Urban Policy and Public Planning (UPPP)

Courses

UPPP 4. Introduction to Urban Studies. 4 Units.
Introduces the substantive areas, concepts, and tools in the field of urban studies. Acquaints students with physical, environmental, social, economic, and political dimensions of cities. Examines the challenges facing cities, including poverty, sustainability, development, globalization, and others.

Restriction: School of Social Ecology students have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 5. Introduction to Urban Planning and Policy. 4 Units.
Introduces students to the basic issues in urban planning and public policy.

UPPP 40. Urban Sociology. 4 Units.
Overview of theoretical, substantive, and policy issues in urban sociology. History of urbanization, the school of human ecology, and recent trends regarding urbanism. Time is devoted to understanding the causes and possible solutions to urban problems.

Overlaps with SOCIOL 43.

UPPP 100. Special Topics in Urban Studies. 4 Units.
Course content varies with interest of the instructor.

Repeatability: Unlimited as topics vary.

Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 101. Urbanization and Social Change. 4 Units.
Surveys the global and historical co-evolution of cities and social institutions, including religion, the economy, governance, the arts, technology, and family life.

UPPP 102. Urban Inequality. 4 Units.
Examines structural inequality and the influence that urbanization has in affecting race, ethnic, and class relations. Explores how race/ethnicity, class, urban space, housing, economic development, public education, and land policy intersect in cities, both historically and today.

Restriction: Public Health Policy Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 103. Comparative Urbanization in a Developing World. 4 Units.
An introduction to comparative urbanization in developing countries. Introduces students to the geography, history, and theories of urbanization, and then reviews urban planning, public policy, and governance.

Restriction: Public Health Policy Majors only. Social Ecology Majors only. Urban Studies Majors only.

UPPP 104. Urban America . 4 Units.
Students examine the historical, social, political, and economic factors that contributed to the construction of the American urban context, one that is poverty concentrated and racially/ethnically segregated. Students also critically assess the consequence of growing up in America’s urban neighborhoods.

Same as CHC/LAT 162A, SOC SCI 163A.

UPPP 105. California’s Population. 4 Units.
Surveys California’s human population (past, present, and future) and its interactions with trends in society, government, the economy, and the environment.

Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.
UPPP 106. Technology and Economic Development. 4 Units.
Importance of technology for urban economic and social development. Concepts of technological innovation and diffusion, and their relevance for cities and metropolitan areas. Principles of networks and their importance for diffusion. Relationship of technology to urban infrastructure and metropolitan form.

Prerequisite: SOCECOL 10 and SOCECOL 13
Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 107. Urban and Regional Planning. 4 Units.
Important substantive areas, concepts, tools in the field of urban and regional planning. Topics include: forces that have historically guided and are currently guiding U.S. urbanization; land use, economic development, housing and community development, environmental planning; legal, environmental, governmental contexts.

Prerequisite: UPPP 4
Restriction: Environmental Science Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Earth System Science Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 108. Cities and Transportation. 4 Units.
The relationship between urban areas and transportation systems. Economic analysis of cities, transportation and urban form, highway congestion, environmental impacts of transportation, public transit, land use and transportation, and political influences on transportation planning.

Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 109. Housing and Urban Development Policy. 4 Units.
Surveys public policy issues and develops analytic techniques in the areas of housing and urban development. Examines a range of policy topics including housing assistance to low- and moderate-income families, housing finance system, incentives for economic development, and neighborhood preservation.

Prerequisite: Recommended: Previous course work in economics.
Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 110. Urban Economic Development Policy. 4 Units.
Theoretical and practical perspectives on local economic development policy. Integrates economic, planning, and political perspectives. Overview of economic role of cities and metropolitan areas. Specific development issues include: link between taxes, regulation, job growth; redevelopment planning; evaluation economic development policy.

Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 112. Foundations of Community Health. 4 Units.
A social ecological framework for understanding community health is presented. Measures of individual and community health are compared, and the influence of personal and environmental factors on individual, group, and population health is examined. Community health promotion strategies are discussed.

Same as PUBHLTH 125.
Restriction: Public Health Sciences Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Public Health Policy Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 113. Poverty in Developing Countries. 4 Units.
Focuses on poverty in developing countries. Analyzes the magnitude and changing nature of poverty in the global south. Critically examines poverty conceptualized in terms of economic deprivation, well-being, and social exclusion.

Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 115. Global Poverty and Inequality in the 21st Century. 4 Units.
Explores a multidisciplinary understanding of poverty and inequality in the 21st century and assesses impact of education, health, technology, and other interventions. Course offered online only.

Same as INTL ST 115.

