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To: Susan Poser 
From: Julian Parrott
Subject: Approval of Reasonable and Moderate Extension

The Illinois Board of Higher Education has approved the reasonable and moderate extension request for the following:

- Changing the CIP codes for four degrees in the Department of Urban Planning and Policy to 30.3301 (Sustainability Studies)
 - Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS)
 - Master of City Design (MCD)
 - Master of Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP)
 - Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning and Policy (PhD)

The change will be effective fall 2019. Please let me know if you have any question.

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Dr. Parrott,

Your letter, dated July 29, 2019, requesting a reasonable and moderate extension (RME) for the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to change the CIP code for the following four degrees offered: Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS), Master of City Design (MCD), Master of Urban and Policy (MUPP), and Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning and Policy (PhD) has been reviewed. The change would be effective fall 2019, and impact continuing and incoming student. The BAUS and PhD are currently assigned CIP 45.1201 (Urban Studies/Affairs). The MCD and MUPP are assigned CIP 04.0301 (City/Urban, Community and Regional Planning). UIC requests that the CIP codes be reassigned to 30.3301 (Sustainability Studies). IBHE staff review of the proposal has been completed and the request is approved as a reasonable and moderate extension.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (217) 524-5829 or via email at lohman@ibhe.org.

Sincerely,

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Dear Gretchen:

I write to request a Reasonable and Moderate Extension of the IBHE in approving changes to the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes for the following four degrees offered by the Department of Urban Planning and Policy at the University of Illinois at Chicago: Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS), Master of City Design (MCD), Master of Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP), and Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning and Policy (PhD). The change would be effective Fall 2019, and impact continuing and incoming students.

The Department of Urban Planning and Policy in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs offers courses leading to the four degrees noted above, as well as three undergraduate minors (urban studies, geographic information systems, and sustainable cities) and two graduate campus certificates (geospatial analysis and visualization, and public transit planning and management). The BAUS and PhD are currently assigned CIP 45.1201 (Urban Studies/Affairs). The MCD and MUPP are assigned CIP 04.0301 (City/Urban, Community and Regional Planning). The college and university request that the CIP codes be reassigned as 30.3301 (Sustainability Studies).

Background

As a practice concerned with the physical, environmental, economic, and social infrastructure of communities ranging from local to regional to national and global, the field of urban design/urban planning has over the past two decades become increasingly concerned with issues of sustainability. As future-oriented practitioners, urban designers/planners must consider the short, medium, and long-term challenges arising from issues ranging from energy production, consumption and conservation, waste production and disposal, water policy, to basic infrastructure, patterns of development, and social and economic effects of population shifts.

A thorough review, and subsequent curriculum revisions, of the degree offerings in the Department of Urban Planning and Policy has resulted in a greater focus on sustainability through a substantial increase of content on urban/global urbanization and sustainability, and introduction of core requirements in quantitative and technological/spatial analysis and visualization skills. Combined with the development of the new MCD, which incorporated from conception a focus on issues of urban sustainability, the new CIP code would reflect these many program changes and strengths in the department.

BA in Urban Studies

The BAUS prepares students to enter urban professions and graduate professional education programs with knowledge and understanding of the complexity and diversity of the urban environment and the policy and management processes that affect it. The degree includes required courses in:

- The principles of sustainability;
- Social justice and the city (emphasizing environmental justice);
- Planning practices for great cities (using the primary text, *Planning for Sustainability: Creating Livable, Equitable, and Ecological Communities*);
- Two courses that place an increased emphasis on tools and techniques relevant to problems facing sustainability practitioners – urban and community economics, and analyzing the city.

The BAUS also has selective courses in urban transportation, urban sustainability, and a sustainability internship.

Master of City Design

The MCD is a new one-year interdisciplinary degree focused on the practices of sustainable urban design and place-making, supported with 3-D analysis and visualization tools. An emphasis is placed on urban development practices in those areas of the city most challenged by disinvestment and urban decline; these areas are often faced with significant environmental and infrastructural challenges, and any plans for redevelopment must be undertaken with sustainability as a primary focus. The degree will enroll its first cohort of students in Fall 2019.

