

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 a [SGSUP Graduate Advisor](#) 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.

### **Year One**

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<i>Fall (7.0 credits)</i>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>PUP 710</b> Current Planning Theory and Practice ( <i>available in odd years – fall</i> )	3.0
<b>PUP 701</b> Seminar: Urban Planning Colloquium	1.0
<b>Approved Graduate Elective</b>	3.0
<i>Spring (7.0 credits)</i>	
<b>PUP 724</b> Planning Methods for Doctoral Students ( <i>available in even years – spring</i> )	3.0
<b>PUP 701</b> Seminar: Urban Planning Colloquium	1.0
<b>Approved Graduate Elective</b>	3.0
<b>Recommended minimum credits completed during first year</b>	<b>14.0</b>

After the first year, PhD students have significant flexibility. Beginning in the second year, there are no requirements to enroll in specific courses each semester. Elective and research credit may be taken in any semester, at student and faculty advisor's discretion.

First Year Credits ( <i>Above</i> )	14.0
Approved Graduate Electives or Research ( <i>Remainder of Program</i> )	28.0
Credit Applied from Master's Degree	30.0
<b>PUP 799</b> Dissertation	12.0
<b>Total credits required for Urban Planning PhD degree</b>	<b>84.0</b>

## **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 **Associate Director of Graduate Studies**. Submit the [Petition for Transfer or Interdisciplinary Elective Courses](#) form to request approval. **A maximum of six (6.0) credits of 400-level coursework may be included on the plan of study.**

## **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 a previously awarded master's degree may be applied toward the doctoral plan of study. Contact a [SGSUP Graduate Advisor](#) 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.

Graduate Student Forms are available at  
<https://sgsup.asu.edu/student-life/graduate-resources/graduate-student-forms>