Urban and Regional Planning, MS

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, visit MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
45 s.h. of graduate level coursework must be completed; graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. [a]		
Students must earn a grade of B-minus or higher in all Core and Concentration Area courses and must maintain an overall Graduate College program GPA of at least 3.00; maximum of 8 s.h. of readings credit. [b]		
	Hours	**0**
First Year		
Any Semester		
URP:6335	Internship [c]	1-3
URP:6229	Practicum [d]	1-5
	Hours	**2-8**
Fall		
URP:6200	Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Policy	3
URP:6202	Land Use Planning: Law and Practice	3
URP:6203	The Making of Cities: Histories and Theories of Planning	3
URP:6205	Economics for Policy Analysis	3
URP:6208	Program Seminar	1
	Hours	**13**
Spring		
URP:6201	Data Science for Urban Analytics	3
URP:6225	Applied GIS for Planning and Policy Making	3
URP:6233	Public Finance and Budgeting	3
Concentration Area course [e]		3
	Hours	**12**
Second Year		
Fall		
URP:6209	Sustainable Communities Lab I [f]	3
URP:6258	Systems and Scenario Thinking	3
Concentration Area course [e]		3
	Hours	**9**
Spring		
URP:6210	Sustainable Communities Lab II [f]	3
Concentration Area course [e]		3
Elective course [g]		3
Elective course [g]		2
Exam: Master's Final Exam [h]		
	Hours	**11**
	Total Hours	**47-53**

a Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

b Graduate College program GPA is comprised of all courses that are approved degree requirements. If a student takes more than the minimum required number of semester hours to complete the degree, but all courses taken are eligible to count toward the degree, those courses will be included in the Graduate College program GPA.

c Students are encouraged to complete an internship in a planning agency or related organization. To earn 2 s.h. of credit for the internship, students must submit a brief paper summarizing and evaluating their experience.

d An extended internship, consisting of at least five months of full-time employment in a planning-related organization, may qualify as a practicum. It carries 5 s.h. of credit and substitutes for the internship and the capstone courses.

e Students must complete at least 9 s.h. in one of the following concentration areas: housing, community, and economic development; land use and environmental planning; or transportation planning. See the General Catalog for lists of approved courses and work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate coursework and sequence.

f Capstone coursework; grade of B-minus or better required.

g Complete at least 5 s.h. of electives. See the General Catalog for list of approved courses and work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate coursework and sequence.

h If the oral examination is passed, then the written examination does not need to be taken.