UPPP 130. Cities and Food. 4 Units.
Explores the role of cities in transforming global diets: how urbanization has shaped what and how we eat, and what the co-evolution of diets and city life portend for the future.
UPPP 131. Environmental Sustainability I. 4 Units.
Provides an introduction to sustainability from different points of view; historical, scientific, political, ethical, and economic.
Same as EARTHSS 180.
Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 132. Environmental Sustainability II. 4 Units.
Investigates how sustainability can be implemented in a variety of contexts including water, energy, non-renewable resources, biodiversity, and urban policy, and also how it could be measured.
Same as EARTHSS 182.
Restriction: Environmental Science Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Earth System Science Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 133. Environmental Law and Policy. 4 Units.
Environmental law as a combination of traditional legal principles and newly created statutes, rules, and decisions applied to environmental protection. Investigates roles of courts, legislature, executive branch and administrative agencies, and private citizens attempting to regulate environmental quality.
Same as CRM/LAW C128.
Restriction: Criminology, Law and Society Majors only. Planning, Policy, and Design Majors only.

UPPP 139. Water Resource Policy. 4 Units.
Examination of contemporary water problems worldwide, with particular attention to the competing water demands in the western U.S., and water demand by the poor in developing countries. History and analysis of U.S. water policies at local, state, and federal levels.
Restriction: Environmental Science Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Earth System Science Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 142. Environmental Hazards in an Urbanizing World. 4 Units.
Development patterns, including urbanization, can contribute to environmental hazard severity. Humans can plan, mitigate, and prepare to reduce costly hazard losses. Students learn about environmental hazards and human response to these threats.

UPPP 145. Environmental Governance. 4 Units.
How should the environment be managed and who should be responsible? What is effective environmental management, and for whom? These questions are answered by exploring traditional and emerging theoretical frameworks and applying them to real world environmental challenges.

UPPP 146. Principles of Economics for Planning and Policy. 4 Units.
Provides an introduction into economics for planning and policy students.

UPPP 153. Elements of Environmental Design. 4 Units.
Basic elements of environmental design such as scale, proportion, rhythm, color, sound, lighting, surfaces, texture, architectural definition of spaces, volumes, massing volumetric analysis, solids and voids, and cultural aspects of design. Excitement and creativity in design, imageability.
Prerequisite: UPPP 4 and PP&D 152
Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 155. Urban Design Principles. 4 Units.
Introduction to principles of urban design and its applications. Study of contemporary and traditional theories of urban design formulated to improve physical characteristics of built environment to facilitate an enhanced quality of life. A variety of case studies are discussed.
Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 156. Urban Design and Graphics Studio. 4 Units.
Introductory course organized around a variety of assignments to encourage learning by design in a studio setting. Students work on design projects and graphic representation assignments to learn practical aspects of urban design.
Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.
UPPP 166. Urban Politics and Policy. 4 Units.
Examines why and how urban policies are enacted and carried out in contemporary U.S. cities and regions. Topics include evolution and organization of city governments and policymaking over the past century; who directs public policy and controls how cities develop.

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UPPP 167. Public Policy and Management. 4 Units.
Exposes students to best management practices that assure effective planning and implementation of policies and programs in government, business, and nonprofit sectors. Includes guest lecturers who are proven leaders in four principal institutions of community: business, education, government, and nonprofit.

Restriction: Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 169. Public Policy Analysis. 4 Units.
Examines different approaches to the analysis of public policy, what constitutes good policy, the role of government, and citizen participation in policy-making. Suggests a policy-design perspective which builds upon other frameworks but concentrates on goals, implementation structures, tools, and rationales.

Prerequisite: SOCECOL E8 and (UPPP 4 or UPPP 166)

Same as POL SCI 121E.

Restriction: Public Health Policy Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 170. Health Policy. 4 Units.
Considers social and economic aspects of health and disease in the United States. What are the proper roles of the individual, community, and government in improving health and health care? International comparisons will be made wherever possible.

Same as PUBHLTH 122.

Restriction: Public Health Sciences Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Public Health Policy Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 172. Latino Metropolis. 4 Units.
Explores the processes of Latino urbanization in the United States and the spatialization of Latino identities, particularly in the context of Southern California with selected comparisons drawing from other cities.

Same as CHC/LAT 154.

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UPPP 177. Chicano Movement. 4 Units.
Explores the history of Mexicans in the U.S. with particular attention paid to their integration into the U.S. capitalist economy. Examines this economic history and the Chicano movement, "El Movimiento," within the wide context of socio-economic change.

Same as CHC/LAT 166.

Restriction: Chicano/Latino Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Social Ecology Majors have first consideration for enrollment. Urban Studies Majors have first consideration for enrollment.

