

URBAN DESIGN AREA OF SPECIALIZATION, MUP Program

MUP students may do either the Specialization or the Certificate Program to meet the specialization requirement

The Urban Design area of specialization provides students with the fundamental theories, methods, and substantive content of urban design as a base for professional knowledge and practice. The Specialization can help students who have prior training and experience in related design fields (architecture, landscape architecture, environmental design, etc.) to become urban designers themselves. Students who do not have prior design training and experience may still be able to pursue careers in urban design practice; they would also find the Specialization helpful in other career paths that involve communication and coordination with urban designers or engagement with urban design issues – for example, in urban design policy and regulation such as the writing and administration of design guidelines, design review processes, or urban design elements of comprehensive plans; or through urban design-related research in academic, government and professional settings. Particular current research interests of the faculty include the urban design aspects of public health, transportation and mobility, community and regional resilience, and international development, among other topics.

Required foundation course

URBDP 523	Introduction to Urban Design	Autumn	Abramson
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Restricted elective

For your Advanced Methods restricted elective, choose either:

URBDP 524	Site Planning	Spring	Abramson
URBDP 576	Pedestrian Travel, Land Use, and Urban Form	Spring	Berney

Electives

One additional course in Urban Design Methods is required; choose from the list above, or alternative courses as announced by the Urban Design program.

Studio

In addition to the 507 Urban Planning Studio, students must take an advanced studio designated as urban design. (Note: this means that urban design specialization students take a total of two labs/studios.) The URBDP 544/545 Capstone Studio cannot serve as the Urban Design specialization advanced studio requirement.

URBDP 508	Urban Design Studio	Autumn - every year; Winter - occasionally	Abramson/Berney/Chalana
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Thesis or professional project

A thesis or professional project related to this area of specialization; the committee chair must be a member of the Urban Design Program faculty. A listing is available on the Urban Design Program website at <https://be.uw.edu/academics/college-wide-certificates/urban-design/>

The URBDP 544/545 Capstone Studio can satisfy the Urban Design Certificate/Specialization thesis requirement, if the studio has an urban design component as approved by the urban design faculty.

See next page for certificate information

URBAN DESIGN CERTIFICATE, MUP Program

MUP students may do either the Certificate Program or the Specialization to meet the specialization requirement

The Urban Design Certificate Program provides students with specialized, interdisciplinary training through the collaboration of faculty in three of the College's professional programs: architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design and planning. The program's goal is to provide students with the fundamental theories, methods, and substantive content of urban design as a base for professional knowledge and a generative source for the future. Training is based on the fundamental assumption that urban designers design: the process of design and the problem-solving contributions of designers are as important as understanding the qualitative and quantitative product of design—the urban environment.

For MUP students, the Certificate is distinguished from the Specialization by requiring a third studio and coursework taken in Architecture and possibly Landscape Architecture. The Certificate program therefore enhances a student's likelihood of success as a practicing urban designer. It also provides enhanced training for other urban design-related career paths, as described for the Specialization.

Candidates for the Certificate must have a physical design background or obtain the equivalent during their residency in the program. The curriculum normally consists of 12–15 credits of work concurrent with the degree, consisting of urban design theory, urban design methods, urban design studios, and an urban design thesis or professional project. For detailed information, please refer to the prospectus of the Urban Design Certificate Program at <http://be.uw.edu/academics/college-wide-certificates/urban-design/>. Please contact Neile Graham at ud@uw.edu or the UD certificate website for the Statement of Interest form to sign up for the certificate program.

The certificate program puts out quarterly lists of courses and studios that count toward the certificate. Please be sure you are on the program email list to receive this, or check the program website.

Required foundation course (3 credits)

ARCH 561	Urban Design Theory	Winter	Huber
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Restricted elective choices

For the MUP History/Theory/Ethics of Planning restricted elective:

MUP students entering the program in Autumn 2022, Winter 2023 and after do not need to fulfill the History/Theory/Ethics requirement due to their taking the HEFT 1 and HEFT 2 sequence.

For the MUP Advanced Methods restricted elective, students should take URBDP 524 Site Planning or URBDP 576 Pedestrian Travel.

Electives (3+ credits)

A minimum of one additional course in Urban Design Methods is required, such as the restricted elective choices listed above, URBDP 523 Intro to Urban Design, or other courses as announced by the certificate program.

Advanced studios (5-6 credits each)

In addition to the 507 Urban Planning Studio, students must take **two** advanced studios (as designated by the program each quarter) for a total of at least three labs/studios. URBDP 508 taught in Autumn quarter, and occasionally in Winter quarter, by Abramson/Berney/Chalana is the preferred second studio, especially for those students without a design background. The third studio should be outside UDP or otherwise interdisciplinary. The URBDP 544/545 Capstone Studio cannot serve as the Urban Design certificate advanced studio requirement.

Thesis or professional project

A thesis or professional project related to this area of specialization; the committee chair must be a member of the Urban Design Program faculty. See the program website for this list: <https://be.uw.edu/academics/college-wide-certificates/urban-design/>. The URBDP 544/545 Capstone Studio can satisfy the Urban Design Certificate/Specialization thesis requirement, if the studio has an urban design component as approved by the urban design faculty.

Total credits for the certificate (12-15 credits)

12–15 credits of Urban Design coursework must be completed to receive the certificate. If required courses listed here are waived due to prior coursework, additional urban design-related credits to reach this total will be required. Classes which are MUP core requirements or required restricted electives do not count toward these 12–15 credits, though certificate credits may count toward the total credits required for the degree.