FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

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Department Department of Urban and Regional Planning

College Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Program Name
Bachelor of Urban & Regional Planning

☐ **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 BURP program is a professional program that provides students with the knowledge base and analytical skills to address issues that affect the quality of life in neighborhoods, suburbs, cities, and regions. The curriculum consists of planning lecture courses, planning 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. In the Notes, we are removing URP 4570 as a prerequisite, as there is no course under such notation in the existing catalog.

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. The course title has been changed 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

Approved by		***Date***
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Principles of Real Estate	REE 3043	3
The Urban Community	SYD 4602	3
Environmental Planning Methods	URP 4420	3
Planning for Hazards/Disasters	URP 4430	3
Urban Development Planning Methods	URP 4546	3
Housing Policy and Planning	URP 4741	3
Urban Design: Theories and Methods	URP 4883	3
Urban Design Studio 1	URP 4920	3
Planning Internship	URP 4945	3
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