

## College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA)  
Bachelor of Arts in Public and Urban Affairs (PUA)  
Major – Environmental Policy and Planning (EPP)  
For student date of entry under UG Catalog 2023-2024

I. Pathways	45 Credit Hours
II. PUA Degree Core	26 Credit Hours
III. EPP Major	28 Credit Hours
IV. Free Electives	21 Credit Hours

**Total Required for Environmental Policy and Planning Major 120 Credit Hours**

### Departmental Policies

**Hours Requirement:** A total of 120 hours is required to graduate with a PUA degree. Fifty-four (54) credit hours are required to complete the Environmental Policy and Planning major (Section II + Section III).

**In-major GPA:** All of the courses in sections II and III are included in the in-major GPA calculation. A GPA of 2.0 or above (overall and in-major) is required for graduation.

**Satisfactory Progress:** To make satisfactory progress within the EPP major, students must complete UAP 1024, PSCI 1014, STAT 3604, and UAP 3354 by the end of the semester in which 60 hours have been attempted; and maintain an in-major GPA of 2.0.

**Dual Use of Courses:** No course can double count within or between SPIA-related majors or minors with the exception of the Core Degree Requirements (Section II below). In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be used to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Pathways).

**Intra-SPIA Program majoring and minoring:** Students may pursue more than one major or minor associated with the School of Public and International Affairs Program. In this case, the policy pertaining to the “Dual Use of Courses” will apply.

**Prerequisites:** Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites. Be sure to consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor regarding course planning.

### I. Pathways Requirements (45 credit hours)

#### Pathway 1- Discourse (9 credits)

ENGL 1105-1106 First-Year Writing (1f)  
3 credit hours from 1a

ENGL 1105

ENGL 1106

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#### Pathway 2- Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 credits)

3 credit hours must be from either:  
PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice or PHIL 2304 Global Ethics

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#### Pathway 3- Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 credits)

ECON 2005-2006 Principles of Economics or  
AAEC 1005-1006 Economics of the Food and Fiber System

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#### Pathway 4- Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 credits)

ENSC 1015-1016 Foundations of Environmental Science

ENSC 1015

ENSC 1016

#### Pathway 5- Quantitative and Computational Thinking (9 credits)

MATH 1014 Precalculus with Transcendental Functions (5f), 3 additional credit hours from 5f, and 3 credit hours from 5a

MATH 1014

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**Pathway 6- Critique and Practice in the Design and Arts (6 credits)**

3 credit hours in 6a and 3 credit hours in 6d

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**Pathway 7- Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the U.S. (3 credits)**

SPIA 2554 Collaborative Policy-Making and Planning

 SPIA 2554

**II. PUA Core Degree Requirements (26 Credit Hours)**

**Required PUA Degree Core Courses (26 credit hours)**

- UAP 1004 Intro to Careers in Urban Affairs and Planning (1)
- UAP 1024 Public Issues in an Urban Society (3)
- PSCI 1014 Introduction to US Government and Politics (3)
- STAT 3604 Statistics for Social Science (3) (pre: MATH 1014 or MATH 1025 or MATH 1225 or MATH 1524 or MATH 1525)
- SPIA 3554 Transdisciplinary Problem Solving for Social Issues (3)
- UAP 3714 The U.S. Policy Process (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3714, pre: PSCI 1014)
- UAP 3744 Public Policy Analysis (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3744, pre: PSCI 1014)
- UAP 4754 Legal Foundations of Planning (3) (pre; Junior Standing)
- UAP 4914 Seminar in Public and Urban Affairs (3) (pre: SPIA 2554, SPIA 3554, and UAP 4754)
- UH 4514 Honors SuperStudio (1)

