

Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE:

Proposal to Rename and Revise Undergraduate Minor in Urban Planning, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, College of Fine & Applied Arts

Proposed New Name for the Undergraduate Minor: Urban Studies & Planning

SPONSOR:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Urban & Regional Planning would like to rename and revise the existing undergraduate Minor in Urban Planning. We are proposing to change the name of the minor to Minor in Urban Studies and Planning. This proposed minor revision is part of a departmental shift away from breadth and towards depth. For example, we have submitted a proposal to reduce our BA core requirements from nine (9) to five (5) courses because we are adding concentration requirements. Similarly, we are proposing to reduce the minor core from four (4) courses to two (2). The revision will allow students to take four or five electives. The required hours will remain the same.

JUSTIFICATION:

The current minor requirements do not allow students to develop any depth. Our proposed minor will be more flexible and allow students to take a cluster of elective courses that complement their major as well as fit with their career goals.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

1) Resources

The minor will continue to be administered by the Department of Urban & Regional Planning. The minor will likely attract more students, but the increases can be handled with existing resources. The proposed changes will require zero increase in staff or faculty dollars.

2) Resource Implications

We expect that the revised minor will attract students from across campus. It is a small minor program and we do not anticipate any major issue with other departments.

We do not anticipate any major resource implications because our existing undergraduate program is not running at full capacity. However, we do expect some impacts. Specifically, we expect that the proposed changes will lead to a larger class size.

Computer use will increase slightly. The department is already expanding its capacity by renting computer lab space in other buildings for classroom use. We are also modifying our computer lab by providing access to software and data via cloud computing. Cloud computing enables students to access computer lab resources with their own personal laptops from anywhere on campus.

We anticipate little impact on the library.

REQUIREMENTS

	EXISTING		PROPOSED	
Minor	UP101	3	UP101	3
	UP203 or UP204	3	UP203 or UP204	3
	UP205	3		
	UP260	3		
	DURP Electives*	8	DURP Electives*	14
TOTAL MINOR		20		20

*Electives courses offered by DURP. At least six (6) hours of coursework must be advanced courses (300-level or 400-level) and distinct from credit earned for the student's major or another minor.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE MINOR

No prerequisites.

EXPECTED ENROLLMENT IN THE MINOR

Historically enrollment in the BAUP minor has been 15 to 30 students. Current enrollment is 23. We expect enrollment to range from 30 to 50 minors.

Fall 2008	13
Spr 2009	17
Spr 2010	29
Fall 2010	19
Spr 2013	21
Fall 2014	21
Spr 2015	23

We do expect an increase in enrollment in the minor with the requested changes. This would be due not to a lowering of standards, but to the addition of flexibility. Currently, the 4 core classes are all lower level: UP 101, 203/204, 205, and 260. With only two of these being required, students electing to take the minor would have more flexibility in choosing courses to their particular interests within the field. For juniors and seniors, the flexibility would allow them to take more upper level courses, which would likely reflect specializations of interest to them.

ADMISSIONS TO THE MINOR

The Undergraduate Program Director reviews applications as they are received. Students must have at least 30 credit hours and at least a 2.75 GPA. An application consisting of fill-in-the-blanks for contact information, student's major, and expected graduation date, along with a brief essay as to why they seek the UP minor, is also required. We accept applications on a revolving basis, with no deadline required, so at any given time, our number of minors is fluid.

Students applying to the minor are rarely rejected. If they are rejected, it is usually for failure to meet the minimum required GPA or in very rare cases, for lack of time to complete the requirements of the minor.

MINOR ADVISOR

The Undergraduate Program Director advises students enrolled in the minor through email and one-on-one meetings. In addition, the departmental website has information about the minor requirements. Students can also work with concentration faculty, if they opt to focus electives in one concentration area.

CERTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

Successful completion of the minor is confirmed through the student's Degree Audit Report System (DARS).

CLEARANCES:



Head/chair of the sponsoring department or unit:



Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit:

n/a

Council of Teacher Education:
(for minors that affect teacher certification)

~~Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee:~~

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Fall 2015

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

Minor in Urban Planning

The Urban Planning Minor requires the successful completion of 20 credit hours of UP coursework. Admission criteria: 2.75 GPA, as space is available. Contact the BAUSP Director, Alice Novak, at novak2@illinois.edu for more information.

Hours	Requirements
3	UP 101 - Introduction to City Planning
3	UP 203 - Exploring Cities or UP204 Exploring Cities: Chicago
14	Electives courses offered by DURP. At least six (6) hours of coursework must be advanced courses (300-level or 400-level) and distinct from credit earned for the student's major or another minor.

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February 4, 2015

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to rename and revise the undergraduate minor in Urban Planning.

This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the College of Fine and Applied Arts. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathryn A. Martensen'.

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

Enclosure

c: A. Mette
S. Harwood
A. Edwards

**Senate Educational Policy Committee
Proposal Check Sheet**

PROPOSAL TITLE (Same as on proposal): Proposal to Rename and Revise Existing Undergraduate Minor in Urban Planning.

PROPOSAL TYPE (select all that apply below):

A. Proposal for a NEW or REVISED degree program. Please consult the Programs of Study Catalog for official titles of existing degree programs.

1. Degree program level:

Graduate Professional Undergraduate

2. Proposal for a new degree (e.g. B.S., M.A. or Ph.D.):

Degree name, "e.g., Bachelor of Arts or Master of Science": _____

3. Proposal for a new or revised major, concentration, or minor:

New or Revised Major in (name of existing or proposed major): _____

New or Revised Concentration in (name of existing or proposed concentration): _____

New or Revised Minor in (name of existing or proposed minor): Urban Planning

4. Proposal to rename an existing major, concentration, or minor:

Major Concentration Minor

Current name: Urban Planning

Proposed new name: Urban Studies and Planning

5. Proposal to terminate an existing degree, major, concentration, or minor:

Degree Major Concentration Minor

Name of existing degree, major, or concentration: _____

6. Proposal involving a multi-institutional degree:

New Revision Termination

Name of existing Illinois (UIUC) degree: _____

Name of non-Illinois partnering institution: _____

Location of non-Illinois partnering institution:

State of Illinois US State: _____ Foreign country: _____

- B. Proposal to create a new academic unit (college, school, department, program or other academic unit):

Name of proposed new unit: _____

- C. Proposal to rename an existing academic unit (college, school, department, or other academic unit):

Current name of unit: _____

Proposed new name of unit: _____

- D. Proposal to reorganize existing units (colleges, schools, departments, or program):

1. Proposal to change the status of an existing and approved unit (e.g. change from a program to department)

Name of current unit including status: _____

2. Proposal to transfer an existing unit:

Current unit's name and home: _____

Proposed new home for the unit: _____

3. Proposal to merge two or more existing units (e.g., merge department A with department B):

Name and college of unit one to be merged: _____

Name and college of unit two to be merged: _____

Proposed name and college of new (merged) unit: _____

4. Proposal to terminate an existing unit:

Current unit's name and status: _____

- E. **Other educational policy proposals** (e.g., academic calendar, grading policies, etc.)

Nature of the proposal: _____

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