UC IRVINE CURRICULUM SUMMARY 09-10

Urban Studies, B.A.

Lower-division Major Course Requirements

Long Course Title & Number Short Course Number

Social Ecology 10 SE 10
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Economics 20A Econ 20A

Political Science 21A or Political Science 51A Poli Sci 21A or Poli Sci 51A

Planning, Policy & Design 40 or Sociology 43 PPD 40 or Socio 43

Major requirements for transfer students: For transfer student admission, preferenc overall.

Appendix F. Proposed catalogue copy

[Except as indicated, proposed additions are <u>underlined</u>. Proposed deletions are stricken through. All else is current catalogue text.]

The Department of Planning, Policy, and Design utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of urban and regional planning, public policy issues, and the built environment. The Department faculty devote their scholarly and teaching efforts to theory-driven and empirically oriented urban research and their interests include urban and community development, environmental policy, health promotion and policy, and urban design and behavior. The faculty focus on education in urban, social, public policy, and environmental problems.

The Department offers the Ph.D. degree in Planning, Policy, and Design; the Master of Urban and Regional Planning professional degree (fully accredited by the national Planning Accreditation Board); an undergraduate degree in Urban Studies; and undergraduate minors in Urban and Regional Planning and in Environmental Design. The Department's graduate degree programs feature innovative teaching often involving students in community projects, and a significant degree of accessibility by students to faculty members.

Faculty members in the Department are productive and influential scholars. The Department's teaching, research, and graduate training utilize UCI's proximity to both urban centers and planned communities, as well as the University's location within the dynamic and multicultural Southern California and Pacific Rim regions. Collaborative academic and research ties are maintained with UCI's Institute of Transportation Studies, Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, Newkirk Center for Science and Society, Focused Research Group on International Environmental Policy, Center for Community Health, Community Outreach Partnership Center, Center for Unconventional Security Affairs, Center for Organizational Research, and the Urban Water Research Center.

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instruction and faculty research efforts is to bring applied research to the cause of bettering individuals, neighborhoods, communities, and regions. Southern California has grown dramatically over the past four decades and will soon become the nation's largest urban corridor. The challenges to maintain the quality of life, provide employment opportunities, and reduce the deep socioeconomic disparities of this bi-national and multicultural metropolitan region are enormous. Extremely diverse, multiethnic communities face the necessity of solving their problems in ways that are acceptable to their populations. Older central city areas that are vital to the region face issues of social and economic sustainability. The need to create employment opportunities, through the application of new technologies in industries and services, will be a constant feature of an urban region undergoing such population increases. At the same time, urban growth and transportation will have to meet increasingly stringent environmental regulations that can safeguard the population's health and quality of the diverse natural environments. The urban design and landscape of most communities stand to be reshaped as never before, as the building stock ages and the need to redevelop intensifies.

concerns. Faculty members and students engaged in design-behavior research investigate the interrelationships of people and their socio-physical environments at all scales, from micro to macro, with emphasis on urban design and community-scale issues. Faculty members and students who examine environmental policy focus on the environment and natural resources as important policy and planning issues and provide a clear understanding about how politics, economics, ethics, and institutions affect planning and policy choices. Finally, faculty members and students who study health promotion and policy investigate issues at the interface between (1) urban planning and health policy and (2) community and individual health. They examine the public welfare, psychological, and health implications of social and physical planning, and the techniques and goals of public health policy making.

Short Course Title

Intro to Urban Studies Intro to Crim, Law & Society Intro to Environ Analy & Design Intro to Human Behavior

Research Design Statistical Analysis in Social Ecology Microeconomics Intro to Amer Govt or Intro to Comp Politics Urban Sociology

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