

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

## Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

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**DEPARTMENT:**  
 School of Urban and Regional Planning

**COLLEGE:**  
 College for Design and Social Inquiry

**PROGRAM NAME:**  
 Master of Urban and Regional Planning Advanced Standing Programs  
 (replacing Combined Programs)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

Fall 2016

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

This change replaces the B.Arch./M.U.R.P. and B.U.R.P./M.U.R.P. combined programs with advanced standing programs that require the bachelor's degree to be awarded before the student enrolls in the master's program. The change also provides for a B.U.D./M.U.R.P. advanced standing program. The current combined programs work against multiple BOG performance metrics: (1) They increase the likelihood that a student will exceed the 6-year limit because receipt of the bachelor's degree is delayed. This is particularly an issue for the B.Arch./M.U.R.P. (2) In the case of the B.Arch., we lose STEM graduates because the combined program is not classified as STEM. (3) If the bachelor's degree is received simultaneously with the master's degree, the student may or may not make a positive contribution to our statistics on employment or further study, but if the student enters the master's program immediately following receipt of the bachelor's degree this does make a positive contribution. Also, the combined degree programs have caused other issues related to course scheduling and student advising and the current B.Arch./M.U.R.P. combined program does not satisfy accreditation standards for the M.U.R.P.

The advanced standing programs allow undergraduates in the B.Arch., B.U.D., and B.U.R.P. programs to take up to 12 credits of M.U.R.P. courses while undergraduates. These courses count as electives in the undergraduate program and also count toward the M.U.R.P. The proposed catalog change is attached.

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.  
 See attached memo from the Director of the School of  
 Architecture.

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Email this form and syllabus to [UGPC@fau.edu](mailto: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.

Memorandum

February 15, 2016

To: Dr. Wes Hawkins, Dean  
College for Design and Social Inquiry

Re: Dual Degree Program: Bachelor of Architecture / Master of Urban and Regional Planning

A meeting was held between Dr. Steve Bourassa and John Sandell on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 and resulted in the following decisions regarding changes in the Dual-Degree Program between the School of Architecture and the School of Urban and Regional Planning. The below proposed changes address two issues: the first is the issue of student financial aid for students enrolled in the fifth year in the School of Architecture (SoA). The second issue regards the calculation of SoA graduate rates when students transfer to the MURP program prior to finishing the BArch. The transfer of these students to the MURP effectively cancels these students from graduation statistics for the BArch. We would like to propose the following policy changes:

- Future dual-degree majors will first complete their degree program (BArch) in Architecture before officially enrolling in the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program.
- Recruitment of students interested in the dual-degree program will continue to occur during the senior and graduate years of enrollment in the SoA, (years four and five).
- Students interested in the dual-degree program will be encouraged to enroll in one or more graduate level SURP elective courses during their fourth or fifth year of the BArch. These courses can subsequently count for credit towards the MURP if the student should enroll in the program following graduation from the BArch program. (Architecture students must complete 18 elective credits outside of architecture, (without the ARC prefix).
- Students graduating from the SoA will continue to have three ARC prefix 5000-6000 Elective courses (as per current catalogue requirements) that count towards the MURP degree.
- Dr. Bourassa will review the University catalogue language concerning the dual-degree program and make necessary changes. Among other changes, the catalogue description of the Dual-Degree Program will be moved under the School of Urban and Regional Planning heading in the catalogue. In addition, a reference directing students to the SURP text will be made under the School of Architecture text.

Addendum: The School of Architecture faculty reviewed the above policy changes and the catalogue text prepared by Dr. Bourassa. On February 12, 2016 the faculty voted to unanimously support the proposed changes.

Cc: Dr. Steve Bourassa  
Dr. Ron Nyhan

## Combined Programs **Advanced Standing in the Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program**

### Bachelor of Architecture/Master of Urban and Regional Planning **Advanced Standing for Bachelor of Architecture Students**

This degree continuum allows a student interested in architecture and its place in the planning of a city or region to earn a carefully sequenced pair of degrees at the same time. The School of Architecture and the School of Urban and Regional Planning created this sequence by integrating the offerings of two degree programs so that a student can graduate with both a professional B.Arch. degree and a M.U.R.P. degree after six years of full-time study.

The two-degree combination curriculum is organized in a timeframe where courses for one major will integrate as elective courses in the other. The thesis year combines planning and architecture courses, preparing students to sequence their thesis project for architecture and their final planning course as the culmination of their undergraduate professional degree and their graduate degree in planning.

For admission and degree requirements, refer to the description of this program under the School of Architecture heading in this section.

