

The Master of Urban and Environmental Planning (MUEP) Accelerated Degree program allows students to fast track the Master's program. Undergraduate students may take up to 18 credit hours of graduate coursework in their senior year.

The curriculum below outlines the requirements of the MUEP program for students in **Tempe**. All graduate coursework should be taken in the order described. If students need to deviate from the below plan, contact a [graduate advisor](#) to review options.

Senior Year

<i>Fall (9.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i>	Credits
PUP 501 Planning History and Theory	3.0
PUP 520 Planning Practice, Ethics & Processes	3.0
PUP 571 Quantitative Methods for Planners	3.0
Required undergraduate degree courses (<i>varies; will not count toward MUEP degree requirements</i>)	
<i>Spring (9.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i>	
PUP 542 Environmental Planning*	3.0
PUP 576 GIS Workshop for Planners	3.0
PUP 579 Qualitative Methods for Planners	3.0
Required undergraduate degree courses (<i>varies; will not count toward MUEP degree requirements</i>)	

Graduate Year ¹

<i>Fall (15.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i>	
PUP 544 Urban Land Use Planning	3.0
PUP 642 Urban and Regional Economic Analysis	3.0
Approved Graduate Elective:	3.0
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<i>Spring (14.0-15.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i>	
PUP 531 Planning & Development Control Law*	3.0
Approved Graduate Elective:	3.0
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Culminating Experience (choose one):	

PUP 580 Planning Workshop OR	5.0
PUP 593 Applied Project OR	5.0
PUP 599 Thesis	6.0
Total credits required for MUEP degree	47.0 or 48.0

¹ Students have the option to move their graduate year start term to summer, provided that all undergraduate degree requirements are met, and the bachelor's degree is conferred in spring. In this case, students may take up to 6.0 elective credits during the summer and reduce the course load in the graduate year. Students wishing to make this change must contact graduate advising at sgsup.gradadvising@asu.edu.

* Courses have an undergraduate equivalent. In order to ensure that the class will count for credit towards MUEP, students must enroll in the 500+ sections as indicated.

Core and Other Requirements

The listed classes are required and cannot be waived or substituted, with the exception of PUP 542.

PUP 542 may be waived for students who took PUP 442 as part of their ASU undergraduate coursework. Submit the [Course Waiver](#) form to check for waiver eligibility. A substitute course for PUP 542 must be chosen from the [Approved Environmental Planning Courses](#) list.

PUP 576 may be waived with ample GIS experience via a petition demonstrating experience and linkages to the MUEP degree. Examples of experience include a formal degree, extended coursework at a graduate level, and/or work experience. Students who have completed GIS 311 with ArcGIS Pro experience as an undergraduate student may also petition the MUEP program for a waiver. Submit the [Course Waiver](#) form to check for waiver eligibility. A substitute course for PUP 576 must be chosen from the [Approved Methods Course](#) list. Substitution of this course is only authorized if the demonstrated GIS experience was from prior to admission into this graduate program.

Electives

Any graduate level GCU, GIS, GPH, or PUP course may be taken as elective. Interdisciplinary courses may be taken, but must be approved by the department if they are not on the [Approved MUEP Electives](#) list. Submit the [Petition for Transfer or Interdisciplinary Elective Courses](#) form to request approval. Electives may be taken at any time; the outline above is a guideline for distributing enrollment equitably throughout four semesters. **A maximum of 6.0 credits of 400-level coursework may be included on the plan of study but must be approved by the Associate Director of Planning.**

Culminating Experience

Culminating experience options are a traditional capstone PUP 580 Planning Workshop (5.0 credits), a professional project PUP 593 Applied Project (5.0 credits), or a thesis PUP 599 Thesis (6.0 credits).

Students electing to do an Applied Project or Thesis must have their Applied Project Scoping Statement or Thesis Proposal signed by all committee members no later than the final day of Session C in the semester before the student's final academic year. Students who do not meet these criteria must 1) change their Plan of Study degree requirements to PUP 580 Planning Workshop culminating experience and 2) enroll the next semester that it is offered.

Graduate Student Forms are available at

<https://sgsup.asu.edu/student-life/graduate-resources/graduate-student-forms>

Approved Elective, Methods, and Environmental Planning Course lists are available at

<https://sgsup.asu.edu/student-life/graduate-resources/plans-study-and-graduate-programs-handbook>