

City and Regional Planning

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Overview

The mission of the Department of City and Regional Planning is to improve equity, the economy and the environment in neighborhoods, communities, cities, and metropolitan regions by creating knowledge and engagement through our teaching, research and service. We aim to design and create cities, infrastructure, and public services that are sustainable, affordable, enjoyable, and accessible to all.

Wisely and successfully intervening in the public realm, whether locally, nationally, or globally, is a challenge. Our urban future is complex and rapidly changing. Resource scarcity and conflict, technological innovation, retrofitting of existing built environments, and social empowerment will alter the ways in which planning has conventionally been carried out. We believe the planning academy has a special responsibility to always address social justice, equity, and ethics; to teach and research means of public participation, collective decision making, and advocacy; and to focus on reforming institutions, urban governance, policy and planning practices to make these goals possible.

Urban Studies Major

The undergraduate major in urban studies introduces interested students to cities and urban environments as objects of study, analysis, criticism, and planned transformation. The major has a core in urban studies and planning with courses in city planning and environmental design, and an interdisciplinary curriculum in various urban-related social science fields and disciplines.

City and Regional Planning Minor

The Department of City and Regional Planning offers an interdisciplinary minor in city planning that is open to students in all majors. The minor trains students in the study and analysis of urban environments and teaches them about the practices, policies, and politics that constitute the field of urban planning.

Graduate Programs

The Master of City Planning Degree

The two-year Master of City Planning (MCP) program comprises a solid core of knowledge in the field of city and regional planning—including history and theory, planning methods, urban economics, and urban institutions analysis—and an opportunity to specialize in one of four concentration areas: housing, community, and economic development; environmental planning and policy and healthy cities; transportation policy and planning; and urban design.

The MCP degree requires the completion of 48 units of coursework during four consecutive semesters in residence. Unless they already have equivalent work experience, students must also complete a three-month internship. The terminal MCP requirement, undertaken during the second year of study, takes the form of a professional report or a client report. Alternatively, some elect to write a master's thesis.

The Department of City and Regional Planning participates in concurrent master's degree programs with the Departments of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Public Health; and with UC Berkeley School of Law, UC Hastings College of the Law, and International and Area Studies.

The Doctor of Philosophy Degree in City and Regional Planning

The PhD in City and Regional Planning at Berkeley provides training in urban and planning theory, advanced research, and the practice of planning. Alumni of the program have established national and international reputations as planning educators, social science researchers and theorists, policy makers and practitioners. Today the program is served by nearly 20 City and Regional Planning faculty with expertise in community and economic development, transportation planning, urban design, international development, environmental planning, and global urbanism. With close ties to numerous research centers and initiatives, the program encourages its students to develop specializations within the field of urban studies and planning and to expand their intellectual horizons through training in the related fields of Architecture, Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning, Civil Engineering, Anthropology, Geography, Sociology, Public Policy, Public Health, and Political Science.

Each student's program of study is individually designed with the assistance and support of a faculty adviser, in accordance with the student's specific intellectual interests and prior preparation. PhD students are required to complete an outside field requirement (in another department) and an inside field requirement in city and regional planning before taking their oral exams and undertaking their dissertation research. The normative time in the program is five years.

CY PLAN 97 Field Studies in City and Regional Planning 1 - 3 Units

Department: City and Regional Planning

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and spring

Grading: Offered for pass/not pass grade only.

Hours and format: 3 hours of field work per week per unit.

Supervised experiences in the study of off-campus organizations relevant to specific aspects of city planning. Regular individual meetings with faculty sponsor and written report required.

Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

CY PLAN 98 Special Group Study 1 - 3 Units

Department: City and Regional Planning

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and spring

Grading: Offered for pass/not pass grade only.

Hours and format: 1 to 3 hours of lecture/discussion per week.

Group studies developed to meet specific needs of students.

Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

CY PLAN 110 Introduction to City Planning 4 Units

Department: City and Regional Planning

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture/discussion per week, plus additional fieldwork. 5 hours of lecture/discussion per week, plus additional fieldwork per week for 8 weeks. 7.5 hours of lecture/discussion per week, plus additional fieldwork per week for 6 weeks.

Prerequisites: Open to majors in all fields.

Survey of city planning as it has evolved in the United States since 1800 in response to physical, social, and economic problems; major concepts and procedures used by city planners and local governments to improve the urban environment.

CY PLAN 111 Introduction to Housing: An International Survey 3 Units

Department: City and Regional Planning

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Spring

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture/discussion per week.

Prerequisites: 110 or Economics 1 or consent of instructor; open to majors in all fields.

Housing problems, government housing policy, and housing as a field of urban planning practice. Emphasis on critical International Issues in the Third World and the United States.

Instructor: AISayyad

CY PLAN 113A Economic Analysis for Planning 3 Units

Department: City and Regional Planning

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture per week for 8 weeks.

Introduction to economic concepts and thinking as used in planning.

Micro-economic theory is reviewed and critiqued.

CY PLAN 113B Community and Economic Development 3 Units

Department: City and Regional Planning

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.