This program allows FAU Bachelor of Architecture students the opportunity to complete the M.U.R.P. in less time than would normally be required after graduating with the B.Arch. B.Arch. students complete up to 12 credits of M.U.R.P. core courses during their senior and thesis (fourth and fifth) years; these courses count as electives toward the B.Arch. The remaining 36 credits required for the M.U.R.P. can be completed in as little as 15 months following graduation with the B.Arch.

#### Admission Requirements and Academic Standing

1. Applications to the advanced standing program may be submitted by B.Arch. students during their senior or thesis (fourth or fifth) years of study. Applicants must have no academic deficiencies at the time of application.
2. Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate FAU GPA of 3.25 in order to be admitted to the program. The GRE will be waived for students admitted into this program. Students will otherwise follow graduate application procedures, as well as departmental requirements, for admission to this program. Students who meet the GPA requirement, provide a positive letter of support from a full-time School of Architecture faculty member, and provide a strong letter of intent will be eligible for admission.
3. Students must graduate with the B.Arch. as soon as all of the requirements for that degree have been met. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 across all courses applied to the M.U.R.P. Both degrees require a total of 207 credits, including 159 for the undergraduate degree and 48 for the master's degree, with a maximum of 12 graduate credits in URP courses used to satisfy requirements for both degrees.

#### Degree Requirements

The following course schedule gives an example of how B.Arch. students who enroll in the advanced standing M.U.R.P. program could complete the requirements for that program:

<u>Required M.U.R.P. Courses</u>		
<u>B.Arch. Senior Year - Fall (3 credits)</u>		
History and Theory of Planning*	URP 6101	3
<u>B.Arch. Senior Year - Spring (3 credits)</u>		
Sustainable Cities*	URP 6406	3
<u>B.Arch. Thesis Year - Fall (3 credits)</u>		
Planning Methods*	URP 6200	3
<u>B.Arch. Thesis Year - Spring (3 credits)</u>		
Legal Aspects of Planning*	URP 6873	3
<u>Receive B.Arch. Degree</u>		

<b><u>Master Year - First Summer (6 credits)</u></b>		
Planning Internship	URP 6945	3
Graduate Elective		3
<b><u>Master Year - Fall (12 credits)</u></b>		
Urban and Regional Theory	URP 6840	3
Introduction to GIS in Planning	URP 6270	3
Urban Governance	URP 6115	3
Planning Workshop	URP 6920	3
<b><u>Master Year - Spring (12 credits)</u></b>		
Site Planning**	URP 6873	3
Statistics for Urban Planning	URP 6212	3
Graduate Elective		3
Planning Project	URP 6979	3
<b><u>Master Year - Second Summer (6 credits)</u></b>		
Graduate Elective		3
Graduate Elective		3
<b><u>Receive M.U.R.P. Degree</u></b>		

\* Graduate courses used as electives toward the bachelor's degree.

\*\*B.Arch. students with a grade of "B" or better in ARC 3374 may substitute a Graduate Elective for URP 6873.

### **Advanced Standing for Bachelor of Urban Design and Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning/Master-of Urban and Regional Planning**

This program allows FAU Bachelor of Urban Design and Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning students to complete the M.U.R.P. in less time than normally would be required after completing the B.U.D. or B.U.R.P. B.U.D. and B.U.R.P. students may complete up to 12 credits of M.U.R.P. core courses during their senior year; these courses count as electives toward the B.U.D. or B.U.R.P. The remaining 36 credits required for the M.U.R.P. can be completed in as little as 15 months following graduation with the B.U.D. or B.U.R.P.

five-year, combined-degree program leads to both a bachelor's and master's in Urban and Regional Planning. It is available for motivated, exceptional students who wish to achieve their career goals in a fast-track format in which 12 graduate credits are used as elective credits toward the bachelor's degree. 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 credits required for completing the two degrees without compromising the quality or scope. The combined program requires 156 credits, including 120 for the undergraduate program and 36 for the graduate program.

### **Admission Requirements and Academic Standing**

1. Applications to the advanced standing program may be submitted by B.U.D. or B.U.R.P. students during their senior year of study. Applicants must have no academic deficiencies at the time of application.

2. Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate FAU GPA of 3.25 in order to be admitted to the program. The GRE will be waived for students admitted into this program. Students will otherwise follow graduate application procedures, as well as departmental requirements, for admission to this program. Students who meet the GPA

requirement, provide a positive letter of support from a full-time School of Urban and Regional Planning faculty member, and provide a strong letter of intent will be eligible for admission.

3. Students must graduate with the B.U.D. or B.U.R.P. as soon as all of the requirements for that degree have been met. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 across all courses applied to the M.U.R.P. Both degrees require a total of 168 credits, including 120 for the undergraduate degree and 48 for the master's degree, with a maximum of 12 graduate credits in URP courses used to satisfy requirements for both degrees.

