

Urban Affairs Ph.D. Curriculum Overview Changes 2021-2024

Degree requirements for students admitted in Fall 2021

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 degree. (**18 hours**)
3. **Two** Methods Courses selected from the pre-approved list below. (**6 hours**)
4. **Comprehensive Exams:** Students are responsible for forming comprehensive exam committees with members from SUAPP-affiliated graduate programs. Students must pass an oral and written exam. Committees must have a minimum of three members and a maximum of five members. The committee can have outside members (other UM departments or external members). However, the majority of faculty members on a student's comprehensive exam committee must come from SUAPP-affiliated graduate programs. Students can sit for comprehensive exams after they've completed the core and at least 18 additional hours in the program. Only after passing comprehensive exams can students enroll in dissertation credits.
5. **Dissertation Credits:** Students are responsible for forming dissertation committees. Students must have at least four members on their committee; the majority of these members must come from SUAPP-affiliated graduate programs. The committee can have outside faculty members (other UM departments or external members). Students must write and defend a dissertation proposal before conducting their dissertation research. (**12 hours**)

Degree requirements for students admitted in Fall 2022 and Fall 2023

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 degree, and **two** from pre-approved theory courses listed below. (**18 hours**)
3. **Two** Methods Courses selected from the pre-approved list below. (**6 hours**)
4. **Comprehensive Exams:** Students are responsible for forming comprehensive exam committees with members from SUAPP-affiliated graduate programs. Students must pass an oral and written exam. Committees must have a minimum of three members and a maximum of five members. The committee can have outside members (other UM departments or external members). However, the majority of faculty members on a student's comprehensive exam

committee must come from SUAPP-affiliated graduate programs. Only after passing comprehensive exams can students enroll in dissertation credits.

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Degree requirements for students admitted in Fall 2022 and Fall 2023

1. **Five Core Courses:** UAPP 8009, 8010, 8011, 8012, 8013 **(15 hours)**
2. **Five Specialization Area Courses:** Students must select **one** focus area. **Two courses** within a student's specialization must be theory courses from the pre-selected list below.
 - a. Urban Cultures and Societies (mix of ANTH and SOCI)
 - b. Urban Governance and Planning (mix of PADM and PLAN)
 - c. Urban Social Policy and Services (mix of SWRK and CJUS)
 - d. Urban Political Development (mix of POLS, PADM, and PLAN) **(15 hours)**
3. **Three Methods Courses:** UAPP 8014, one GIS and one Qualitative methods course selected from the pre-approved list below. **(9 hours)**
4. **Comprehensive Exams:** After completing the **core** and **methods** sequence coursework, students will take comprehensive exams. Examination committees will comprise core UA and methods faculty members (GIS and Qualitative methods), typically occurring at the end of a student's first year in the program. Students must pass an oral and written exam. Committees must have a minimum of three members and a maximum of five members. The committee can have outside members (other UM departments or external members). However, the majority of faculty members on a student's dissertation committee must come from SUAPP-affiliated graduate programs. Students can sit for comprehensive exams after they've completed the core and at least 18 additional hours in the program. Only after passing comprehensive exams can students enroll in dissertation credits.
5. **Dissertation Credits:** Students are responsible for forming dissertation committees. Students must have at least four members on their committee; the majority of these members must come from SUAPP-affiliated graduate programs. The committee can have outside faculty members (other UM departments or external members). Students must write and defend a dissertation proposal before conducting their dissertation research. **(11 hours)**

SUAPP Theory Courses (all cohorts, reviewed annually)

ANTH 7200/8200 Engaged Anthropology Theory (offered Fall)
CJUS 7541/8541 Criminological Theory (offered Fall)
CJUS 6533 Juvenile Delinquency Theory and Process (offered Spring)
PADM 7600/8600 Seminar in Administrative Theory and Ethics (offered Fall)
PADM 7641 Theory and Practice for Nonprofit Administration (offered Fall)
PLAN 6206 Housing Policy and Planning (offered Fall)
PLAN 7002/8002 Planning Theory and Perspectives (offered Fall)
POLS 7401/8104 Seminar in Political Theory and Philosophy (offered Fall)
POLS 7100/8100 Scope and Methods in Political Science (offered Fall)
SOCI 7201/8201 Sociology Theory Seminar (offered Fall)
SOCI 7631/8631 Urban Sociology Theory (offered Fall)
SOCI 7511/8511 Theories of Deviance (offered Spring)
SWRK 7030 Social Welfare Policy and Services (offered Spring)
SWRK 8040 Advanced Social Work Theory (offered Fall)

SUAPP Pre-Approved Methods Courses (2021-2023 cohorts, reviewed annually)

ANTH 8075 Methods in Anthropology
CJUS 7129/8129 Advanced Statistical 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 Time 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 Biostatistics 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 should not be used as an advanced methods course but is recommended as a
prerequisite for students with no training in quantitative methods.

**SUAPP Pre-Approved Geographic Information Systems Courses (cohorts
admitted 2024 and after, reviewed annually)**

ESCI 6430 Social and Economic Geography with GIS
PLAN 6515 Geographic Information Science
PLAN 7207 GIS for City Planning
ESCI 7613/8613 GIS for Public Health and Climate Change
PLAN 7504/8504 Seminar in GIS
PUBH 7300/8300 Spatial Analysis and Simulation for Urban Health
ESCI 7623/8623 Spatial Health Inequalities