

URBAN STUDIES AND PLANNING MINOR

City and regional planning is an interdisciplinary field that seeks to improve the quality of life for people in human settlements. Planners are involved in designing solutions to pressing societal problems such as urban sprawl, unemployment, homelessness, environmental pollution, and urban decay. They are involved in guiding the type and location of new development, creating balanced transportation systems (including walking and biking), promoting economic development for all residents, protecting the environment, expanding affordable housing, and revitalizing urban neighborhoods.

City and regional planners are hired by national, state, and local governments; national, regional, and local nonprofit groups; and private sector firms including development companies and consulting firms.

A minor in urban studies and planning allows students to learn about cities and planning processes, to enrich or expand their major, and to explore how they can be involved in improving the prosperity, livability, and equity of cities, towns, and regions. Having a minor in urban studies and planning can help students in the job market, as it teaches skills valued by many employers. It can also help students explore the possibility of pursuing a master's degree in planning.

Students interested in urban studies may also be interested in:





- The dual bachelor's-master's at UNC–Chapel Hill (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/city-regional-planning/#programtext>)
- The Urban Analytics track for the B.A. in Data Science major (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/data-science-major-ba/>)
- The Urban Analytics track for the B.S. in Data Science major (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/data-science-major-bs/>)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
PLAN 246	 Cities of the Past, Present, and Future: Introduction to Planning	3
or PLAN 256	 Planning the City: Possibilities, Participants, and Change	
PLAN 247	 Solving Urban Problems	3
or PLAN 257	 Tools for Urbanists	

Select three additional PLAN courses numbered 100 through 699. ¹ 9

Total Hours 15

¹ Students can also choose from PLAN courses at the 700- and 800-levels with instructor permission.

City and Regional Planning (PLAN) course list (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/city-regional-planning/#coursestext>).

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