**III. Requirements for the (EPP) Major (28 Credit Hours)**

**Required Core Courses for the EPP Major (19 credit hours)**

- UAP 3354 Introduction to Environmental Policy and Planning (3)
- UAP 3014 Urban Policy and Planning (3) (pre: UAP 1024)
- UAP 3224 Policy Implementation (3) (pre: UAP 3014 and STAT 3604)
- UAP 4344 Law of Critical Environmental Areas (3)
- UAP 4374 Land Use and Environment: Planning and Policy (3) (pre: Junior Standing)
- UAP 4354 Interdisciplinary Environmental Problem Solving Studio (4) (pre: UAP 3354, UAP 3224, and Senior Standing)

**Required Elective Courses for the EPP Major (9 credit hours)**

*Nine (9) hours of elective courses are required. Students must choose at least 3 credit hours from the Policy Competency, Planning Competency, and Environment & Conservation Competency. All courses listed below are 3 credit hours.*

- Policy Course (3)                       Planning Course (3)                       E&C Course (3)

**Policy (3 credit hours must be taken from the following)**

UAP 3954 Study Abroad

UAP 4624 Washington Sem: Seminar in American Politics and Public Policy (cross-listed with PSCI 4624, pre: Junior Standing)

Courses continue on the next page.

- UAP 4644 Washington Sem: Politics, Policy, and Administration in a Democracy (cross-listed with PSCI 4644, pre: UAP 3714 and Junior Standing)
- SPIA 4964 Field Study
- SPIA 3704 Urban Mobilization and Contention
- HD 3024 Community Analytics (pre: Sophomore Standing)
- AAEC 3314 Environmental Law
- LAR 4034 Evolution of the American Landscape
- PSCI 3344 Global Environmental Issues (cross-listed with UAP 3344)
- PSCI 3424 State and Local Government (pre: PSCI 1014)
- PSCI 3434 Urban Politics (pre: PSCI 1014)
- AAEC 3324 Environment and Sustainable Development Economics (pre: AAEC 1005, AAEC 1006, or ECON 2005)
- ECON 4014 Environmental Economics (pre: ECON 2005 or 2116 or 2126 or 2025H)
- LAR 2254 Social and Cultural Landscapes

**Planning (3 credit hours must be taken from the following)**

- GEOG 2084 Principles of Geographic Information Systems
- GEOG 4084 Modeling with Geographic Information Systems (pre: GEOG 2084. cross-listed with GEOS 4084)
- UAP 3024 Urban and Regional Analysis
- UAP 4764 International Development Policy and Planning (cross-listed with GEOG 4764 & SOC 4764, pre: Junior Standing)
- UAP 4854 Planning the Urban Infrastructure (pre: UAP 4754)
- UAP 4394 Community Renewable Energy Systems (pre: MATH 1025 or MATH 1016)
- SPIA 2244 Sustainable Urbanization (cross-listed with GEOG 2244)
- SPIA 2314 Active Transportation for a Healthy, Sustainable Planet (cross-listed with HNFE 2314)
- UAP 4964 Field Study
- LAR 3044 Land Analysis and Site Planning
- RED 4464 Environmental and Sustainability Issues in Housing
- SBIO 3324 Green Building Systems

**Environment & Conservation (3 credit hours must be taken from the following)**

- LAR 1254 Environment and Natural Systems
- FREC 1044 Introduction to Environmental Informatics
- FREC 2004 Forest Ecosystems
- FREC 2124 Forests, Society & Climate
- FREC 2134 Plants and Green Spaces in Urban Communities (cross-listed with HORT 2134)
- FREC 4454 Urban and Community Forestry (pre. Junior Standing)
- STS 3334 Energy and Society
- GEOG 2004 Water, Environment, and Society (cross-listed with WATR 2004)
- GEOG 3104 Environmental Problems, Population, and Development
- SPIA 4454 Future of Cities (pre: SPIA 2244 or GEOG 2244)

**IV. Free Electives (minimum of 21 credit hours)**

Free electives make up the remainder of the credits for the Environmental Policy and Planning major. Take as many as needed to reach 120 credits.

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**University and Admissions Foreign Language Requirement (No Credits Count Toward the Degree)**

- 2 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school.  
***OR complete FL 1105-1106 (these credits will not count toward the 120 required for graduation).***