Curriculum Map: Academic Year 2022-2023

Urban Planning and Sustainable Development Major: Minimum 97 credits

UPSDF Environmental Policy Foundation - Option A (25 credits min.)
- ECON 206 or FAIR 367 or UEPP 202; MATH 112 or MATH 114 or placement score
- ENVS 203 or 204, UEPP 261, UEPP 270, ECON 383 or PLSC 250 or UEPP 355; ECON 204 or 225

UPSDF Environmental Sciences Foundation - Option B (25 credits min.)
- MATH 114 or math replacement score, BIO 101 OR BIO 204; CHEM 161; PLSC 250 or ECON 383 or UEPP 355; ENVS 203 or ESCI 225 or ESCI 204; two courses from: ECON 302, 325, 330, 333, 361, 380, 392, 404, 442, 463 or other 300 or 400 level courses with advisor approval.

The Urban Planning Core (minimum 52 credits min.)
- Planning History, Theory, and Knowledge
- Planning and Diversity - Planning Skills
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Experiential Capstone and Experiential (minimum 8 credits)
- UEPP 343 - Urbanization: Processes and Patterns; UEPP 370 - History of Planning; UEPP 373 - Transportation Systems and Planning or ENVS 464 - Topics in Planning; UEPP 461 - Land Use Law; UEPP 462 - Planning Theory; One course from: UEPP 352 - Climate Change Politics and Policy or UEPP 463 Native American Planning & Resources Policy or UEPP 356 Sustainable Housing Innovations

Planning Methods
- UEPP 322 - Intro to GIS and Quantitative Skills for Planners; UEPP 360 - Plan Graphics and Site Design; UEPP 374 - Land Use Regulations and Technical Writing; UEPP 475 - Community Development and Participatory Methods; One course from: UEPP 454 - Environmental Dispute Resolution or ENVS 372 Natural Hazards Planning or ENVS 442 Regional Environmental and Economic Resource Modeling

Planning Skills
- UEPP 470 - Planning Methods Planning Studio I: Urban Design Methods; UEPP 472 - Planning Studio II: Plan Development; UEPP 473 - Planning Studio III: Implementation

Planning and Diversity - One course from:
- UEPP 443 - Urban Environmental and the Just City; UEPP 463 - Native American Planning and Natural Resources Management; UEPP 369 - Settler Cities; EFCI 404 - Indigenous Resource Management

Specialization Electives (minimum 10 credits) Select 1 of the following:
- Urban Design
- Hazard Planning Specialization
- Tribal and Indigenous Planning (select 3 courses)
- Climate Action (select 3 courses)
- Food Security
- Business and Sustainability
- Student/Faculty Designed Specialization

Culminating Capstone and Experiential (minimum 8 credits)
- CAPSTONE COURSE. UPSDF majors are encouraged to take ENVS 410, 474, or UEPP 493 EXPERIENTIAL (minimum 5 credits) UEPP 437 or UEPP 498 A, B, C or D.

How to Apply to the UPSD MAJOR
Review the College of the Environment website for Application Form and Deadlines

As a nationally accredited professional planning program, admission to the urban planning and sustainable development major at Huxley College is a competitive process. The program typically accepts a junior cohort class of about 25 students during spring quarter. Before applying, students are encouraged to complete UPSD foundation courses.

Application Content - submit an application (and a PDF copy) that includes the following:
- A statement of interest (700-1,000 words) that describes your interest in the urban planning major; your familiarity with urban planning and sustainable development problems; and your vision and affinity to work in the planning field.
- A plan of study created with and approved by the Huxley professional advisor.
- A resume summarizing academic, curricular, extra-curricular, and volunteer activities.
- A portfolio of work that demonstrates your skills and affinity with the major. Suggested portfolio materials include any or all of the following, or other materials that represent your vision, skills, and experience: a) examples of your best academic writing; b) an annotated list of no more than three inspirational readings; c) examples of creative expression, drawings, or other illustrative skills; and d) description of volunteer or work activities.

Applications are ranked based on the applicants’ demonstrated interests in solving urban planning problems; commitment to planning’s social and environmental justice goals; aspirations for working in the public interest; relevant skills and experiences; and academic performance. Applicant selection is also based on creating a cohort representing diverse perspectives and lived experiences. To become familiar with the work of urban planning and our program’s curriculum, applicants should review the American Planning Association website (https://planning.org) as well as the program’s brochure (https://huxley.wwu.edu/urban-planning-and-sustainable-development-program).

Applications are accepted at the College of the Environment Office, ES 539 for admission to the program. If you have any questions, please contact a professional advisor at the Huxley College Student Support office in ES 539, or by phone 360-650-2817, or 360-650-3748. For further information, questions, or application forms, please visit the College of the Environment website at https://planning.org/.

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BA in Urban Planning and Sustainable Development

A PAB nationally accredited professional BA degree program

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Consider a major in Urban Planning and Sustainable Development

Huxley’s Urban Planning and Sustainable Development (UPSD) major emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to solving complex problems that face communities. The program emphasizes a concern for progressive change that is needed in the design of equitable, healthful, livable, diverse and sustainable communities for present and future generations. The curriculum combines urban planning, sustainable design, policy and environmental science to provide students with an understanding of the multidimensional issues in urban development. Our program aspires to serve diverse communities and we encourage students with a breadth of backgrounds and life experiences to apply.

The program prepares students with the knowledge and skills that are necessary to make positive changes towards sustainability in an increasingly complex world. Graduates are prepared for professional careers in planning agencies, consulting firms, and non profit organizations that are able to meet the environmental challenges of our times. Many of our graduates go on to professional careers in urban planning, while others continue their graduate studies in urban planning, law, natural resource management, architecture, and public policy fields. Our curriculum is designed to help students make the intellectual connections and gain the practical skills necessary for building socially and environmentally sustainable community futures. Through the integration of urban planning with the natural and social sciences, and allied fields, the Urban Planning program endeavors to educate problem solvers who are able to meet the environmental challenges of our times.

WWU’s Urban Planning program’s mission emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to solving complex problems that face communities from the local to the global level. The curriculum provides students with a solid core understanding of the linkages between urban and natural systems and the multi-dimensional problems faced in urban development. The program prepares students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make positive changes towards sustainability in an increasingly complex world.

Recommended Class Sequence
Academic Year 2022-2023

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**Senior Year**

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In addition to (in any quarter available): Specialization; Capstone, Experiential

Elective Specializations: Select minimum 10 credits from the following categories. Substitute courses require Faculty Advisor approval.


Note: Verify course availability, scheduling, and prerequisites in the WWU Course Catalog and in WWU class finder.