

**PPAD 696-91 Advanced Research Methods II.** (3 Hours)

**PPAD 697 Internship.** (3 Hours) Executive-level, "hands-on", work experience in selected organizations. (Students must apply in the previous semester).

**PPAD 700 Independent Study.** (3 Hours) The student is allowed to select a research topic of interest. Prior approval must be granted. (See PPAD 559).

**PPAD 798 Dissertation.** (3 Hours) This course is for students who are admitted to candidacy so that they may engage in writing of the dissertations. (Prior approval).

## DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

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### Mission of Program

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning seeks to develop leaders in the field of city planning. The program will provide students with learning opportunities that will enable them to develop the intellectual qualities necessary for meeting the broad and varied range of problems and challenges associated with urban growth and development. The Department offers a Master of Arts degree and Doctor of Philosophy degree. The Master of Arts program consists of an inter-disciplinary curriculum of 49 semester hours, including practical community-based learning experiences and planning studios, while the Doctor of Philosophy consists of 48 semester hours. The Department has a special focus on increasing the number of under-represented groups and women in the profession. The rigorous program is designed for both full-time and part-time students. The program targets recognition at the regional, state, and national levels.

### Program Objectives

The Department concentrates upon the challenging issues and problems confronting planning professionals and scholars in the rebuilding of cities across the nation. Courses and studios offer challenging scholarly and practical work that focuses attention on real world solutions while respecting the ethical, skill, and plan development practices of the profession.

### Master's Program Admissions Requirements

Admission to the graduate degree program in Urban and Regional Planning is governed by the regulation of the Division of Graduate Studies and Department. The following criteria must be met:

1. Admission to the Division of Graduate Studies.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
3. Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Examination or equivalent test;
4. Demonstrated promise for successful academic achievement in professional graduate work;

5. For international students, indication of adequate financial support and satisfactory performance on TOEFL demonstrating oral and written proficiency;
6. Three letters of recommendation;
7. Personal interview with a departmental faculty member where practical.

### Master's Degree Requirements

The Department offers courses on a semester basis. Forty-nine credit hours are required for a master's degree. A basic core and three areas of concentration (Community Development and Housing, Environment and Land Use, and Urban Design) are offered. A thesis or major report option may be elected. A non-credit summer internship is required of inexperienced students.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

#### Core Courses

(16 hours minimum)

Course	Title	Semester Hours
*URP 500	History of Planning	3
*URP 502	Planning Theory and Practice	3
*URP 504	Quantitative Analysis and Computers	4
*URP 506	Legal Aspects in Planning	3
*URP 508	Introduction to Urban Design	3

#### Concentration Courses

(15 hours minimum from one of the three concentration areas)

##### Community Development and Housing Concentration

#URP 520	Housing Policy	3
URP 521	African American Community	3
#URP 522	Introduction to Community Development	3
URP 523	Social Policy Planning	3
**URP 524	Neighborhood Revitalization	3
URP 525	Land Development Dynamics	3
URP 526	Citizen Participation	3
URP 527	Public Finance Planning	3
URP 528	Economic Development Planning	3
URP 529	Planning in Local Government	3
URP 551	Regional Planning	3

##### Environment and Land Use Concentration

#URP 530	Introduction to Environmental Planning	3
#URP 531	Growth Management	3
URP 532	Environmental Planning Ethics	3
URP 533	Rural Land Use Planning	3
URP 534	Environmental Impact Assessment	3
**URP 535	Comprehensive Planning	3
URP 536	Developing Nations Environmental Planning	3
URP 537	Plan Implementation	3
URP 538	Zoning and Land Use Regulation	3
URP 539	Risk Analysis	3

##### Urban Design Concentration

URP 540	Historic Preservation and Conservation	3
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#URP 541	Technical Skills of Composition and Communication	3
URP 542	Infrastructure and Community Facilities	3
URP 543	Computer-Aided Design I: Introduction	3
**URP 544	Design of Cities	3
URP 545	Computer-Aided Design II: Applications in Urban Design	3
URP 546	Site Development	3
#URP 547	Behavioral and Cultural Factors in Planning and Urban Design	3

#### Electives

Faculty Advisor's approval required.

#### Internship

*URP 570	Internship	3
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#### Thesis or Non-Thesis Option

(6 hours maximum in either thesis or non-thesis courses)

##### Thesis

URP 560	Thesis Research	3
URP 566	Master's Thesis	3

##### Non-Thesis

Faculty Advisor's approval required.

