

Urban Policy & Planning

2025–2026 Catalog Year

The Bachelor of Arts in Urban Policy and Planning is designed for students who are looking for opportunities to pursue professional careers in city and regional planning. The program is structured to accommodate diverse students with a seamless transfer to UNT from a community college, or for those that start as freshmen. A major strength of the program is its close affiliation with city governments and planning consulting firms within the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Students will be ready for professional careers in city and regional government, state and federal government, private development, housing, transit, nonprofits, and more. Students will receive practical planning experience through a required Urban Planning Studio.

A letter grade of 'C' or better is required for each major course. The major requires 33 hours required courses and 12 hours major elective courses in Urban Policy and Planning.

Through face to face, online, & blended formats, students will acquire competencies relating to:

- Demographic data
- GIS
- Government Function
- Community Mapping
- Transportation Planning
- Land use & zoning regulations
- Building Design
- Environment Issues
- Economic Development

Major Requirements

Required Courses (*33 hours*):

PADM 2120	Introduction to Urban & Regional Planning	PADM 4220	Proposal Writing & Grants Administration
PADM 3210	Population Demographics & Urban Planning	PADM 4250	Community Development & Collaborative Planning
PADM 3220	Land Use & Transportation Planning	PADM 4450	Public Policy Analysis
PADM 3410	Financial Aspects of Government	PADM 4180*	Urban Planning Studio
PADM 4170	Methods in Urban Planning Research & Analysis	GEOG 3500	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Major Elective Courses (*12 hours - Choose 4 courses*):

PADM 2000	Discover the City: Placemaking in the World	PADM 4210	Introduction to Philanthropy & Fundraising
PADM 2100**	Cultural Competency in Urban Governance	PADM 4260	Volunteer Program Planning & Evaluation
PADM 2200	Introduction to Conflict Resolution	COMM 2040**	Public Speaking
PADM 3020	Public Management	EADP 3035	Mitigation & Preparedness
PADM 3100	Workplace Conflict	EADP 4015	Flood Plain Management
PADM 3420	Bureaucracy and Public Policy	GEOG 3010	Economic Geography
PADM 4000	Mediation	GEOG 3100	U.S. and Canada: Economies, Cities, & Sustainability
PADM 4050	Negotiation	GEOG 4210	Urban Geography
PADM 4130	American Intergovernmental Relations	GEOG 4220	Applied Retail Geography
PADM 4160	Zoning and Land Use	GEOG 4230	Location Intelligence — Business GIS
PADM 4200	Leadership Theory & Practice for Volunteer Managers	PSCI 4020	Urban Politics

* PADM 4180 is a 6 credit hour course. All other courses are 3 credit hours.

** PADM 2100 AND COMM 2040 can satisfy both general academic requirements & major requirements.

Note: please consult with UPOP Academic Advisor for additional information. See all prerequisites.