West Chester University Accelerated B.S. in Urban and Environmental Planning to M.S. in Geography Program through the Honors College Advisement Sheet

Effective for students entering Fall '25 and later.

Indicate all the courses you have taken at WCU or transferred for credit. For completed courses, also list the grades. Mark an asterisk (*) beside courses you are currently taking.

I. URBAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

A. General Education Requirements (3 credits)

GEO 310 ___ (Population Geography)*
GEO 230 ___ (Environmental Conservation and Sustainability) **

NOTES:
* Writing Requirement
** Science Requirement

B. Required Courses (33 credits)

PLN 214 ___ (Introduction to Planning)
PLN 301 ___ (Planning History, Theory, and Ethics)
PLN 302 ___ (Community Engagement Techniques)
PLN 320 ___ (Land Use Planning)
PLN 322 ___ (Land Development Controls)
PLN/GEO 336 ___ (Environmental Planning)
PLN/GEO 403 ___ (Planning Design (Studio A))
GEO 324 ___ (Intro to Geographic Information Systems)
GEO/PLN 326 ___ (Quantitative Analysis in Geography and Planning)
GEO 328 ___ (Computer Cartography)
PLN 405 ___ (Planning Design (Studio B)) *

NOTE: * Capstone Requirement

C. Planning/Geography Electives (15 credits)

Choose from the following (or other courses from GEO or other departments as approved by an advisor):

GEO 102 ___ (Physical Geography)
GEO 200 ___ (Global Cities)
GEO 312 ___ (Urban Geography)
PLN/GEO 316 ___ (Planning for Resilient Communities and Natural Disasters)
PLN 318 ___ (Economic Development Planning)
PLN/GEO 331 ___ (Transportation Planning)
PLN/GEO 354 ___ (Housing and Planning in America)
GEO 338 ___ (Environmental Application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS))
GEO 401 ___ (Internet Mapping)
GEO 415 ___ (Internship in Geography and Planning)
GEO 424 ___ (Geographic Information Systems Application)
GEO 427 ___ (Geodatabase System)

D. Electives (12 credits)

Recommend selecting four courses from the following and/or from the GEO electives listed above or others by advisement. Alternatively, complete a minor from another discipline.

GEO 325 ___ (Intro Business GIS)
GEO 334 ___ (Sustainable Living)
GEO 425 ___ (Business GIS Applications)
PSC 304 ___ (Urban Politics)
PSC 323 ___ (Racial/Ethnic Politics)
ECO 111 ___ (Principles of Economics (Macro))
ECO 112 ___ (Principles of Economics (Micro))
MGT 200 ___ (Principles of Management)
MKT 250 ___ (Principles of Marketing)

II. HONORS COLLEGE CORE SEQUENCE for GEN ED (27 credits)

HON 100 _____ (Self Awareness)
HON 211 _____ (Public Discourse)
HON 212 _____ (Ethics & Technology)
HON 310 _____ (Community Change)
HON 311 _____ (Stewardship/Civic Responsibility)
HON 312 _____ (Educational Systems)
or
HON 322 _____ (Leader. With ELLs)
HON 313 _____ (Public Opinion)
HON 314 _____ (Environ. Systems)
HON 315 _____ (Community & Arts)
SCIENCE ____ __x___
MAT ___ __x___

III. ADDITIONAL HONORS COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (9 credits)

A) Two HON seminars at the 320 level or above (except 322)

HON _____ _____
HON _____ _____

B) Capstone Project^

HON 490 _____

^NOTE: ***Enrollment upon core completion***: ideally 6th or 7th semester.

IV. DIRECTED ELECTIVES

Take enough directed electives to complete 120 credits. The actual number of electives required will vary depending upon (among other things) the option to complete a minor(s) and the number of courses the student must take to complete the foreign language requirement.

V. ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Any B.S. Urban and Environmental Planning major with junior standing and with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher, may substitute up to 12 graduate credits to satisfy program electives, cognates, or free electives.

Select from the courses below:
GEO 502 ____ (Topical Seminar in Geography)

GEO 505 ____ (Planning Design)
GEO 506 ____ (Seminar in Physical Geography)
GEO 507 ____ (Internet Applications of Geographic Information System)
GEO 521 ____ (Suburbanization and Land Development)
GEO 524 ____ (Population Process)
GEO 526 ____ (Metropolitan Systems and Problems)
GEO 531 ____ (Transportation
GEO 538 ____ (Environmental Modeling with Geographic Information Systems)
GEO 554 ____ (Geography and Planning of Housing)
GEO 577 ____ (Geodatabases)
PLN 505 ____ (Planning Design (Studio A))
PLN 525 ____ (Planning History, Theories, and Ethics)
PLN 527 ____ (Planning Law and Organization)
PLN 536 ____ (Environmental Planning)
PLN 605 ____ (Planning Design (Studio B))

Bring this sheet with you whenever you meet with your advisor about scheduling or course planning!

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