UPPP 202. History of Urban Planning. 4 Units.
Introduction to the historical roots and fundamental perspectives of urban and regional planning. Exploration of the significant historical phases and personalities which have shaped the profession. The roles and responsibilities, the limitations and potential, of urban planning.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 203. Theoretical Foundations of Planning. 4 Units.
Intellectual excursion into central themes in policy and planning, including philosophy of the market, institutionalization of space, hypostatizations of policy, constructions of communities, logics of spatial analysis. Objective is engagement of the professional in thoughtful reflections on practice and institutions.

Restriction: Graduate students only.
UPPP 205. Environmental Economics and Policy. 4 Units.
Provides a broad introduction to environmental economics and to environmental policy. Environmental problems facing the United States and Europe are analyzed, and whenever possible, the environmental problems facing developing countries.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 206. Microeconomic Analysis for Urban Planning. 4 Units.
Provides students with a working knowledge of basic microeconomic concepts. Emphasizes applications related to urban planning and policy analysis. Topics covered include demand analysis, firm behavior, market structure, public goods, externalities, and the role of economics in land markets.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 207. Land-Use Law. 4 Units.
Investigates legal and institutional frameworks for development control. Review of constitutional issues implicated in land-use regulation. Traces development control historically and analyzes contemporary approaches to land-use control which reflect environmental and economic development concerns.

Same as CRM/LAW C207.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 209. Qualitative Research Methods: Overview. 4 Units.
Introduction to fundamentals of "qualitative" research and non-positivistic inquiry. Formulation of research questions, selection of method, data collection techniques, and analysis (briefly). Overview of selected methods from ethnography, naturalistic field research, phenomenology, ethnoarchaeology, critical approaches, and others.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 210. Practice Experience. 4 Units.
Provides Master of Urban and Regional Planning students an opportunity to link classroom knowledge with real planning situations through a 10-week unpaid practice experience.

Restriction: Urban and Regional Planning Majors only.

UPPP 212. Transportation Planning. 4 Units.
Introduces current topics in transportation planning. Includes an analysis of the economic role of transportation in urban areas, land-use impacts of transportation projects, traffic congestion, air quality, alternatives to the automobile, and other transportation topics.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 214. Quantitative Analysis for Planners. 4 Units.
Introduces students to the basic statistical concepts used to address issues of public concern. Prepares students to perform, interpret, and evaluate quantitative data analyses commonly used in professional studies.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 215. Analytical Methods for Planning. 4 Units.
Emphasizes the development of analytical techniques proven useful in the fields of management and administration. Topics include multiple regression, cost-benefit analysis and discounting, decision trees, and other techniques useful for the purposes of community analysis and planning.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 220. Qualitative Methods: Fieldwork and Data Collection. 4 Units.
Covers fieldwork, data collections techniques, and related issues for anti-positivistic research. Data collection techniques include observation, physical traces, participation, in-depth interview. Data checks include veracity, detail, completeness, rigor.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 224. Environmental Politics and Policy. 4 Units.
Reviews and critiques literature on discussion topics including: the nature and effectiveness of environmental movements and policies; the role of science and technology; the use of economic incentives in policy; decentralization of decision making; and creating arenas for public involvement.

Restriction: Graduate students only.
UPPP 228. Demographics for Planning and Policy. 4 Units.
Provides planning and policy practitioners with a condensed, nonspecialist orientation to the sources, applications, and interpretation of population statistics, and conveys the steps used in constructing local-area population forecasts and projections.
Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 231. Transportation and Environmental Health. 4 Units.
Critically evaluates how transportation can promote sustainable, healthy, and equitable cities. Examines the interaction of transportation systems with urban form, land use, community health, and environmental quality.
Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 235. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Problem Solving in Planning. 4 Units.
Explores the application of geographic information systems (GIS) in urban planning. Steps through a GIS-based planning procedure that balances housing, jobs, tax base, utilities, transportation, and the natural environment.
Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 237. Introduction to Geographic Information Systems. 4 Units.
Application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to the field of urban and regional planning. Emphasizes current issues that occur in actual implementation settings. Lecture/discussion followed by laboratory demonstrating the area of GIS discussed. Offers “hands-on” student usage of GIS software.

