

## Steven Bourassa

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**From:** Steven Bourassa  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 10:19 AM  
**To:** Anthony Abbate  
**Cc:** John Renne  
**Subject:** Changes to BUD curriculum

Tony,

As we're starting to work on the course schedules for 2018-19, I thought I should let you know about some changes to the BUD curriculum that our faculty approved recently for implementation starting with Fall 2018. The main aim of the curriculum changes is to focus the program more on urban design and, more specifically, to strengthen its theory, methods, and studio components. The old curriculum was almost indistinguishable from that for the BURP program.

The changes affecting demand for architecture courses are the following deletions from the BUD core curriculum:

ARC 3710 Pre-Modern Architectural History (replaced by URP 4883 Urban Design: Theories and Methods)

ARC 3374 Site Planning and Engineering (replaced by URP 4870 Site Planning)

ARC 4384 Designing Safer Communities (deleted to help make room for new studio and methods courses)

We're also looking for new adjuncts to teach urban design courses. Do you have any recommendations?

Thanks,  
Steve

From: Zhixiao Xie  
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 4:02 PM  
To: Steven Bourassa  
Cc: John Renne; James Gammack-Clark  
Subject: RE: BUD and BURP curriculum changes

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Dear Steve,  
Yes, Geosciences Dept. support these changes.

It was very nice to meet you and John and we definitely would like to explore more collaborations with your faculty.

Thank you,  
Zhixiao

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Subject: BUD and BURP curriculum changes

Dear Zhixiao,

Our faculty have now approved the addition of GIS 3015C as a required course for both the Bachelor of Urban Design and the Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning. They have also approved changing the title of our new course, URP 4221, to Advanced Visual Planning Technologies and changing the content accordingly. Please let me know if you support these changes.

It was good to meet you and James earlier this week and I look forward to collaborating in the future.

Sincerely,  
Steve

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