5564: URBAN STUDIES & PLANNING: SUSTAINABILITY, BA

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Deactivation Proposal

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Changes proposed by: Nicole Turner

Proposal Type:

Concentration (ex. Dietetics)

This proposal is for a:

~~Revision~~
Phase Down/Elimination

Administration Details

Official Program Name

Urban Studies & Planning: Sustainability, BA

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Fine & Applied Arts

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If additional stakeholders other than the Sponsor and College Contacts listed above should be contacted if questions during the review process arise, please list them here.

KR Dean

Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

No

Catalog Term

Desired Effective Catalog Term

Fall 2027

Effective Catalog

2027-2028

Proposal Title

Proposal Title (either Establish/Revise/Eliminate the Degree Name in Program Name in the College of XXXX, i.e., Establish the Bachelor of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, include the Graduate College for Grad Programs)

Eliminate the Concentration in Sustainability in the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies & Planning in the College of Fine and Applied Arts

Are there other related proposals that should be considered simultaneously with this one? If yes, please list the program keys and/or titles. Consider Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Joint Programs in your department. Please know that this information is used administratively to move related proposals through workflow efficiently and together as needed. Format your response like the following "This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145)"

New FA 27 BAUSP concentrations being proposed in approval workflow alongside the BAUSP revision (key 148): Environmental Planning and Design (key 1421); Transportation (key 1423); and Housing, Community and Economic Development (key 1422);
Old BAUSP concentrations being deactivated in workflow:
Sustainability (key 690); Global Cities (key 687); Social Justice (key 689); Policy & Planning (key 688)

Also related to the BAUSP/MUP joint program as a revision in workflow: key 943.

Program Justification

Provide a brief description, using a numbered item list, of the proposed changes to the program.

Provide a list of numbered items of what changed and why each change was necessary.

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning proposes eliminating its current four undergraduate concentrations, the current proposal being one of the four.

The BAUSP sustainability concentration has been revised 9 times since March 2019. The initial development of the concentration intended to have a gateway and workshop course, along with an elective option. However, over the years challenges with such specificity of courses when sustainability is such a broad concept that the number of courses added to the list of concentration options went from 7 to 15. Overlap among the 4 concentrations led to students declaring multiple concentrations and new policies to prevent double counting of concentration requirements. Faculty took the opportunity from an external accreditation review to fully examine the concentrations and instead propose 3 new concentrations which have no overlapping courses. Further details are provided in the new concentration proposals: Environmental Planning and Design (key 1421); Transportation (key 1423); and Housing, Community and Economic Development (key 1422).

All current students will be allowed to complete their BAUSP degree with their catalog year concentrations. Once Spring 2027 admits and earlier have graduated, the program code for this concentration will be deactivated. No students for Summer 2027 or later will be allowed to declare the BAUSP sustainability concentration.

All of the courses in the concentration are housed in DURP, except for UP/LA 480 and UP/LA 446. UP/LA 480 and UP/LA 446 are now listed in the newly proposed BAUSP concentration in Environmental Planning and Design and no impact is predicted, although the department has been notified of the change.

Of the remaining courses in this concentration, they are not intended to be reduced in offerings and will be used in the future as stated:
BAUSP concentration in Environmental Planning and Design: UP 136, 205, 406, 420, 426, 438, 446, 476, 480, 486

BAUSP concentration in Transportation: UP 230, 434, 437, 460

Removed: UP 443. This course has only been offered twice before (last in SP 23) and the faculty member who taught it is no longer at the university. The status of this course is under discussion this year and new faculty hires are intended to be made which will determine the future of UP 443.

Removed: UP 466. This course is owned by LA and has not been offered since SP 23. The department has been notified.

Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/ proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects outside of the sponsoring department impacted by the creation/revision of this program?

Yes

Please email the Department Head or a CIM User in the Department Head role of the units that own the courses that are impacted by the creation/revision/phase down or elimination of this program. For example, if you are adding a course, you will need support from the course owning unit to do so. Likewise, if you are removing a course or adding additional courses where enrollment in existing courses in the program of study could be impacted, you will need acknowledgement from the course owning unit. If the program has potential for perceived overlap with another unit on campus, you should have consultation with the other unit/stakeholders. Once this is complete, acknowledge that you have done so below.

Acknowledged

Indicate which departments/units/stakeholders were notified/consulted by listing the name of the department(s). For example, if you are adding a course owned by the Department of Philosophy and a course owned by the Department of Theatre and notified the units accordingly, you would include in the box below: 1. Department of Philosophy; 2. Department of Theatre.

1. Department of Landscape Architecture

Please attach any letters of support/acknowledgement for any Instructional Resources. Consider faculty, students, and/or other impacted units as appropriate.

