

Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Urban Design (BUD) Curriculum

February 9, 2018

Existing catalog language:	Proposed Change:
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1. Satisfaction of all University requirements for baccalaureate degrees;
2. The last 30 upper-division credits (3000/4000-level courses) must be earned in residence at FAU;
3. At least 33 credits of Urban Design Core courses;
4. At least 12 credits of upper-division approved Elective courses from specific departments, see list below;
5. At least 15 credits of Free Elective courses; and
6. A minimum grade of "C" is required for each ARC- and URP-prefixed course. If a grade below "C," such as "C-," is earned in an ARC- and URP-required course, the course will not count toward any portion of the 120-credit program.

The course materials taught in the core courses build upon each other. Therefore, students are highly recommended to follow the term schedules identified below. Following the term schedule is also very important in order to ensure the timely graduation of the students.

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Fall 1		
Planning and Growth Management	URP 3000	3
City Structure and Change	URP 4055	3
Introduction to Visual Planning Technology	URP 4254	3
Spring 1		
Site Planning and Engineering	ARC 3374	3

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Plan Making and Design	URP 4343	3	Introduction to Visual Planning Technology	URP 4254	3
Urban Development Planning Methods	URP 4546	3	Spring 1		
Fall 2			Site Planning and Engineering	ARC 3374	3
Designing Safer Communities	ARC 4384	3	Plan Making and Design	URP 4343	3
Pre-Modern Architectural History and Theory	ARC 3710	3	Urban Development Planning Methods	URP 4546	3
Planning Design Studio	URP 4920	3	Urban Design Studio I (1)	URP 4920	3
Spring 2			Site Planning	URP 4870	3
Sustainable Cities	URP 4403	3	GIS and Advanced Visual Planning Technologies (2)	URP 4221	3
Planning Project	URP 4979	3	Fall 2		
Elective Courses - 12 credits			Designing Safer Communities	ARC 4384	3
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Planning Methods	URP 4011	3	Planning Design Studio	URP 4920	3
Planning Implementation Strategies	URP 4120	3	Urban Design Studio II (3)	URP 4922	3
Environmental Planning Methods	URP 4420	3	City Structure and Change	URP 4055	3
Directed Independent Study	URP 4905	3	Plan Making and Zoning (1)	URP 4343	3
Dynamic Design Methods 1	ARC 4057	3	Spring 2		
Ethics and Architecture	ARC 4202	3	Sustainable Cities	URP 4403	3
Contemporary Design Theories	ARC 4220	3	Planning Project	URP 4979	3
Architecture and Urbanism Study Abroad	ARC 4950	3	Urban Design Capstone (4)	URP 4923	3
American Cultural Landscape	GEO 4422	3	Notes:		
Tourism and Commercial Recreation	GEO 4542	3	1. URP 3000 is a pre-requisite or must be taken at the same time.		
Urban Geography	GEO 4602	3	2. URP 4254 is a pre-requisite.		
Transportation and Spatial Organization	GEO 4700	3	3. URP 4920 (Urban Design Studio I) is a pre-requisite.		
Introduction to Mapping and GIS	GIS 3015C	3	4. URP 4922 (Urban Design Studio II) is a pre-requisite.		
Environmental Ethics	PHI 3640	3	Elective Courses - 12 credits		
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Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector	PAD 4144	3	Planning Methods	URP 4011	3
Principles of Real Estate	REE 3043	3	Planning Implementation Strategies	URP 4120	3
Law and American Society	POS 3691	3	Environmental Planning Methods	URP 4420	3
Politics of Community Development	PUP 4623	3	Capital Facilities Planning	URP 4730	3
			Directed Independent Study	URP 4905	3
			Planning for Hazards/Disasters	URP 4430	3
			Urban Development Planning Methods	URP 4546	3

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	Planning Internship	URP 4945	3
	Planning Abroad	URP 4955	3
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Steven Bourassa

From: Steven Bourassa
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Anthony Abbate
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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