

ACADEMIC ROADMAP
Urban and Regional Planning
Fall 2026

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	CWP 101	
Intro to Ethics ▪ GE23 - Humanities	PHI102	
GE23 course(s)	Varies	

SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Argumentation and Research	CWP 102	CWP 101
Environmental Sustainability ▪ GE23 – Natural Science	GEG103	
▪ GE23 course(s)	Varies	

Notes and recommendations:

Attend at least one faculty office hour per semester; visit Academic Commons (Math & Writing Centers, tutoring); view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works

General Education 23 requirements include multiple required and elective courses in the Urban and Regional Planning Program. Students can count two courses (6 credits) toward both Gen Ed requirements and their Planning degree. These courses are:

- PLN 215 Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning – Diversity
- PLN/GEG 309 Urban Geography – Diversity
- PLN 341 Housing for Equitable Urbanism – Diversity
- PHI 102 Introduction to Ethics – Humanities
- PSC 102 Introduction to American Government and Politics - U.S. History and Civic Engagement

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning ▪ GE23 - Diversity	PLN215	
Urban Geography ▪ GE23 - Diversity	PLN/GEG 309	
Introduction to Math ▪ GE23 -Mathematics	MAT103	

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Maps and Mapmaking Using GIS	PLN325	
Introduction to American Government and Politics ▪ GE23 – History and Civic Engagement	PSC 102	
PLN Elective(s)	Varies	

Notes and recommendations:

Form a study group; consider enrolling in a minor(s) or certificate program(s), specifically Political Science, Geographic Information Systems, or Philosophy. Begin to consider internship and independent study options for junior and senior years, in consultation with your faculty advisor.

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Land Use Planning and Development	PLN 315	PLN 215
PLN Elective(s)	Varies	

SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
PLN Elective(s)	Varies	

Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career and Professional Education Center; talk to your faculty advisor about graduate school options and career options.

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Plans and Plan Making	PLN 401	Upper Division Status and PLN 215
PLN Elective(s)	Varies	

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Planning Practicum or Internship	PLN431 or PLN488	PLN 215 and 401 and 6 credits of planning courses
PLN Elective(s)	Varies	

Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career & Professional Education Department to have your resume reviewed. Search and begin to apply for planning jobs.

General Education Notes:

For Urban Planning majors, selecting General Education courses strategically can add value and professional skills that are helpful in graduate school and the workforce. It is recommended that Planning students select, with advisement from faculty, courses that add value to your planning education given their connections to the profession. Below provides an outline for pre-selected courses that Planning students would find valuable.

REQUIRED CORE

Communication – Written and Oral 6 Credits

- CWP 101 (3): must earn a minimum grade of C
- CWP 102 (or equivalent) (3): must earn a minimum grade of C

Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice 3 Credits (Select one course from this area)

- PLN215
- or
- PLN/GEG309 will satisfy this requirement

Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning 3 Credits (Select one course from this area)

- MAT103 Introduction to Mathematics
- MAT311 Introduction to Probability and Statistics

Natural Sciences & Scientific Reasoning 3 Credits (Select one course from this area)

- GEG 103 Introduction to Environmental Sustainability

Credits from Three Different Categories 9 Credits

Select one course from three different categories from the following

Humanities

- PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHI 113 Environmental Ethics

The Arts

- By advisement

US History and Civic Engagement

- ECO 103 Economic History of the United States
- HIS 106 History of American Life I

Social Sciences

- ECO 101 The Economic System
- GEG 102 Human Geography
- PSC 101 Introduction to Government and Politics
- SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology

World History and Global Awareness

- HIS 230 World Civilizations I
- PSC 337 Politics of Globalization

World Languages

- By advisement

Credits from Any Category and in any Combination 9 Credits

Select three courses from any combination of courses appearing in one or more of the following:

- Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice
- Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning
- Natural Sciences & Scientific Reasoning
- Humanities
- The Arts
- US History and Civic Engagement
- Social Sciences
- World History and Global Awareness
- World Languages