

## 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, 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 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. **Dissertation Hours: UAPP 9001 Dissertation Workshop (1) and UAPP 9000 Dissertation (Varies) (9+ hours)**

5. **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  
SOC 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)  
SOC 7322/8322\* Seminar in Quantitative Data Analysis  
SOC 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