

## Urban Affairs Ph.D. Curriculum Overview

### Degree Requirements for students admitted in Fall 2021 and 2022:

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 studies. (i.e., a Public Administration student needs to have two courses from ANTH, CJUS, PLAN, POLS, SOCI, SWRK) to meet this requirement. (18 hours)
3. **Two** Methods Courses: See the pre-approved list below. (**6 Hours**)
4. **Comprehensive Exams:** Students must form interdisciplinary committees with faculty members of SUAPP subject areas. Students must pass oral and written exams. Committees must have a minimum of three members to a maximum of five. Regardless of size, the majority of faculty members on a student's comprehensive exam committee must come from SUAPP subjects (at least 50%).
5. **Dissertation Credits: 12 hours**

### Degree Requirements for students admitted in Fall 2023:

1. **Four** Core Courses: UAPP 8010, 8011, 8012, 8013 (**12 Hours**)
2. **Six** Focus Area Courses: **Two courses** must come from **outside** a student's master's study. **Two courses must** come from the pre-approved theory course list. See below. (**18 Hours**)
3. **Two** Methods Courses: See the pre-approved list below. (**6 Hours**)
4. **Comprehensive Exams:** Students must form interdisciplinary committees with faculty members of SUAPP subject areas. Students must pass oral and written exams. Committees must have a minimum of three members to a maximum of five. Regardless of size, most faculty members on a student's comprehensive exam committee must come from SUAPP subjects (at least 50%).
5. **Dissertation Credits: 12 hours**

### Degree Requirements for students admitted in Fall 2024:

1. **Five** Core Courses: UAPP 8009, 8010, 8011, 8012, 8013 (**15 Hours**)
2. **Three** Methods Courses: Inclusive of **one** Qualitative Methods Course (ANTH, SOCI, and SWRK offer these on a rotating basis), UAPP 8014: Survey of Quantitative Methods, and **one** GIS course from the pre-approved list provided below. (**9 Hours**)
3. **Five** Specialization/Focus Area Courses: Students must select **one** focus area (**15 Hours**)
  - a. Urban Cultures and Societies (mix of ANTH and SOCI)
  - b. Urban Governance and Planning (mix of PADM and PLAN)
  - c. Urban Policy and Services (mix of SWRK, CJUS)
  - d. Urban Political Development and Economies (mix of PLAN, PADM, POLS)
  - e. **Note:** Students **must** take **two** theory courses within the specialization/focus area and should select their remaining courses within the specialization area focus.
4. **Comprehensive Exams:** Students will take comprehensive exams based on content in the program core (i.e., UAPP 8009, 8010, 8011, 8014, Qualitative Methods and GIS).

These committees are made up of interdisciplinary faculty from affiliated SUAPP academic units. Students must pass written and oral exams before starting their dissertation research.

5. **Dissertation Hours: UAPP 9001 Dissertation Workshop (1) and UAPP 9000 Dissertation (Varies) (8+ hours)**
6. **Comprehensive Exams:** Students must pass oral and written exams. Committees must have a minimum of three members to a maximum of five. Regardless of size, the majority of faculty members on a student's comprehensive exam committee must come from SUAPP subjects (at least 50%).

*Note: Any deviations from a student's program of study should be discussed with the program director and faculty advisor before registering for classes. Any substitutions must be accompanied by a course substitution form.*

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#### **SUAPP Theory Courses (all cohorts, reviewed annually)**

ANTH 7200/8200 Roots of Anthropology Theory  
CJUS 7541/8541 Criminological Theory  
PADM 7600/8600 Seminar in Administrative Theory and Ethics  
PLAN 7002/8002 Planning Theory and Perspectives  
POLS 7401/8104 History of Modern Political Thought  
POLS 7100/8100 Scope and Methods in Political Science  
SOCJ 7201/8201 Sociology Theory Seminar  
SWRK 8040 Advanced Social Work Theory  
SWRK 7064/8064 Critical Theory and Social Work

#### **Pre-Approved Methods Courses (2021-2023 admits only)**

ANTH 8075 Methods in Anthropology  
CJUS 7129/8129 Advanced Statistics 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 Times 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 Biostatistical 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)  
SOC 7322/8322\* Seminar in Quantitative Data Analysis  
SOC 7325/8325 Seminar in Qualitative Research  
\* Denotes courses with prerequisites that **would not count** toward the Ph.D. SUAP  
7100/8100 **cannot** be used as an advanced methods course but is recommended as a  
pre-requisite for students with no quantitative methods training.

#### **Geographic Information Systems Courses (2024 and beyond only)**

PLAN 7207 GIS for City Planning  
ESCI 6430 Social and Economic Geography with GIS  
PLAN/ESCI 6515 Geographic Information Science  
ESCI 6525 Advanced Geographic Information Science  
ESCI 6535 Modular GIS  
ESCI 8504 Seminar on Geographic Information Systems  
ESCI 8613 GIS and Human Health