

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

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## Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

DEPARTMENT:  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COLLEGE:  
COLLEGE FOR DESIGN AND SOCIAL INQUIRY

PROGRAM NAME:  
PH.D. PROGRAM IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**EFFECTIVE DATE**  
 (PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)  
 SPRING 2016

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:

AS NOTED ON THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, A SUBSET OF FACULTY AND STUDENTS IN THE PH.D. PROGRAM HAVE HISTORICALLY FOCUSED ON TOPICS RELATED TO URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING. PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN ENROLLING IN THE PH.D. PROGRAM IF A TRACK IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING WERE AVAILABLE. DUE TO RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, IT IS NOT PRACTICAL FOR THE SCHOOL OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING TO OFFER ITS OWN PH.D. PROGRAM. MOREOVER, THE TWO SCHOOLS ARE CURRENTLY EMBARKING ON AN EFFORT TO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF A SINGLE DIRECTOR.

CATALOG CHANGES:

CHANGE FIRST PARAGRAPH TO: "THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY OFFERS A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WITH PATHS OF STUDY IN ADMINISTRATIVE THEORY AND INQUIRY, PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES, ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES, PUBLIC BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION, AND URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING."

APPROPRIATE CHANGES WILL ALSO BE MADE TO THE PROGRAM'S POLICY MANUAL.

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.  
 School of Urban and Regional Planning (see attached MOU)

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Email this form and syllabus to [UGPC@fau.edu](mailto:UGPC@fau.edu) one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

School of Public Administration, CDSI, Florida Atlantic University

and

School of Urban and Regional Planning, CDSI, Florida Atlantic University

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between the School of Public Administration (SPA) and the School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP) to offer an Urban and Regional Planning track in the SPA Ph.D. Program.

### **Background**

SPA offers an internationally recognized Ph.D. in PA. Historically, there have been subsets of students and faculty who have worked with issues more common to Urban and Regional Planning (i.e., Economic Development, G.I.S., Sustainability, and Growth Management). SURP has been working toward offering a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning, but has experienced resource shortfalls similar to those in SPA leading to the consideration of this partnership.

### **Purpose**

This MOU will establish an Urban and Regional Planning Track within the SPA Ph.D. program.

The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

1. SURP names at least three tenured/tenure track faculty to serve on comprehensive exam committees for the SURP track.
2. SPA provides the faculty in #1 with a courtesy joint appointment to the SPA (enabling them to participate in the comp process).
3. SURP courtesy joint appointments will write, read, and grade the SURP comps.
4. SURP courtesy joint appointments may be dissertation chairs and majority participants in planning dissertations emerging from this track.
5. SPA requests the development of one 7000-level course (URP 7846 Seminar in Urban and Regional Planning) to be offered by SURP faculty in support of the SURP track. Two recommended elective courses for students in the Planning concentration would be URP 6101 History and Theory of Planning and URP 6840 Urban and Regional Theory.
6. Minor adjustments to PhD Policy Manual as indicated in attached.

**Reporting**

The SPA Ph.D. program coordinator in collaboration with the Director of SURP will monitor the progress in the development of the track and will make any adjustments needed after coordination with their respective faculty. If at any time SURP is unable to fully participate in the activities listed above, remedies in the duration section may be initiated.

**Funding**

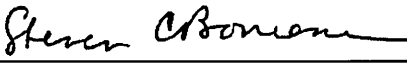
This MOU is not a commitment of funds.

**Duration**

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from SPA and SURP. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the SPA and SURP) and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from SPA and SURP this MOU shall end with the Fall 2018 semester or when the last SURP track student is no longer in the FAU SPA Ph.D. program.

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