

URBAN STUDIES AND PLANNING BA + MPA SF STATE SCHOLARS ROADMAP

The San Francisco State Scholars program provides undergraduate students with an accelerated pathway to a graduate degree. Students in this program pursue a bachelor's and master's degree simultaneously. This program allows students to earn graduate credit while in their junior and/or senior year, reducing the number of semesters required for completion of a master's degree.

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult your Degree Planner (<https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner>) and an advisor for further guidance.

To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet the **SF State Studies** (AERM, GP, ESCA, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

Course	Title	Units
First Year		
Fall Semester		
GE Area 1A: English Composition ¹		3
GE Area 1: English Communication		3
GE Area 3: Arts and Humanities		3
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ²		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15
Spring Semester		
GE Area 1: English Communication		3
GE Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning ³		3
GE Area 3: Arts and Humanities		3
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
GE Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences ⁴		3-4
GE Area 6: Ethnic Studies (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/areasix/)		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three		9
Units		15-16
Spring Semester		
GE Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences ⁴		3-4
US and California Government (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg)		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three		9
Units		15-16
Third Year		
Summer Semester		
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two		7
Units		7

Fall Semester		
USP 401GW	Seminar in Urban Studies and Planning - GEAR (Major Core)	3
Select One (Major Core):		3
USP 370/SOC 380	Cities in a Global Society	
USP 400/HIST 489	Dynamics of the American City	
USP/PLSI 492	Research Methods (Major Core)	3
Major Electives (18 units) - Take Two ⁵		6
Units		15
Spring Semester		
USP/PLSI 493	Data Analysis (Major Core)	3
Major Electives (18 units) - Take Two ⁵		6
GE Area 3UD: Upper-Division Arts or Humanities		3
GE Area 5UD or 2UD: Upper-Division Sciences or Upper-Division Mathematical Concepts		3
Units		15
Fourth Year		
Summer Semester		
SF State Studies or University Elective		4
Units		4
Fall Semester		
Select One (Major Core):		3-4
USP/PLSI 480	Introduction to Urban Policy and Analysis	
USP/GEOG 658	Land-Use Planning	
USP 603	Public Service Internship (Major Core)	3
P A 700	Foundations of Governance and Management (Graduate Core)	3
Graduate Elective - Take One ⁷		3
GE Area 4UD: Upper-Division Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Units		15-16
Spring Semester		
USP 680	Senior Seminar	3
Major Electives (18 units) - Take Two ⁵		6
P A 715	Policy Process and Civic Engagement (Graduate Core)	3
Graduate Core: Management Perspectives - Take One ⁶		3
Units		15
Fifth Year		
Summer Semester		
Graduate Core: Management Perspectives- Take One ⁶		3
Graduate Elective - Take One ⁷		3
Units		6

Fall Semester

P A 705	Design and Consumption of Research	3
P A 803	Public Affairs Internship ⁸	3
Graduate Core: Management Perspectives - Take Two ⁶		6
Units		12

Spring Semester

P A 706	Applied Data Analysis	3
Graduate Elective - Take Two ⁷		6
Select One (Culminating Experience):		3
P A 890	Capstone Course in Public Administration	
P A 898	Master's Thesis	
Units		12
Total Units		161-164

¹ Students should use their Pathway/Category (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/pathways>) to determine the appropriate GE 1A course option. For directions on how to view your Pathway/Category, visit [how to find your pathway \(https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways\)](https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

² First-time freshmen must take one lower-division Area 4 course that meets US History (USH).

³ Students should use their Pathway/Category (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/pathways>) to determine the appropriate GE 2 course option. For directions on how to view your Pathway/Category, visit [how to find your pathway \(https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways\)](https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

⁴ Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill 5C if not already satisfied.

⁵ Major Electives (18 units)

A full list of courses that can fulfill this requirement can be found in the Degree Requirements (<https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/urban-studies-planning/ba-urban-studies-planning/#degreerequirementstext>).

⁶ Management Perspectives (12 units)

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⁷ Graduate Electives (12 units)

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⁸ Internship requirement may be waived upon evidence and approval of previous or concurrent educationally appropriate work experience in public policy or administration.