

**School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy
University of Delaware**

PH.D. PROGRAM PLAN OF STUDY

The Ph.D. program of study has several components: core required courses, a research design and methods requirement, coursework in specific areas of research specialization, a qualifying examination, fulfillment of a teaching or research experience, development of a dissertation proposal, and the execution and writing of a dissertation.

This form must be completed by the student in consultation with his or her academic advisor, approved by the advisor (see Part VIII at the end of the form), and submitted to the School Office (184 Graham Hall) no later than the end of the second semester of study, or sooner if possible. This plan of study can later be revised, but then must be re-approved and re-submitted to the School Office. No course can be double-counted to meet multiple requirements of the Ph.D. degree. Students should consult with their academic advisor about possible course waivers or substitutions.

Name of Student:		ID#
E-mail:	Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time student	
Entry Term:	Expected Date of Degree:	
Name of Academic Advisor:		

PART I: Core Required Courses (9 credits)

The core curriculum consists of three 3-credit courses which are usually completed during the first year of study. Students should decide upon an area of research interest as soon as possible.

<i>Take two of the following three proseminars listed below for a total of 6 credits:</i>	<i>Semester/Credits</i>
UAPP 821 - Proseminar in Technology, Environment & Society (3 credits)	
UAPP 822 - Proseminar in Governance, Planning & Management (3 credits)	
UAPP 823 - Proseminar in Social & Urban Policy (3 credits)	
<i>And also take the following course:</i>	<i>Semester/Credits</i>
UAPP 801 - Processes of Social Inquiry (3 credits)	

**PART II: Research Design and
Methods Requirements (6+ credits)**

Upon admission, students are expected to have knowledge of statistics at the level of *UAPP 815 - Public Management Statistics*, and knowledge of research design and methodology at the level of *UAPP 800 - Research Methods and Data Analysis*. Those without such knowledge may take *UAPP 815* or its equivalent, and *UAPP 800* or its equivalent. However, the taking of such courses is for remedial purposes and any credit earned will not count toward fulfilling requirements in this area. In addition to competency at the levels of *UAPP 815 and UAPP 800*, students must take a minimum of six (6) additional credits of coursework in one or more of the following areas: advanced research design and methodology, qualitative methods, or quantitative methods. The specific courses to be taken depend on the student's area of specialization and the advice of the student's academic advisor.

PART V: Teaching and/or Research Experience (0-3 credits)

Doctoral students must have at least one substantive research OR teaching experience during their course of study.

<i>Research Experience Requirement:</i>
The Research Experience Requirement is satisfied by the student producing a paper of "publishable quality." The determination of "publishable quality" is made by the faculty member who supervised the preparation of the paper. Presentation of this paper by the student at an appropriate academic conference is encouraged but not required. The paper may be produced through the student's research assistantship, or by the student registering for <i>UAPP 868 - Research</i> .
Description of how this requirement is satisfied:
<i>Teaching Experience Requirement:</i>
The Teaching Experience Requirement is satisfied by the student being a Teaching Assistant (TA) for at least one semester, or by the student taking an independent study course (<i>UAPP 862 - Teaching Practicum in Urban Affairs and Public Policy</i>) which involves him or her in substantive aspects of teaching a course being taught by the supervising faculty member.
Description of how this requirement is satisfied:

PART VI: Doctoral Dissertation Proposal (3 credits)

Fulfillment of the dissertation requirement is a multi-step process. The first step is for the student to identify a faculty member who is willing to serve as the chair of the student's dissertation committee. In close consultation with the person who has agreed to be the chairperson, student then identifies the remaining members of the dissertation committee.

<i>Membership of Dissertation Committee:</i>
Chairperson:
Member:
Member:
Member:
Member:
Member:
<i>Date dissertation committee formed:</i>

The next step is for the student to register for *UAPP 863 - Doctoral Dissertation Proposal*. This course is supervised by the chairperson of the student's dissertation committee. Working closely with the committee chairperson and, as needed, other members of the dissertation committee, the student produces a "defensible dissertation proposal." The committee chairperson determines what constitutes a "defensible dissertation proposal."

If a defensible proposal has not been produced by the end of the semester when the student was registered for *UAPP 863*, student is given the grade of "S" and may then register for *UAPP 964 - Pre-Candidacy Study* for one or more subsequent semesters for purposes of continuing work on the proposal. Once a defensible proposal is produced, the "S" grade for *UAPP 863* is replaced by a letter grade.

Student must then officially defend the dissertation proposal before his/her full dissertation committee. Entry into official candidacy for the Ph.D. degree occurs after the dissertation proposal has been successfully defended. To accomplish this, student should obtain the *Recommendation for Candidacy for Doctoral Degree* form from the School's Academic Administration Office (184 Graham Hall) prior to their defense, and then obtain the signatures of committee members on this form upon the successful defense of their proposal. The completed form must then be submitted to the School's Academic Administration Office.

Working Title of dissertation:	
Date UAPP 863/UAPP 964 completed:	
Date of successful defense of dissertation proposal:	

PART VII: Dissertation (9 credits)

<i>Registration for dissertation research credits:</i>	<i>Semester Begun</i>
UAPP - 969 Dissertation Research (9 credits)	
Final title of dissertation:	
Date of successful dissertation defense:	

PART VIII: Approval of Ph.D. Plan of Study

Date initially approved: _____ Advisor's signature: _____

Date revised: _____ Advisor's signature: _____

Date revised: _____ Advisor's signature: _____

Date revised: _____ Advisor's signature: _____

Final approval by Director: _____ Date: _____