

CLAS Academic Advising Center – Grand Valley State University

Academic advising for students pursuing majors and/or minors offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
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Urban and Regional Planning Minor

City and Regional planning in Michigan and the nation is a dynamic and growing area of employment that is concerned with optimal and sustainable land use. Professionally trained planners strive to create better living environments for all by planning and designing smart and integrated land use systems. This process is sometimes undertaken with the assistance of public, academic, private, and community organizations.

Career Opportunities

A minor in City and Regional Planning provides career opportunities in public, private, and nonprofit planning organizations and agencies. A minor in City and Regional Planning can also amplify or be a strong adjunct to a major in Public Administration, Civil Engineering, Finance, Business, Urban Sociology and Social Work. Agencies such as public (village, city, township, and county) planning offices, district planning offices, state transportation departments (MDOT), county road commissions, park and recreation organizations, neighborhood associations, federal offices, private architecture and planning establishments, utility companies, and many other types of organizations employ graduates with formal training in planning.

Students who minor in City and Regional Planning are required to complete a minimum of 24 credits from the courses below.

Required Courses (15 credits):

- _____ GPY/PA 209 – Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY310/PA 313 – Land Use Planning (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY/ENS/PA 312 – Urban and Regional Environmental Planning (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY/PA 314 – Land Use and Planning Law (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY/PA 316 – Introduction to Transportation Planning (3 cr.)

Electives – choose at least 9 credits from the following:

- _____ GPY 307 – Introduction to Computer Mapping/GIS (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY/PA 324 – Urbanization (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY/MKT/PA 365 – GIS for Economic and Business Decision Making (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY/PA 385 – Economic Geography of the US (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY/ENS/PA 410 – Landscape Analysis (3 cr.)

Students who are also majoring in Geography and Planning may choose electives from the following:

- _____ ECO 345 – Environmental and Resource Economics (3 cr.)
- _____ PA 307/GPY 308 – Local Politics and Administration (3 cr.)
- _____ SOC 351 – Urban Sociology (3 cr.)

Please note: Many of these courses are cross-listed with other departments (PA – Public Administration; ENS – Environmental Studies). Students should search for courses under each department to find available sections for registration.

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor or an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center early in your career.

Your academic advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center is Betty Schaner (schanerb@gvsu.edu)

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