#### Notes

\*Required Course

#Required Concentration Course

\*\*Required Concentration Studio Course

### Curriculum Plans

#### 1. Community Development and Housing Concentrations: Non-Thesis Option Full Time Plan

##### First Year-Fall Semester

URP 500	History of Planning	3
URP 502	Planning Theory and Practice	3
URP 520	Housing Policy	3
		9

##### Spring Semester

URP 504	Quantitative Analysis and Computers	4
URP 508	Introduction to Urban Design	3
URP 522	Introduction to Community Design	3
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##### Summer Semester

ENTR 580	Entrepreneurship	3
URP 555	Independent Study	3
		6

##### Second Year- Fall Semester

URP 506	Legal Aspects in Planning	3
URP 524	Neighborhood Revitalization (Studio)	3
URP 570	Internship	3
PPAD 549	Public Finance Administration	3
		12

##### Spring Semester

URP 526	Citizen Participation	3
URP 551	Regional Planning	3
PPAD 505	Principles of Public Administration	3
ECO 512	Microeconomics	3
		12

Total Hours

49



**2. Urban Design Concentration**  
**Non-Thesis Option-Full Time Plan**

**First Year-Fall Semester**

URP 500 History of Planning	3
URP 502 Planning Theory and Practice	3
URP 541 Technical Skills of Comp. and Comm.	<u>3</u>
	9

**Spring Semester**

URP 504 Quantitative Analysis and Computers	4
URP 508 Introduction to Urban Design	3
URP 530 Introduction to Environ. Planning	3
URP 547 Behav. and Cult. Factor in Planning	<u>3</u>
	13

**Summer Semester**

PPAD 514 Problems of City and County Admin.	<u>3</u>
	6

**Second Year- Fall Semester**

URP 506 Legal Aspects in Planning	3
URP 542 Infrastructure and Comm. Facilities	3
URP 543 Computer-Aided Design I	3
URP 544 Design of Cities (Studio)	<u>3</u>
	12

**Spring Semester**

URP 522 Introduction to Community Develop.	3
URP 545 Computer-Aided Design II	3
URP 546 Site Development	3
URP 570 Internship	<u>3</u>
	<u>12</u>
<i>Total Hours</i>	49

**3. Environment and Land Use Concentration**  
**Non-Thesis Option-Full Time Plan**

**First Year-Fall Semester**

URP 500 History of Planning	3
URP 502 Planning Theory and Practice	3
URP 538 Zoning and Land Use Regulation	<u>3</u>
	9

**Spring Semester**

URP 504 Quantitative Analysis and Computers	4
URP 508 Introduction to Urban Design	<u>3</u>
	7

**Summer Semester**

ITHM 524 Public Issues in Hazard. Waste Mang.	3
URP 570 Internship	3
PPAD 514 Problems of City and County Admin.	<u>3</u>
	9

**Second Year- Fall Semester**

URP 506 Legal Aspects in Planning	3
URP 531 Growth Management	3
URP 534 Comprehensive Planning (Studio)	<u>3</u>
	9

**Spring Semester**

URP 530 Introduction to Environ. Planning	3
URP 532 Environmental Planning Ethics	3
URP 539 Urban Sprawl (Studio)	3
URP 555 Independent Study	3
ITHM 526 Environmental Regulations	<u>3</u>
	<u>12</u>
<i>Total Hours</i>	49

**Ph.D. Programs Admissions Requirements**

Admissions to the doctoral program in Urban and Regional Planning is governed by the regulations of the Division of Graduate Studies and the Department. The following criteria must be met:

1. Admissions to the Division of Graduate Studies at Jackson State University with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
2. Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Examination or equivalent test.
3. Promise for successful academic achievement at the doctoral level.
4. For international students, indication of adequate financial support and satisfactory performance on TOEFL demonstrating oral and written proficiency.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. Substantive statement of proposed research within one of the Department's areas of concentration.
7. When applicable, a description of professional experience and/or samples of previous scholarly works.
8. A personal interview with a departmental faculty when practical.

**Candidacy Requirements**

Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination and prepare and defend a proposal for dissertation research prior to being declared a degree candidate.

**Ph.D. Degree Requirements**

The Department offers courses on a semester basis. A basic core curriculum and three areas of concentration (Community Development and Housing, Environment and Land Use, and Urban Design) are offered. Thirty-six credit hours of course work beyond the master's degree are required prior to writing the dissertation. After completing these course requirements, students may earn a maximum of twelve additional credit hours of dissertation credit. The Ph.D. is awarded after successful completion and defense of the dissertation.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE Ph.D. IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

Core Course	Semester
Course Title	Hours
URP 700 Historical development of Cities	3
URP 702 Theoretical Perspectives in Planning	3
URP 710 Advanced Statistical Methods	3
URP 712 Research Methodology	3
URP 714 Ethics in Planning Seminar	<u>3</u>
<i>Total Hours</i>	15

**Concentration Courses**

12 hours minimum from one of the three concentration areas.