



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young
President

February 10, 2015

Interim Vice Chancellor Bill Kunz
University of Washington, Tacoma
Box 358430

Dear Bill:

Based upon the recommendations of the Faculty Council on Academic Policy, the Faculty Assembly has recommended approval of the revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Office of Academic Affairs is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2015.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young
President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Julia Smith (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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College/Campus **UW Tacoma** Department/Unit **Urban Studies** Date **1/5/15**

New Programs

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Proposed Effective Date: Quarter: Autumn Winter Spring Summer Year: 20 15

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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

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Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

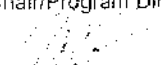
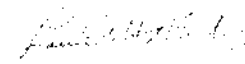

Please see attached document

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Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications.) Please note: all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

Please see attached

APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director 	Date 1/27/15
College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee 	Date 1/26/15
Dean/Vice Chancellor 	Date 1/26/15
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair	Date

POST-REGENT/US APPROVAL (IF APPLICABLE)

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- ~~Core courses (33-36 credits)~~
- ~~Core electives (25 credits)~~

In addition to the ~~core coursework~~ courses listed below, you are required to complete general education requirements and electives for a total of 180 credits. Transfer students can bring up to 105 lower-division credits into the program. Please see below for a complete listing of Urban Studies ~~core~~ requirements. The degree planning worksheet can be helpful in tracking progress through the program.

~~Urban Studies core~~

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- ~~T-URB 430 Pacific Rim Cities or T-URB 450 Issues in the Developing World~~

~~Methods requirement (select one):~~

- ~~T-GIS 311 Maps & GIS (6 credits)~~
- ~~T-URB 350 Introduction to Urban Research~~

~~Field course requirement (select one):~~

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~~Capstone requirement (select one)~~

- ~~T-GIS 415 Critical Theory and GIS Practicum~~
- ~~T-URB 492 Urban Studies Seminar~~

~~Core electives~~

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Introductory Courses (13 Credit Hours):

- TURB 101: Exploring Cities (5)
- TURB 102 Cities in World Development (5)
- TURB 103 Urban Studies Seminar (3)

Urban Studies Foundation and Research Methods Courses (30 Credit Hours):

Foundations of Urban Studies:

- T URB 220 Introduction to Urban Planning (5)
- T URB 316 Cities and Citizenship (5)
- T URB 345 Urban Governance (5)
- T URB 432 Understanding Metropolitan Regions (5)

Research Methods:

- T URB 225 Statistics for Urban Analysis (5) or T GIS 311 Maps and GIS (6)
- T URB 350 Introduction to Urban Research (5)

Urban Studies Electives (20-25 Credit Hours):

Students need to select one of the following two options (in consultation with the Urban Studies Advisor).

Option 1. Global Urbanism:

- T URB 210 Urban Society and Culture (5)
- T URB 250 Immigration, Race, American Cities (5)
- T URB 305 Data and the City (5)
- T SUD 444 Green Internationalism and the City (5)
- T URB 430 Pacific Rim Cities (5)

Option 2. Community Development and Planning

- T URB 235 Community Development (5)
- T URB 312 Race and Poverty in Urban America (5)
- T URB 340 Urban Social Change (5)
- T URB 475 Legal Urbanism (5)
- T SUD 475 Community and Economy (5)

With permission from the program, honor students may take the Urban Studies capstone course: T URB 492 Urban Studies Seminar

General Electives (offered, but not required as part of the degree)

- T URB 110 Intro to Digital Urban Data Analysis (5)
- T URB 201 Urban Change and Development (5)
- T URB 211 Smart Cities (5)
- T URB 260 Urban Design Studio (5)
- T URB 314 Gender and the Urban Landscape (5)
- T URB 315 Homes, Housing and Homelessness (3)
- T URB 318 Organizing Communities (3)

T URB 325 Urban Transportation: Problems and Prospects (3)
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