Master of Urban Planning and Policy

The MUPP is the only professional planning program in the Chicago metropolitan area that is fully accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board. The degree has developed a greater focus on sustainability in both core requirements, specializations, and the range of electives for students seeking focused knowledge and skills in different areas. For example:

- In 2008, two required courses in plan making were added as requirements. UPP 505: Plan Making introduces students to holistic planning models that incorporate sustainability as a critical component of urban development/redevelopment. UPP 506: Plan Making Studio focuses on a specific problem, for which students (in groups) produce a plan. Students are introduced to scenario planning, and plans developed must respond to future scenarios that include issues of sustainability. Examples of these plans include: the development of a coastal zone management plan for the Illinois portion of the Lake Michigan shoreline; a redevelopment plan for the Pilsen Industrial Corridor after the de-commissioning of two large coal-fired energy plants after years of community struggle; the development of a land-use plan for the Englewood, New City, and Washington Park communities that focused on resolving local flooding problems, and balancing open space with built space; a sustainable economic development plan for the Miller Beach community in Gary, Indiana.
- The addition of a required course UPP 508: Global Urbanization and Planning that situates urban planning and policy in a global context, recognizing the social, economic, and environmental challenges faced by increasing urbanization.
- The addition of an optional specialization in Environmental Planning and Policy in 2011. MUPP students must complete at least one three-course specialization in a substantive field of planning.
- New elective offerings of courses on energy policy, water and the built environment, recycling the city (addressing issues of construction waste), and backyard sustainability (updating municipal codes to address emerging practices such as rainwater collection, urban farming/raising poultry and bee-keeping in urban and suburban locales).

PhD in Urban Planning and Policy

In 2003, the department transitioned from an interdisciplinary PhD in Public Policy Analysis (offered jointly with Political Science, Education, and Economics and often undertaken as a mid-career degree by professionals) to a full-time disciplinary degree in Urban Planning and Policy with a goal of training students for academic careers or for careers in other research institutions. With the transition to the disciplinary degree, current students bring a focus on emerging issues and critical challenges that align with a greater focus on sustainability. PhD students typically take both core and specialization courses from the MUPP curriculum, so the emphasis on sustainability forms a common base to the PhD degree as well.

See **Appendix** for degree requirements for each program.

Sustainability Studies CIP Code

Adopting the 30.3301 (Sustainability Studies) CIP designation will not affect the accreditation status of the MUPP. The department reviewed the Planning Accreditation Board's 2012 and 2017 Accreditation Standards, self-study reports, and PAB's evaluation reports from their recent accreditation reviews, reaching the conclusion that the CIP code is not a concern of the PAB accreditation review.

Finally, the new CIP designation will not diminish the department's commitment to urban studies/design and planning education. A number of long-standing peer planning programs have adopted the sustainability studies CIP designation without compromising their identities. These include programs at the University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Cincinnati, University of Texas at Austin, Rutgers – the State University of New Jersey, and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. UIUC received IBHE approval on May 9, 2018, to change the CIP codes of their BA in Urban Studies and Planning, Master of Urban Planning, MS in Sustainable Urban Management, and PhD in Regional Planning.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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APPENDIX:

University of Illinois at Chicago RME Request – Dept. of Urban Planning and Policy CIP Codes

BA in Urban Studies

Summary of Requirements

General and Basic Education Requirements	32-34
Required for the Degree	39
Selectives for the Degree	21
Free Electives	26-28
Total Hours	120

Required Courses

US 101	Introduction to Urban Studies ^a	3
US 130	Principles of Urban Sustainability ^a	3
US 202	Social Justice and the City ^a	3
US 240	Urban and Community Economics	3
US 250	Analyzing the City	3
US 301	Political Economy of Urban Development	3
US 304	Visualizing the City: Methods and Tools for Representing the City	3
US 306	Urban Policy Analysis Methods	3
US 308	Globalization in Urban Studies	3
PPOL 309	Public Budgeting and Financial Management	3
UPP 403	Planning Practices for Great Cities	3
UPP 405	Researching the City	3
US 495	Senior Capstone Experience in Urban Studies	3
Total Hours		39

Selective Courses

Students select 21 hours from courses offered under the Urban Studies (US) or Urban Planning and Policy (UPP) subjects and from a list of courses offered by partnering departments. The list includes courses in African American Studies, Anthropology, Art History, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Economics, Geography, History, Latin American and Latino Studies, Political Science, Public Administration, Public Policy and Sociology. Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to take a cluster of three courses in a specialization of their interest.

Master of City Design (MCD)

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 38.