Program Features

Academic Level

Undergraduate

Does this program prepare graduates for entry into a career or profession that is regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

Program of Study

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300- or 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/) (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Composition I		4-6
Advanced Composition		3
fulfilled by UP 312		
Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)		6
Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)		6
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)		6
fulfilled by UP 136; and ECON 102 or ACE 100; and AAS 100 or AFRO 100 or GGIS 101 or GGIS 104 or LLS 100 or SOC 100		
Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)		3
Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)		3
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)		3
Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)		6-10
fulfilled by UP 116 or STAT 100; and UP 316		
Language Requirement (Completion of the third semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required)		0-15

Foundation Courses

Code	Title	Hours
FAA 101	Arts at Illinois	1
ECON 102	Microeconomic Principles	3
or ACE 100	Introduction to Applied Microeconomics	
UP 116	Urban Informatics I (or equivalent)	3
or STAT 100	Statistics	
3-4 hours selected from:		3-4
AAS 100	Intro Asian American Studies	
AFRO 100	Intro to African American St	
GGIS 101	Global Development & Environment	
GGIS 104	Social and Cultural Geography	
LLS 100	Intro Latina/Latino Studies	
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	

Urban Studies & Planning Core

Code	Title	Hours
UP 101	Introduction to City Planning	3
UP 201	Planning in Action	3
UP 203	Cities: Planning & Urban Life	3
or UP 204	Chicago: Planning & Urban Life	
UP 211	Local Planning, Gov't and Law	3

UP 312	Communication for Planners	4
UP 316	Urban Informatics II	3
UP 347	Junior Planning Workshop	4
Select one workshop from:		4
UP 447	Land Use Planning Workshop	
UP 455	Economic Development Workshop	
UP 456	Sustainable Planning Workshop	
UP 457	Small Town/Rural Planning Workshop	
UP 478	Community Development Workshop	
UP 401	Professional Development Seminar (Individual portfolio development, networking opportunities, and a culmination event.)	1
Plus 15 hours of UP electives in addition to Foundation, Core, & Concentration		15

Sustainability Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
UP 136	Urban Sustainability (Gateway)	3
Select 2 courses from:		6-8
UP 205	Ecology & Environmental Sustainability	
UP 230	Transportation Planning: Fundamentals and Innovations	
UP 406	Urban Ecology	
UP 420	Plng for Historic Preservation	
UP 426	Urban Design and Planning	
UP 434	Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning	
UP 437	Public Transportation Planning	
UP 438	Disasters and Urban Planning	
UP 443	Scenarios, Plans & Future Cities	
UP 446	Sustainable Planning Seminar	
UP 460	Transportation/Land Use Policy	
UP 466	Energy & the Built Environment	
UP 476	The City Through the Body	
UP 480	Sustainable Design Principles	
UP 486	Planning with Climate Change	

Summary of Credits for the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Planning, concentration in Sustainability

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		
Foundation Courses		10
Urban Studies & Planning Core		43
Sustainability Concentration		9-11
Free Electives		
A minimum of 40 credits at the 300 or 400 course level are required		
Total Degree Hours		**120**

Program Relationships

Corresponding Program(s):

Corresponding Program(s)
Urban Studies & Planning, BA

Delivery Method

This program is available:

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

Enrollment

Phase Down/Elimination Enrollment

Does this program currently have enrollment?

Yes

If so, what is the anticipated term of completion?

Fall 2027

Describe how this revision or phase down/elimination will impact enrollment and degrees awarded. If this is an elimination/phase down proposal include the plans for the students left in the program.

Fall 2026 admits are still permitted to declare the sustainability concentration as part of their BAUSP degree. It is possible that students may wish to instead declare the new concentrations, which is permitted. Students may not declare one old and one new concentration. They may declare multiple old or multiple new concentrations, providing they are following the policies outlined in the academic catalog for the concentrations.

Sustainability concentration current students
FA 26: 16 enrolled (about 15% of the BAUSP enrolled students at UIUC for FA 26)
There are 31 new BAUSP students admitted for FA 26

Since this proposal is for Fall 2027, we anticipate that the concentration will be terminated in summer 2030 after the Fall 2026 students have graduated or it has been determined that no 5th year students intend to declare the concentration.

Enrollment:
FA 26: 16
FA 25: 21
FA 24: 22
FA 23: 17
FA 22: 13
FA 21: 16

Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision?

No

Attach File(s)

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

Disciplinary specialist Mike Dickinson from the City Planning & Landscape Architecture Reference & Resource Center was consulted with and has stated, "These changes should not impact the Library's collections budget for the Department of Urban & Regional planning, or our ability to offer research assistance."

EP Documentation

EP Control Number

EP.27.048

Attach Rollback/Approval Notices

Non-EP Documentation

U Program Review Comments

Rollback Documentation and Attachment

DMI Documentation

Attach Final Approval Notices

Banner/Codebook Name

Sustainability

Program Code:

5564

Minor Code

Conc Code

5564

Degree Code

BA

Major Code

5504

Senate Approval Date

Senate Conference Approval Date

BOT Approval Date

IBHE Approval Date

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DOE Approval Date

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Effective Date:

Attached Document

Justification for this request

Program Reviewer Comments

Key: 690