

The below curriculum outlines the requirements of the Urban Planning PhD program. Most classes are offered only once per year (Fall only or Spring only). If students need to deviate from the below plan, contact the SGSUP Manager of Graduate Programs to review options. Refer to the SGSUP Program Handbook for recommended course sequences and information regarding non-coursework degree requirements, including comprehensive exams, prospectus, and dissertation defense.

Core (Required) Coursework	Credits
PUP 710 Current Planning Theory and Practice (Fall only)	3.0
PUP 724 Planning Methods (Spring only)	3.0
PUP 701 Seminar: Urban Planning Colloquium (Fall semester 1)	1.0
PUP 701 Seminar: Urban Planning Colloquium (Spring semester 2)	1.0
PUP 799 Dissertation	12.0
Total required credits	20.0
Additional (Elective) Coursework	Credits
Approved graduate elective:	
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Total elective credits	34.0
Total credits taken at ASU	54.0
Total credits applied from master's degree	30.0
Total credits required for Urban Planning PhD degree	84.0

Core Requirements

The listed classes are required and cannot be waived or substituted.

Electives

Any graduate level GCU, GIS, GPH, or PUP course may be taken as elective, including Research and Reading & Conference credits. Interdisciplinary courses may be taken, but must be approved by the department. Submit the *Petition for Transfer or Interdisciplinary Elective Courses* form to request approval.

Master's Degree Credit

Students must have earned a master's degree to be eligible for admission into the Urban Planning PhD program. Thirty (30.0) credits from the previously-awarded master's degree may be applied toward the doctoral plan of study. Contact the SGSUP Manager of Graduate Programs for further information.

Dissertation

Dissertation credits may be taken in any combination that adds up to twelve (12.0), but students are recommended to take them in the final year of the program. Student should consult with faculty advisor prior to enrolling in dissertation.

Time to Completion

The Urban Planning PhD degree is designed to be completed in four years, with a minimum seven (7.0) credit hours taken per semester (on average; Fall and Spring enrollment only). Full-time enrollment for graduate students is nine (9.0) credits; Research and Teaching Assistants are considered full-time at six (6.0) credit hours.