# Graduate Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning

The UTEP Graduate School offers a Graduate Certificate Program in Planning which is a 18- semester-hour interdisciplinary program based in the Master of Public Administration Program. The certificate program is aimed at professionals with bachelor's or master's degrees who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills in the area of planning and at students in the MPA, or other master's or doctoral programs (in fields such as Economics, Political Science, Environmental Science, and Engineering) who wish to incorporate a certificate in planning into their graduate degree program. The certificate is designed for those employed as planners and students interested in a career in planning to provide them core knowledge in economics, demography, law, and administration, and the technology (such as GIS) necessary for planning activities.

The program is offered online through UTEP Connect. (https://www.utep.edu/extendeduniversity/utepconnect/)

## Degree Requirements

Five courses (18 semester credit hours) are required of all students.  Students will take PAD 5359: Regional and Urban Planning, and PAD 5360: Urban Administration, along with four approved electives.

## Admission Requirements

Prospective students must apply through the Graduate School.  Applicants must complete the graduate school application and provide an official transcript.  Admission into the program will be based on the applicant's undergraduate record.  Students who enroll in the certificate program and decide at a later date to pursue a graduate degree may apply to the appropriate graduate program and request that the units be incorporated in the degree program at admission.

## Degree Plan

Required Credits: 18

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| **Certificate in Urban & Regional Planning (All courses require a grade of C or better)** | | |
| Required Courses: | | |
| PAD 5359 | Regional and Urban Planning | 3 |
| PAD 5360 | Urban Administration | 3 |
| Electives: | | |
| Select four courses from the following: | | 12 |
| PAD 5310 | Pub. Policy Process & Institut | |
| PAD 5350 | Public and Nonprofit Manage. | |
| PAD 5363 | Intergovernmental Relations | |
| PAD 5380 | Selected Problems in Pub Adm | |
| PAD 5364 | Pub Part & Democratic Process | |
| PAD 5303 Community and Economic Development | | |
| PAD 5304 GIS for Public Service | | |
| PAD 5306 Strategic Planning for Public Service | | |
| **Total Hours** | | **18** |