



Who Should Major in UPA

Students with a particular interest or background in areas such as sociology, economics, geography, government, law, architecture, information technology, public health, civics, urban studies, or urban environments – to name only a few! – might find the program to be especially appealing.

Students with professional or volunteer experience in a community, political, or environmental setting will find that the UPA program provides a strong educational background to build upon these experiences.

Potential students might also have a background of involvement in other activities such as student or community organizations, student government, debate, soup kitchens, international relief organizations, political parties, or other community based volunteer groups.

Anyone with an interest in any one of the numerous topics that affect the urban environment or students who are “undecided” but are looking for a major that offers a multidisciplinary curriculum, professional experience, and the possibility of working toward improving the conditions around us in everyday life should consider this program.



How to Apply

Application materials are available online at : www.uic.edu/depts/oar/applyonline. Admission into the Urban and Public Affairs program is selective and competitive. For more information on admission requirements and application procedures, see www.uic.edu/cuppa/upa.

Questions?

We'd love to hear from you! Please contact:

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About CUPPA

The College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (CUPPA) at UIC is an internationally recognized leader in education, research, and engagement in support of the world's cities and metropolitan areas. CUPPA provides innovative urban planning and public management education that puts engaged research to purposeful use at home and abroad. We strive for academic excellence and to provide inspirational learning experiences for our students. We make a contribution beyond the university. We are committed to respecting the unique individual contributions of faculty to scholarship, students to learning, and staff to service. We welcome cultural diversity in the composition of our faculty, staff, and students. We collaborate across disciplines, programs, and other institutional divides to generate more successful inquiry and learning. We are committed to innovation that anticipates future needs and crafts sustainable solutions in the pursuit of learning.



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in Urban and Public Affairs from UIC's College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs



Beginning Fall Semester 2007



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Beginning in the Fall Semester of 2007,

the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (CUPPA) will offer an undergraduate program of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts, with a major in Urban and Public Affairs (UPA). Using the Chicago metropolitan region as a home for investigation, students will experience and analyze urban issues from many different academic and practical perspectives. After students complete their general education and other liberal arts and sciences requirements, they will take an interdisciplinary curriculum offered jointly by CUPPA's two academic programs: the Urban Planning and Policy Program and the Public Administration Program.

What will UPA do for Students?

The UPA Program will provide students with the training needed for entry-level employment with public and private sector organizations, as well as prepare them for graduate studies in such fields as public administration, urban planning, law, business, sociology, political science, and others. It will offer opportunities to participate in engaged research projects with one of the college's seven research centers, partake of service learning activities, and take part in a wide selection of internship and study abroad experiences.



Course Work

UPA's emphasis on experiential learning in university and city settings enables students to learn in contexts closely linked to their job and career interests. For instance, students learn not just how to find work, but what that work means in relation to other choices not taken and to the many economic, social, physical, cultural and political impacts associated with urban policy.

For example, students can learn how a city and its people might be affected by what happens nationally and globally and how professionals address pressing urban problems like traffic congestion, sprawl, and affordable housing. Not only might they learn how urban leaders design development projects, but how cities address the NIMBY—"Not in My Backyard"—reaction to important public improvements. They learn not only how to vote intelligently, but how to improve the institutions that manage the franchise. This program uses the intellectual and practical experience of urban relationships to help students shape and meet their career goals while learning the challenge and responsibility of urban civic engagement.

Select Courses

- *Introduction to Urban Policy Processes*
- *Political Economy of Urban Development*
- *Urban Government I: Managing the Internal Environment*
- *Urban Government II: Managing the External Environment*
- *Visualizing the City: Methods and Tools*
- *Urban Policy Analysis Methods*
- *E-Government and Public Affairs*
- *Globalization and Urban Public Affairs*
- *Senior Capstone Experience in Urban and Public Affairs I*
- *Senior Capstone Experience in Urban and Public Affairs II*

Recent CUPPA internship placements:

- Federal Government
- State of Illinois
- County Governments
- City of Chicago
- Municipalities throughout northeastern Illinois
- American Planning Association
- American Red Cross
- Center for Economic Progress
- Center for Neighborhood Technology
- Chicago Transit Authority
- Chicagoland Bicycle Federation
- Congress for New Urbanism
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Field Museum of Natural History
- Government Accountability Office
- Government Finance Officers Association
- Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights
- Illinois Housing Development Authority
- Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois
- Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission