

Urban and Regional Planning Certificate
REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of Geography and Anthropology is proposing a credit bearing certificate in Urban and Regional Planning. The 15-credit certificate is designed to provide students with an interdisciplinary foundation in issues related to urban and regional planning, as well as preparing them for graduate study or careers related to land use planning. No current program exists at UWEC but there is a growing demand for individuals with this training.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Overlap with Environmental Studies certificate and/or Environment, Society, & Culture minor
2. Student ability to complete the certificate in 15 credits given prerequisite coursework expectations

Pros of Recommendation:

Students in any major who have interest in urban and regional planning/land use planning may pursue the certificate. The required coursework will provide a foundation in GIS, as well as urban and regional planning, with opportunities for students to choose electives that cater to their interests and builds an interdisciplinary perspective. The inclusion of the GIS course sets students up for success if they pursue graduate studies or a position in urban and regional planning, as they will have exposure to that content. Departments offering courses in the elective list are supportive.

Cons of Recommendation:

Many courses have prerequisites; however, students in the disciplines who are likely to add this certificate often complete those prerequisites anyway so they should be able to stay on track for graduation while adding this certificate.

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee recommends approval of the credit bearing certificate in: Urban and Regional Planning to be administered by the Department of Geography and Anthropology.

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MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 9 for to 0 against on November 8, 2022 (Date)

Recommends that:

The Department of Geography and Anthropology will offer a credit bearing certificate: Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning (Code XXX-XXX) starting with the 2023/24 AY.

Implementation Date: 23/24 catalog

Signed: _____

Chair of the Committee

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