

Urban Studies, Planning, and Policy, B.A.

Undergraduate students who major in Urban Studies, Planning, and Policy will become acquainted with the global challenges of urbanization and the analytical skills needed for addressing them. Students will acquire the background for entering graduate study in related fields, including urban planning, community and economic development, and transportation, to name only a few, or for seeking entry-level positions in fields that address urban problems, including urban planning, community development, transportation, and housing. Additionally, Urban Studies, Planning, and Policy majors can augment their training with a degree specialization in Geographic Information Systems.

All students must meet the University Requirements (<https://catalogue.uci.edu/informationforadmittedstudents/requirementsforabachelorsdegree/>).

All students must meet the School Requirements (<https://catalogue.uci.edu/schoolofsocialecology/#schoolrequirementstext>).

Departmental Requirements

Twelve courses (48 units) as specified below:

A. Three lower-division courses:	
UPPP 4	Introduction to Urban Studies
UPPP 5	Introduction to Urban Planning and Policy
UPPP 40	Cities, Communities, and Urban Problems
or UPPP 41	Introduction to Labor Studies
or UPPP 42	The Green New Deal
B. Three of the following core upper-division courses:	
UPPP 101	History of Cities
UPPP 107	Urban and Regional Planning
UPPP 113	Poverty and Change in Developing Countries
UPPP 131	Environmental Sustainability I
UPPP 146	Principles of Economics for Planning and Policy
UPPP 155	Urban Design Principles
UPPP 166	Urban Politics and Policy
C. Six additional upper-division electives from UPPP 100 - UPPP 190.	

Optional Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialization

A. Complete: ¹	
UPPP 120	Introduction to GIS for Planning and Policy
UPPP 125	Advanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
UPPP 127	Spatial Analysis Project

¹ Courses taken for the GIS Specialization can be used towards the Urban Studies major. Courses must be taken for a letter grade in order to count for the GIS Specialization.

NOTE: For students double majoring in Urban Studies and Environmental Science and Policy, the optional Geographic Information Systems Specialization can only be applied to one major.

- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Policy
- Master of Urban and Regional Planning
- Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy, Ph.D.
- Urban and Regional Planning, Minor
- Urban Studies, Minor
- Urban Studies, Planning, and Policy, B.A.