UPPP 239. Urban Design Theories and Applications. 4 Units.
Introduction to contemporary and traditional theories of urban design and their applications. Organized around one question: How might planning and design of built environment contribute to making a good city? National and international case studies are introduced.
Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 243. Health Policy and Management. 4 Units.
Multidisciplinary inquiry into theory and practice concerned with delivery, quantity, costs of health care for individuals and populations. Explores managerial and policy concerns regarding structure, process, outcomes of health services including the costs, financing, organization, outcomes, and accessibility of care.
Same as PUBHLTH 222.
Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 244. Land-Use Policy. 4 Units.
Examination of the role of public policy in guiding growth and development in urban and suburban environments. Description of a wide-ranging set of growth policies, the rationales underlying their use, controversies and legal constraints, and evaluation of their effectiveness.
Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 246. Housing Policy. 4 Units.
Examines theories and practices of housing policy and the relationship of housing to larger neighborhood, community, and regional development issues. Considers the roles of private for-profit and not-for-profit developers, lenders, and all levels of government in the provision of housing.
Prerequisite: Familiarity with basic statistics is required.

UPPP 251. Poverty and Development. 4 Units.
Examines competing conceptualizations, methods of measurement, and poverty alleviation strategies widely used in developing countries. Focuses on poverty conceptualized as economic deprivation, well-being, vulnerability, and social exclusion.
Same as SOCIOL 235.
Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 252. Issues in Environmental Law and Policy. 4 Units.
Treatment of legal and policy strategies for promoting environmental protection and deterring environmental degradation within the context of other societal objectives. Topical approach with a focus on problems of special interest to criminologists and to environmental policy specialists.
Same as CRM/LAW C252.
Restriction: Graduate students only.
UPPP 264. Urban Planning and Public Policy Seminar. 1 Unit.
For first- and second-year doctoral students. Topics include professional development; journal publication process; academic conference presentations; and the job market for doctoral students in and out of academia.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 265. Urban and Community Development Seminar. 1 Unit.
For first- and second-year doctoral students. Topics include scholarship related to the urban and community development area. Discussion of assigned articles and book chapters and how they relate to urban and community development.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 270. Environmental Ethics. 4 Units.
Introduction to major themes and debates in environmental ethics, with application to contemporary environmental issues.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 273. Global Urbanization. 4 Units.
Examines the spread of cities worldwide in the 20th century. What are the political and economic causes of this process? What are the social-cultural, political, and economic effects? How is contemporary urbanization linked to global restructuring of other kinds.

Same as SOCIOL 252A, SOC SCI 254J.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 275. Special Topics in Urban Planning. 4 Units.
Special topics in urban and regional planning are offered from time to time, but not on a regular basis. Course content varies with interest of the instructor.

Repeatability: Unlimited as topics vary.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 278. Culture, Community, and Space. 4 Units.
Covers how cultures relate to natural and built physical environments. Ways in which culture influences space; ways space influences culture. Concepts for understanding the interrelationship, including values, norms, traditions, religion, and place attachment. Culture and cities, urban form, ethnic communities.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 281. Advanced Theory. 4 Units.
Provides urban planning and public policy students with an introduction to advanced theory. Addresses broad theoretical approaches that cut across disciplinary and topical boundaries. Designed primarily for Ph.D. students.

UPPP 282. Urban Design Studio for Planners: An Introduction. 4 Units.
Introductory urban design for planners. Organized around a variety of assignments to encourage learning by design in a studio setting. Students work on design projects and drawing assignments to learn practical aspects of urban design.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 292. Professional Report. 4 Units.
Workshop designed to assist M.U.R.P. students in conducting their professional reports. Students select topics, design projects, conduct professional investigations, and write up reports.

UPPP 294A. Urban Planning Practicum I. 4 Units.
Engages students in practical planning projects in the community under a central theme within Planning. Students take a problem-solving approach and employ and further develop data gathering, analysis, graphic and oral communication, public engagement, and report writing skills.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 294B. Urban Planning Practicum II. 4 Units.
Engages students in practical planning projects in the community under a central theme within Planning. Students take a problem-solving approach and employ and further develop data gathering, analysis, graphic and oral communication, public engagement, and report writing skills.

Prerequisite: PP&D 294A

Restriction: Graduate students only.
UPPP 296. Doctoral Dissertation Research and Writing. 2-12 Units.
Dissertation research with Urban Planning and Public Policy faculty.

Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy.

Grading Option: Satisfactory/unsatisfactory only.

Repeatability: May be repeated for credit unlimited times.

UPPP 297. Research Design. 4 Units.
Provides training in research design and methods. Students learn how to evaluate the strength of research findings based on the methods used by a researcher and learn to use lessons from the course to develop a research proposal.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 298. Directed Studies in Urban Planning. 2-4 Units.
Directed studies in Urban Planning.

Repeatability: Unlimited as topics vary.

Restriction: Graduate students only.

UPPP 299. Independent Study in Urban Planning. 2-8 Units.
Independent Study in Urban Planning.

Repeatability: Unlimited as topics vary.

Restriction: Graduate students only.