FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

UUPC Approval 3-30-26
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Department Department of Urban and Regional Planning

College Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Program Name
Bachelor of Urban Design

☐ **New Program***

☑ **Change Program***

Effective Date
(TERM & YEAR)
Fall 2026

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

The BUD program is a professional program that provides students with the knowledge base and design skills to address issues that affect the quality of life in neighborhoods, suburbs, cities, and regions. The curriculum consists of planning lecture courses, design skills courses, and professional practice courses that give students real-world planning experience.

Minor changes are proposed based on a consultation with the Departmental Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, faculty, advisors, alumni, and professionals to update to content and titles based on changes in the field. This includes adding a new technology-based course -- URP 4884 Introduction to Urban Design Technology -- to the core curriculum and adding COP 3035C Introduction to Programming in Python to the list of approved electives. Starting in Fall 2027, students enrolled in URP 4870 Site Planning will be required to take URP 4884 Introduction to Urban Design Technology as a prerequisite unless they have completed an instructor-approved equivalent. We are also removing GIS 3015C Intro to Mapping and GIS from the list of elective courses as it is also listed as a core course.

URP 4430 Planning for Hazards and Disasters was approved as a research-intensive elective course. The new title for the course is: URP 4430 RI: Planning for Hazards and Disasters, which was updated in the list of electives.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

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Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation
None

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Existing Catalog Language	Proposed Change
The Bachelor of Urban Design (B.U.D.) program provides a broad knowledge of the principles and practices of urban design. It is ideal for students who are interested in design of the built environment at the neighborhood, community and city scale, with an emphasis on sustainable development. The program offers an interdisciplinary approach for students who plan to pursue a professional career in an urban discipline, such as urban and regional planning, urban development policy, real estate development, municipal and planning law, as well as design disciplines, including architecture and landscape architecture at the graduate level. The program utilizes the South Florida metropolitan region as an "urban living laboratory" for the students to exercise their urban design creativity, but also covers national and global context. Students' experience will also benefit from partnerships forged between the B.U.D. program and practitioners from private design and consulting firms in the South Florida metropolitan area, with both local and international experience. Admission Requirements All students must meet minimum admission requirements of the University. Please refer to the Admissions section of this catalog for a more detailed discussion. Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the General Education Curriculum) and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or state college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the *Transition Guides.* All prerequisite courses must be completed by the Department's designated date or within the first year after transferring to FAU and before reaching senior status (90 total credits). All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.	The Bachelor of Urban Design (B.U.D.) program provides a broad knowledge of the principles and practices of urban design. It is ideal for students who are interested in design of the built environment at the neighborhood, community and city scale, with an emphasis on sustainable development. The program offers an interdisciplinary approach for students who plan to pursue a professional career in an urban discipline, such as urban and regional planning, urban development policy, real estate development, municipal and planning law, as well as design disciplines, including architecture and landscape architecture at the graduate level. The program utilizes the South Florida metropolitan region as an "urban living laboratory" for the students to exercise their urban design creativity, but also covers national and global context. Students' experience will also benefit from partnerships forged between the B.U.D. program and practitioners from private design and consulting firms in the South Florida metropolitan area, with both local and international experience. Admission Requirements All students must meet minimum admission requirements of the University. Please refer to the Admissions section of this catalog for a more detailed discussion. Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the General Education Curriculum) and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or state college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the *Transition Guides.* All prerequisite courses must be completed by the Department's designated date or within the first year after transferring to FAU and before reaching senior status (90 total credits). All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.
Degree Requirements The interdisciplinary nature of the program allows students the option to take electives from a variety of different departments and schools. The core courses are offered in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and the School of Architecture. There are three types of core courses: lectures, studio/lab and participation in professional seminars. All students in the Bachelor of Urban Design program must complete a minimum of 120 credits, including the following:	**Degree Requirements** The interdisciplinary nature of the program allows students the option to take electives from a variety of different departments and schools. The core courses are offered in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and the School of Architecture. There are three types of core courses: lectures, studio/lab and participation in professional seminars. All students in the Bachelor of Urban Design program must complete a minimum of 120 credits, including the following:

1. Satisfaction of all University requirements for baccalaureate degrees;
2. The last 30 upper-division credits (3000/4000-level courses) must be earned in residence at FAU;
3. At least 36 credits of Urban Design Core courses;
4. At least 12 credits of upper-division-approved Elective courses from specific departments, see list below;
5. At least 12 credits of Free Elective courses; and
6. A minimum grade of "C" is required for each core course.

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Urban Design Core Courses - 36 credits

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Introduction to Mapping and GIS	GIS 3015C	3
Introduction to Urban Planning and Design	URP 3000	3
City Structure and Change	URP 4055	3
Introduction to Visual Planning Technology	URP 4254	3
Advanced Visual Planning Technologies (1)	URP 4255	3
Plan Making and Zoning (2)	URP 4343	3
Sustainable Cities	URP 4403	3
Site Planning	URP 4870	3
Urban Design: Theories and Methods	URP 4883	3
Urban Design Studio 1 (2)	URP 4920	3
RI: Urban Design Studio 2 (3)	URP 4922	3
RI: Urban Design Capstone (4)	URP 4923	3

Notes:
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5. URP 4884 (or instructor-approved equivalent) is a prerequisite.

Elective Courses - 12 credits

Students must select at least 12 credits of upper-division electives appropriate to their field of study; these may be any 3000/4000-level course from the following departments/schools: Architecture, Civil Engineering, Criminal Justice, Communications, Economics, Finance, Geosciences, History, Public Administration, Political Science, Sociology, Urban and Regional Planning or other departments with approval. Below is a list of suggested electives

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Planning Implementation Strategies	URP 4120	3
Environmental Planning Methods	URP 4420	3
Capital Facilities Planning	URP 4730	3
Directed Independent Study	URP 4905	3
Planning for Hazards/Disasters	URP 4430	3
Urban Development Planning Methods	URP 4546	3
Housing Policy and Planning	URP 4741	3
Planning Internship	URP 4945	3
Planning Abroad	URP 4955	3
Dynamic Design Methods 1	ARC 4057	3
Ethics and Architecture	ARC 4202	3
Contemporary Design Theories	ARC 4220	3
Designing Safer Communities with CPTED	ARC 4384	3
Architecture and Urbanism Study Abroad	ARC 4950	3
American Cultural Landscape	GEO 4422	3
Tourism and Commercial Recreation	GEO 4542	3
Urban Geography	GEO 4602	3
Transportation and Spatial Organization	GEO 4700	3
Introduction to Mapping and GIS	GIS 3015C	3
Environmental Ethics	PHI 3640	3
The Urban Community	SYD 4602	3
Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector	PAD 4144	3
Principles of Real Estate	REE 3043	3
Law and American Society	POS 3691	3
Politics of Community Development	PUP 4623	3

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