campus programs in the College of Design, Construction and Planning include the Preservation Institute: Nantucket for 9 credit hours, also held each summer, and the Landscape Architecture Paris Program in the Fall semester. There are other programs offered via UF's International Center that may be appropriate for inclusion in the URP minor. Students will have to seek approval prior to studying abroad. Variable credit, 3 to 9 hours, depending on the intensity and appropriateness of the selected program.