

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA)

Bachelor of Arts in Public and Urban Affairs (PUA)

Major – Environmental Policy and Planning (EPP)

Checksheet for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2020

I. Core Degree Requirements	29 Credit Hours
II. Requirements for EPP Major	28 Credit Hours
III. Curriculum for Liberal Education	36 Credit Hours
IV. Free Electives	27 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 of which there are fifty-seven (57) required hours for the Environmental Policy and Planning major.

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

Satisfactory Progress: To proceed satisfactorily toward a degree, a student must complete UAP 1024, PSCI 1014, SPIA 2114, 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 I below).

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.

I. PUA Core Degree Requirements (29 Credit Hours)

Required PUA Degree Core Courses (29 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)
- ☐ SPIA 2114 Public Service Leadership (1)
- ☐ SPIA 2554 Collaborative Policy-Making & Planning (3)
- ☐ STAT 3604 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3) (pre. MATH 1014 or MATH 1015)
- ☐ 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)
- ☐ UAP 4914 Seminar in Public and Urban Affairs (3) (pre. SPIA 2554, SPIA 3554, and UAP 4754)

II. 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: Policy and Planning (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 each from the Policy Competency, Planning Competency, and Environment & Conservation categories.

- ☐ 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)
- UAP 4644 Washington Sem: Politics, Policy, and Administration in a Democracy (cross-listed with PSCI 4644, pre. UAP 3714)
- SPIA 4964 Field Study
- AAEC 3314 Environmental Law
- LAR 4034 Evolution of the American Landscape
- PSCI 3424 State and Local Government (pre. PSCI 1014)
- PSCI 3434 Urban Politics (Pre. PSCI 1014)
- AAEC 3324 Environmental and Sustainable Development Economics (pre. AAEC 1005 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 Modelling with Geographic Information Systems (pre. GEOG 2084)
- 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 (pre. LAR 1004)

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

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

III. CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE) Requirements (34-36 Credit Hours)

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| Area 1 | Writing and Discourse (6 credits) | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1105
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1106 |
| Area 2 | Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values (6 credits)
3 credit hours must be from either:
UAP 4264 or
PHIL 1304 or
PHIL 2304 | <input type="checkbox"/> _____
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| Area 3 | Society and Human Behavior (6 credits)
ECON 2005 and 2006 or
AAEC 1005 and 1006 | <input type="checkbox"/> _____
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| Area 4 | Scientific Reasoning and Discovery (6 credits) | <input type="checkbox"/> ENSC 1015
<input type="checkbox"/> ENSC 1016 |
| Area 5 | Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (6 credits)
MATH 1014 and one additional 3 credit Area 5 course
STAT 3604 cannot be used to meet this requirement | <input type="checkbox"/> MATH 1014
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| Area 6 | Creative and Aesthetic Experience (1-3 credits) | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| Area 7 | Critical Issues in a Global Context (3 credits) | <input type="checkbox"/> UAP 3344 |

The full list of approved courses for each area above can be found in the "Curriculum for Liberal Education Guide" on the Provost's Office web page (www.provost.vt.edu).

IV. Free Electives (minimum of 27 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)

Complete one of the following options

- ☐ 2 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school.

OR

- ☐ Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college (these 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation)