7. Special Consideration

**College of Architecture**

   Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
   Minor in Urban and Regional Planning- requirement changes
MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Curriculum Change for the minor in Urban Planning (URPL)

We request the following changes to the requirements for a minor in Urban Planning. The attached urban planning minor requirements are designed to provide one consistent set of requirements for all students, regardless of major. The current urban planning minor has different requirements, based on the creation and development of the BS-URSC major. These changes reflect modifications introduced by the Catalog 132 change to the URSC major curriculum and have been recommended by our BSURSC Committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT #1-- Proposed curriculum change for minor in urban planning

ATTACHMENT #2 – Current curriculum for minor in urban planning
Courses and requirements for Undergraduate Minor in Urban Planning

Students must receive signed approval from the Department of Urban Planning Undergraduate Advisor or the Program Coordinator for the minor.

The courses listed below constitute the 15 hours required for a minor in urban planning: **IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS TAKE URSC 201 & URSC 301 PRIOR TO THE UPPER LEVEL COURSES**

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*To fulfill the URSC 201 requirement, the student’s home college or major department may approve/disapprove the following urban form/geo course: GEOG 306
**To fulfill the URSC 360 requirement, the student’s home college or major department may approve/disapprove the following environmental course: RENR 375

Eligibility: Students applying for a minor in Urban Planning must have a 2.5 or better overall GPR. Application is made in the student’s home college or major department, with signature approval from the department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning.

Satisfactory completion of courses: To be awarded the minor in Urban Planning and receive transcript recognition, students must obtain a “C” or better in each course listed above. Transfer courses are not permitted.

Effective date: Students declaring a minor in Urban Planning must meet all requirements listed in this document to receive transcript recognition.

Upper-level courses: All students pursuing the minor in Urban Planning must have more than 60 credit hours per COMPASS to enroll in URSC 340, URSC 360, URSC 370, URSC 460, URSC 461 and URSC 471. LAUP makes no exceptions to this enrollment prerequisite and regrets that we are not able to force URPL minors into full URSC courses.

Advising: Per university guidelines, the student’s home college or major department is responsible for advising students pursuing a minor in urban planning. However, without signature approval from the minor department you cannot apply for or be placed in this minor.

Degree audit: Degree evaluation in COMPASS will certify during the graduating semester that students have met the requirements for the minor. The minor will be recognized after graduation on the transcript, but not on the diploma. Once declared, minor requirements become graduation requirements.
Minor in Urban Planning Curriculum

Course Offerings: **Students must complete 15 hours of coursework to earn a minor in urban planning. Students pursuing the minor in urban planning must enroll in URSC 301 before completing the minor.**

**URSC 301:** Introduction to Urban Planning (3): Overview of the multi-disciplinary domains of urban and regional planning; land use planning; urban design; infrastructure; transportation; environment; health and human services; housing and community development; economic development; emergency and disaster management; ethics in local governance.

*An additional 12 hours of coursework may be selected from the courses listed below.*

**URSC 340:** Housing and Community (3): Housing, its development, planning, marketing, designing, financing and production; social and design history and contemporary issues of American housing development, urban sprawl, neighborhood structures and community facilities. Prerequisite: junior or senior classification.

**URSC 201:** Introduction to the Urban Planning Function (3): Past influences and current practice of planning in the United States; issues which impact on the comprehensive planning process; different approaches to planning and plan formulation in the context of private, governmental and institutional settings.

**URSC 370:** Health Systems Planning (3): Introduction to planning in health care system at both institutional and community levels.

**URSC 460:** Sustainable Communities (3): Focuses on sustainable community with applications in public policy/design including societal organization, disciplinary bound design and policy, and empowered approaches to design, social ecology and public policy; reading and review of relevant literature on sustainability, complemented with exercises to illustrate underlying principles. Prerequisite: junior or senior level classification or approval of instructor.

**URSC 461:** Urban Issues (3): Issues pertaining to the development of cities and urban regions; examines the socio-economic, cultural and physical development of urban areas; address contemporary problems such as racial tension, unemployment and poverty, housing, pollution and environmental sustainability, traffic and congestion, land use, crime, public health, and other quality of life issues. Prerequisite: junior or senior level of classification or approval of instructor.

**URSC 325:** Geographic Information Systems App. in Resource Management

**URSC 330:** Land Development: Financially feasible, environmentally sustainable, project design/construction/finance processes; resolution of site and environmental issues with market and financial considerations; design concepts for value enhancement of land, residential, commercial and retail-development. Prerequisite: junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

Satisfactory completion of courses: To be awarded the minor in Urban Planning and receive transcript recognition, students must obtain a "C" or better in each of the courses selected from the list above.

Transfer courses: Transfer courses are not permitted.

Effective date: This minor became effective at the beginning of the fall semester 2003. Students declaring a minor in Urban Planning must meet all requirements listed in this document to receive transcript recognition. Students must declare their intent to seek the minor prior to the semester in which they intend to graduate.

Upper level courses: All students pursuing the minor in Urban & Regional Planning must have U3 (junior) or U4 (senior) classification to enroll in required 300 – 400 level courses or permission from the minor program coordinator.

Advising: Per University guidelines, the student’s home college or major department is responsible for advising students pursuing a minor in Urban Planning. In addition, students are required to meet with the Minor Advisor in the Department of Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning for advising prior to admission to the program.