Urban Affairs Ph.D. Curriculum Overview

Degree Requirements for students admitted in Fall 2021 and 2022:
1. **Four Core Courses**: UAPP 8010, 8011, 8012, 8013 (12 Hours)
2. **Six Focus Area Courses**: 18 hours of courses within SUAPP. **Two classes** must come from a subject **outside** the student’s master’s studies. (i.e., a Public Administration student needs to have two courses from ANTH, CJUS, PLAN, POLS, SOCI, SWRK) to meet this requirement. (18 hours)
3. **Two Methods Courses**: See the pre-approved list below. (6 Hours)
4. **Comprehensive Exams**: Students must form interdisciplinary committees with faculty members of SUAPP subject areas. Students must pass oral and written exams. Committees must have a minimum of three members to a maximum of five. Regardless of size, the majority of faculty members on a student’s comprehensive exam committee must come from SUAPP subjects (at least 50%).
5. **Dissertation Credits**: 12 hours

Degree Requirements for students admitted in Fall 2023:
1. **Four Core Courses**: UAPP 8010, 8011, 8012, 8013 (12 Hours)
2. **Six Focus Area Courses**: **Two courses** must come from **outside** a student’s master’s study. **Two courses must** come from the pre-approved theory course list. See below. (18 Hours)
3. **Two Methods Courses**: See the pre-approved list below. (6 Hours)
4. **Comprehensive Exams**: Students must form interdisciplinary committees with faculty members of SUAPP subject areas. Students must pass oral and written exams. Committees must have a minimum of three members to a maximum of five. Regardless of size, most faculty members on a student’s comprehensive exam committee must come from SUAPP subjects (at least 50%).
5. **Dissertation Credits**: 12 hours

Degree Requirements for students admitted in Fall 2024:
1. **Five Core Courses**: UAPP 8009, 8010, 8011, 8012, 8013 (15 Hours)
2. **Three Methods Courses**: Inclusive of **one** Qualitative Methods Course (ANTH, SOCI, and SWRK offer these on a rotating basis), UAPP 8014: Survey of Quantitative Methods, and **one** GIS course from the pre-approved list provided below. (9 Hours)
3. **Five Specialization/Focus Area Courses**: Students must select **one** focus area (15 Hours)
   a. Urban Cultures and Societies (mix of ANTH and SOCI)
   b. Urban Governance and Planning (mix of PADM and PLAN)
   c. Urban Policy and Services (mix of SWRK, CJUS)
   d. Urban Political Development and Economies (mix of PLAN, PADM, POLS)
   e. **Note**: Students must take **two** theory courses within the specialization/focus area and should select their remaining courses within the specialization area focus.
4. **Comprehensive Exams**: Students will take comprehensive exams based on content in the program core (i.e., UAPP 8009, 8010, 8011, 8014, Qualitative Methods and GIS).
These committees are made up of interdisciplinary faculty from affiliated SUAPP academic units. Students must pass written and oral exams before starting their dissertation research.

5. **Dissertation Hours: UAPP 9001 Dissertation Workshop (1) and UAPP 9000 Dissertation (Varies) (8+ hours)**

6. **Comprehensive Exams:** Students must pass oral and written exams. Committees must have a minimum of three members to a maximum of five. Regardless of size, the majority of faculty members on a student’s comprehensive exam committee must come from SUAPP subjects (at least 50%).

_Note: Any deviations from a student’s program of study should be discussed with the program director and faculty advisor before registering for classes. Any substitutions must be accompanied by a course substitution form._

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**SUAPP Theory Courses** *(all cohorts, reviewed annually)*
- ANTH 7200/8200 Roots of Anthropology Theory
- CJUS 7541/8541 Criminological Theory
- PADM 7600/8600 Seminar in Administrative Theory and Ethics
- PLAN 7002/8002 Planning Theory and Perspectives
- POLS 7401/8104 History of Modern Political Thought
- POLS 7100/8100 Scope and Methods in Political Science
- SOCI 7201/8201 Sociology Theory Seminar
- SWRK 8040 Advanced Social Work Theory
- SWRK 7064/8064 Critical Theory and Social Work

**Pre-Approved Methods Courses** *(2021-2023 admits only)*
- ANTH 8075 Methods in Anthropology
- CJUS 7129/8129 Advanced Statistics Methods in Criminal Justice
- ECON 7120/8120 Advanced Quantitative Economic Analysis
- ECON 7810/8810* Econometrics I
- ECON 8811* Applied Micro-Econometrics
- ECON 8812* Time Series Econometrics
- EDPR 7542/8542* Statistical Methods Applied to Education II
- EDPR 7554/8554* Nonparametric Statistical Applications in Education
- EDPR 7565/8565 Qualitative Methods and Analysis
- ESCI 7312/8312 Spatial Statistics
- MATH 7660 Applied Times Series Analysis
- MATH 7670/8670 Applied Stochastic Models
- MATH 7680/8680 Bayesian Inference
- MATH 7657/8657 Multivariate Statistical Methods
- POLS 7101 Political Statistics
- PSYC 7302/8302 Advanced Statistics in Psychology I
- PSYC 7303/8303* Advanced Statistics in Psychology II
PSYC 7306/8306* Linear Structural Modeling
PSYC 7309/8309 Focus Group Research
PSYC 7310/8310* Mixed-Model Regression Analysis
PSYC 7311/8311 Applied Categorical Data Analysis
PSYC 7312/8312* Qualitative Research in Psychology
PUBH 7104/8104 Large Data Sets in Public Health Research
PUBH 7152/8152 Biostatistical Methods II
PUBH 7153/8153 Biostatistical in Bioinformatics
PUBH 7306/8306* Linear Structural Modeling
PUBH 7307/8307 Applied Structural Equation Modeling in Public Health
PUBH 7308/8308* Applied Multivariate Statistics
PUBH 7309/8309 Applied Survival Analysis in Public Health
PUBH 7310/8310 Mixed Model Regression Analysis (same as PSYC 7310/8310)
PUBH 7311/8311 Applied Categorical Data Analysis (same as PSYC 7311/8311)
SOCI 7322/8322* Seminar in Quantitative Data Analysis
SOCI 7325/8325 Seminar in Qualitative Research
* Denotes courses with prerequisites that would not count toward the Ph.D. SUAP 7100/8100 cannot be used as an advanced methods course but is recommended as a pre-requisite for students with no quantitative methods training.

**Geographic Information Systems Courses** *(2024 and beyond only)*
PLAN 7207 GIS for City Planning
ESCI 6430 Social and Economic Geography with GIS
PLAN/ESCI 6515 Geographic Information Science
ESCI 6525 Advanced Geographic Information Science
ESCI 6535 Modular GIS
ESCI 8504 Seminar on Geographic Information Systems
ESCI 8613 GIS and Human Health