**Degree Requirements**

The following course schedule gives an example of how B.U.D. and B.U.R.P. students who enroll in the advanced standing M.U.R.P. program could complete the requirements for that program:

<b><u>Required M.U.R.P. Courses</u></b>		
<b><u>B.U.D. or B.U.R.P. Senior Year - Fall (6 credits)</u></b>		
History and Theory of Planning*	URP 6101	3
Planning Methods*	URP 6200	3
<b><u>B.U.D. or B.U.R.P. Senior Year - Spring (6 credits)</u></b>		
Graduate Elective		3
Legal Aspects of Planning*	URP 6873	3
<b><u>Receive B.U.D. or B.U.R.P. Degree</u></b>		
<b><u>Master Year - First Summer (6 credits)</u></b>		
Planning Internship**	URP 6945	3
Graduate Elective		3
<b><u>Master Year - Fall (12 credits)</u></b>		
Urban and Regional Theory	URP 6840	3
Introduction to GIS in Planning	URP 6270	3
Urban Governance	URP 6115	3
Planning Workshop	URP 6920	3
<b><u>Master Year - Spring (12 credits)</u></b>		
Site Planning**	URP 6873	3
Statistics for Urban Planning	URP 6212	3
Sustainable Cities**	URP 6406	3
Planning Project	URP 6979	3
<b><u>Master Year - Second Summer (6 credits)</u></b>		
Graduate Elective		3
Graduate Elective		3
<b><u>Receive M.U.R.P. Degree</u></b>		

\* Graduate courses used as electives toward the bachelor's degree.

\*\* B.U.R.P. students who have completed URP 4945 with a grade of "S" may substitute a Graduate Elective for URP 6945. B.U.R.P. students with a grade of "B" or better in both URP 4254 and URP 4870 may substitute a Graduate Elective for URP 6873. B.U.D. students with a grade of "B" or better in both ARC 3374 and URP 4254 may substitute a Graduate Elective for URP 6873. B.U.D. and B.U.R.P. students with a grade of "B" or better in URP 4403 may substitute a graduate elective for URP 6406.

**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 state 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*. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the School's designated date or within the first year after transferring to FAU and before reaching senior status (90 total credits).

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

1. Applications should be submitted to the Graduate College by July 1 of the student's junior year after the student has earned 75 undergraduate credits. Admission decisions will be made prior to the start of the applicant's senior year.

2. Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate FAU 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.

3. The GRE will be waived for students admitted into this program. Students will follow graduate application procedures, as well as departmental requirements for admission into this program. Applying students who have a minimum GPA of 3.25, have earned at least a "B" in all B.U.R.P. courses, provide a positive letter of support from a full-time School of Urban and Regional Planning faculty member and provide a strong letter of intent for graduate-level study will be eligible for admission.

4. Students must complete the 156 credits required for the combined program to obtain both the 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 for both the B.U.R.P. and M.U.R.P. outlines in this University Catalog.

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

### Degree Requirements

Once admitted into the program, students shall follow the suggested course sequence, completing 108 undergraduate credits, 12 graduate credits that will double as undergraduate electives and an additional 36 graduate credits.

Required Courses		
<b>Junior Year - Fall (15 credits)</b>		
Planning and Growth Management	URP 3000	3
Planning Methods	URP 4011	3
City Structure and Change	URP 4055	3
Undergraduate Elective	-	3
Undergraduate Elective	-	3
<b>Junior Year - Spring (15 credits)</b>		
Capital Facilities Planning	URP 4730	3
Plan Making and Design	URP 4343	3
Introduction to Visual Planning Technology	URP 4254	3
Undergraduate Elective	-	3
Undergraduate Elective	-	3

<b>Junior Year - Summer (9 credits)</b>		
Undergraduate Elective	-	3
Undergraduate Elective	-	3
		3
<b>Senior Year - Fall (12 credits)</b>		
Planning-Design-Studio	URP 4920	3
Public-Budget and Finance	PAD 4223	3
History and Theory of Planning	URP 6101	3
Introduction to GIS in Planning	URP 6270	3
<b>Senior Year - Spring (12 credits)</b>		
Planning Implementation Strategies	URP 4120	3
Sustainable Cities	URP 6406*	3
		3
		3
<b>Senior Year - Summer (9 credits)</b>		
	URP 6945*	3
Graduate Elective	-	3
Graduate Elective	-	3
<b>Master Year - Fall (12 credits)</b>		
Planning Methods	URP 6200	3
Urban Governance	URP 6115	3
Planning Workshop	URP 6920	3
Urban Regional Theory	URP 6840	3
<b>Master Year - Spring (12 credits)</b>		
	URP 6	3
Legal Aspects of Planning	URP 6131	3
		3
Planning Project	URP 6979*	3

\* Graduate courses used as electives toward the bachelor's degree.