

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

UGPC APPROVAL _____
 UFS APPROVAL _____
 CATALOG _____

DEPARTMENT:
 URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

COLLEGE:
 DESIGN AND SOCIAL INQUIRY

PROGRAM NAME:
ACCELERATED
 MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (MURP)

EFFECTIVE DATE

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

FALL/2014

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:

Request

The School of Urban and Regional Planning requests the approval of a five-year combined Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (B.U.R.P) / Master of Urban and Regional Planning (M.U.R.P) program where 12 graduate credit hours will be used as elective credits towards the bachelor's degree. The Program will satisfy the 120 credit hour requirements for B.U.R.P. and the 36 credit hours for M.U.R.P (108 undergraduate credits and 48 graduate credits). The traditional credit hour requirement for M.U.R.P is 48 credits.

Rationale

The proposed combined program will help increase enrollment of the master's program without compromising the quality of scope for both degrees.

Attachment

Proposed catalog description.

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.
 N/A

Approved by:

Department Chair: _____
 College Curriculum Chair: _____
 College Dean: _____
 UGPC Chair: _____
 Graduate College Dean: _____
 UFS President: _____
 Provost: _____

Date:

3/18/14
 3/19/14
 3/19/14
 3/24/14
 3/24/14

Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

Catalog Description

Accelerated

Combined Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (B.U.R.P) / Master of Urban and Regional Planning (M.U.R.P)

This combined degree program leads to both bachelor's and master's degrees in Urban and Regional Planning. The program is to offer motivated exceptional students the opportunity to achieve their career goals in a more efficient "fast-track" program at Florida Atlantic University, completing B.U.R.P and the professional M.U.R.P in 5 years compared to the traditional 6 years. These students are provided opportunities to coordinate both required B.U.R.P and M.U.R.P core courses and emphasis area electives with graduate course equivalents to shorten the number of credit hours required for completing the two degrees without compromising the quality or scope.

Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the *Transfer Student Manual* (see www.fau.edu/registrar/tsm.php).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

Admission Requirements and Academic Standing

Applications are made by March during the student's junior year after earning 75 undergraduate credits. Admission decisions will be made prior to start of senior year.

Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or above in order to be admitted to the Program. Once admitted, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 to remain in this program.

GRE will be waived for students admitted into this Program. Students will follow graduate application procedures as well as Departmental requirements for an admission into this Program. Applying students that have a minimum of 3.25 GPA, have earned at least a "B" in all B.U.R.P courses, and provide a strong letter of intent for graduate-level study will be eligible for admission.

Students must finish the entire 156 credits to obtain both Bachelor's and Master's degrees. These students will be conferred with two degrees once they complete the fifth year of this Program. Students will follow the requirements, policies and procedural guidelines of both B.U.R.P and M.U.R.P outlined in the University Catalog.

Students not accepted or not allowed to continue with this Program will complete the 120-credit B.U.R.P under the standard 4-year curriculum. These students may apply to any graduate program(s) for a more traditional time frame for entry following successful completion of their undergraduate degree.

Curriculum

Once admitted into the Program students shall follow the suggested course sequence, completing 108 undergraduate credits, 12 graduate credits as undergraduate electives, and additional 36 graduate credits in the M.U.R.P curriculum. In total the students will earn 156 credit hours to obtain both degrees. The design of the curriculum satisfies the 120 credit hour requirements for a bachelor's degree and 48 graduate credit hours for M.U.R.P, with 12 graduate credit hours serving the requirements of both degrees.

Junior Year			
URP 3000	Planning and Growth Management	Fall 1	3
URP 4011	Planning Methods	Fall 1	3
URP 4055	City Structure and Change	Fall 1	3
	Undergraduate Elective	Fall 1	3
	Undergraduate Elective	Fall 1	3
		CREDITS	15
Summer 1			
URP 4730	Capital Facilities	Spring 1	3
URP 4343	Plan Making and Design	Spring 1	3
URP 4254	Intro. To Visual Planning Technologies	Spring 1	3
	Undergraduate Elective	Spring 1	3
	Undergraduate Elective	Spring 1	3
		CREDITS	15
Summer 1			
	Undergraduate Elective	Summer 1	3
	Undergraduate Elective	Summer 1	3
URP 6873*	Site Planning	Summer 1	3
		CREDITS	9
Senior Year			
URP 4920	Planning Design Studio	Fall 2	3
PAD 4223	Public Budgeting	Fall 2	3
URP 6101	Planning Process and Skills	Fall 2	3
URP 6270	Introduction to GIS in Planning	Fall 2	3
		CREDITS	12
URP 4120	Planning Implementation Strategies	Spring 2	3
URP 6603*	Sustainable Cities	Spring 2	3
URP 6XXX	URP Specialization	Spring 2	3
URP 6XXX	URP Specialization	Spring 2	3
		CREDITS	12
Summer 2			
URP 6945*	Planning Practicum	Summer 2	3
	Undergraduate Elective	Summer 2	3

	Graduate Elective	Summer 2	3
		CREDITS	9
Master Year 1			
URP 6200	Planimetrics	Fall 3	3
URP 6115	Urban Governance	Fall 3	3
URP 6920	Planning Workshop I	Fall 3	3
URP 6840	Urban and Regional Theory	Fall 3	3
		CREDITS	12
URP 6881	Urban Design	Spring 3	3
URP 6131	Legal Aspects of Planning	Spring 3	6
URP 6310	Seminar in Urban Planning	Spring 3	3
URP 6979*	Planning Project	Spring 3	3
		CREDITS	12
		TOTAL	96

* Graduate courses substituting undergraduate credits.