Required Core Courses – 34 hours

CD 503	Urban Spatial Analysis & Visualization	4 hours
CD 504	Theories of Urban Design	4 hours
CD 511	Urban Edge Studio	8 hours
CD 512	Great Cities Studio	8 hours
CD 522	Chicago Charette I	4 hours
CD 523	Chicago Charette II	2 hours
UPP 508	Global Urbanization and Planning	4 hours

Selective courses – 4 hours

Select any course from the following list with advisor's approval

UPP 550	Spatial Planning: Theoretical Foundations
UPP 594	Topics in Urban Planning and Policy
UPP 565	Transportation: Special Topics
UPP 542	Metropolitan Housing Planning
UPP 543	Planning for Healthy Cities
UPP 535	Economic Development: Special Topics
UPP 544	Urban Revitalization and Gentrification
UPP 525	Globalization and International Planning: Special Topics
UPP 553	Land Use Law
UPP 558	Land Use Regulation and Planning
UPP 533	Development Finance Analysis
UPP 564	Public Transit Management

- **Grade Point Average** A minimum 3.00/4.00 GPA is required in all work taken in the major field, and in all work accepted by the university.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options:** Course work only. No other options available.

Master of Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP)

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 60.
- **Course Work** At least 24 hours must be at the 500-level, and at least 16 hours must be in the student's major area, including 12 at the 500-level.

Required Courses – 30 hours

UPP 458	Introduction to Geospatial Analysis and Visualization I	2 hours
UPP 461	Geographic Information Systems for Planning and Policy	4 hours

UPP 500	History and Theory of Urban Planning	4 hours
UPP 501	Urban Space, Place and Institutions	4 hours
UPP 502	Planning Skills: Computers, Methods and Communication	4 hours
UPP 505	Plan Making	4 hours
UPP 506	Plan-Making Studio	4 hours
UPP 508	Global Urbanization and Planning	4 hours

Specialization Requirements (at least 12 hours)

- Students must complete at least one three-course specialization in a substantive field of planning. Students may select from the following five (5) approved specializations or develop their own with faculty approval:

Community Development Specialization

UPP 540	Community Development I: Theory
UPP 541	Community Development II: Practice
Another 540-series or faculty-approved course	

Economic Development Specialization

UPP 530	Economic Development I: Analysis
UPP 531	Economic Development II: Planning
Another 530-series or faculty-approved course	

Environmental Planning and Policy Specialization

UPP 570	Environmental Planning and Policy
UPP 571 or UPP 572	Economic and Environmental Planning <u>or</u> Systems Methods for Environmental Planning and Policy
Another 570-series or faculty-approved course	

Spatial Planning Specialization

UPP 550	Spatial Planning: Theoretical Foundations
UPP 556	Spatial Planning: Studio (or equivalent studio approved by department)
UPP 557	Spatial Planning: Methods

Urban Transportation Specialization

UPP 560	Urban Transportation I: Introduction and Policy
UPP 562	Urban Transportation II: Laboratory

One of the following:

UPP 565	Transportation: Special Topics (Complete Streets)
UPP 566	Transportation Project Funding and Finance
UPP 594	Topics in Urban Planning and Policy (Transit-Oriented Development Studio)

Equivalent faculty-approved course

- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Course-work-only or or thesis. No other options are available.
 - *Thesis*: No more than 16 hours of [UPP 598](#) can be applied to the degree.
 - *Course-work-only*: Professional portfolio required. 2 hours of UPP 595 required for the degree.
- **Other Requirements**
 - *Continuous Registration*: Students who have completed all degree requirements except the thesis/project must register for zero semester hours to maintain continuity of registration.
 - *Internship*: Students must complete an approved 300-hour internship and register for [UPP 590](#).

Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning and Policy (PhD)

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 96 from the baccalaureate, up to 64 from the master's.
- **Course Work** Students must demonstrate competency in urban theory, policy evaluation, statistics, and economic analysis through previous master's degree or course work.

Required Courses – 17 hours

UPP 510	Data Analysis for Planning and Management I (or alternate)	4 hours
UPP 580	Dissertation Proposal Workshop	1 hour
UPP 583	Advanced Planning Theory	4 hours
UPP 588	Research Design and Evaluation	4 hours
UPP 589 or PA 544	Data Analysis for Planning and Management II <u>or</u> Qualitative Research Methods in Public Administration	4 hours

- **Plan of Study** Each student must have a written plan of study approved by an advisory committee.
- **Concentration Courses** At least 28 hours must be taken in the area of concentration, selected in consultation with a faculty committee. At least 8 hours in advanced research design and methods are required in the area of concentration. Concentrations include:
 1. Spatial Planning
 2. Urban Transportation
 3. Community Development
 4. Economic Development
 5. Globalization and International Planning
 6. Or another faculty-approved concentration
- **Preliminary Examination** Required; written. An oral examination may also be required at the discretion of the committee.
- **Dissertation** Required.
- **Other Requirements**
 - *Career Training*: Students must complete a collaborative faculty/student research project or classroom teaching under faculty supervision. No more than 12 hours of credit for career training can be applied to the degree.