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# Guidelines for Urban and Regional Studies and Planning

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### 1. Purpose.

The collection in Urban and Regional Studies and Planning supports teaching and research through the doctoral level. The student in the Bachelor of Science program is able to choose a concentration in Urban Planning and Policy or Regional Analysis and Development. The Department of Urban and Regional Studies and Planning offers two certificate programs. The Certificate in Urban Revitalization helps students learn techniques and the processes of city and neighborhood revitalization, including adaptive reuse of buildings, historic preservation, real estate market analysis and the role of private-public partnerships in financing development projects. The Certificate in Geographic Information Systems helps students gain specialized training in operations and techniques related to the creation, analysis, modeling, visualization, interpretation and management of geographic information.

The Master's in Urban and Regional Studies and Planning offers faculty defined specializations in urban revitalization and historic preservation; housing and neighborhood planning; economic development; physical planning; and environmental planning. A cooperative arrangement with the T.C. Williams Law School of the University of Richmond makes it possible for students to receive a law degree (J.D.) and an urban and regional studies and planning degree (M.U.R.P.) in four years.



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The purpose of the program is to integrate the two professional curricula and to provide the expertise necessary to apply legal analytical skills and planning methods analysis to urban and regional policy issues and problems.

The Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration with a concentration in Urban and Regional Policy is offered in conjunction with the University's Center for Public Policy. The Urban and Regional Policy Concentration is intended for those students whose public policy interests involve issues of particular relevance to cities and / or metropolitan regions. Students receiving the Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration with a Concentration in Urban and Regional Policy will typically pursue careers as teachers and researchers in institutions of higher education or as policy analysts in public, local, state, or federal levels.

## **2. General Collection Guidelines.**

### **A. Language.**

English is the primary language of the collection.

### **B. Chronology.**

Emphasis is on contemporary trends and issues.

### **C. Geography.**

Emphasis is on the United States and includes international resources.

### **D. Publication Date.**

Primary emphasis is on current aspects of urban studies. Some retrospective purchasing takes place to fill in gaps and for replacement.

### **E. Treatment of Subject.**

Popular and lower division textbooks are not generally acquired. Upper division and graduate texts are acquired selectively. Professional and scholarly works that support the curriculum are acquired broadly.

### **F. Types of Materials and Formats.**

Periodicals and monographs are the principal format. Also included are indexes, abstracts, dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, bibliographies, directories, loose-leaf services, conference proceedings, government documents, databases, films and GIS datasets.

## **3. Area Resources.**

There are no local resources in this subject area that impinge upon collection decisions.

## **4. Related Subject Policy Statements.**

See Business, Public Administration, Political Science, Government Documents, and Geography Policies.

## **5. Subjects and Collecting Levels.**

Resources on Urban and Regional Planning relating to the areas of study in the department are collected at a research level (4). These areas cover Development Planning, Legal and Legislative Foundations of Planning, Community



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Socioeconomic Analysis, GIS, Community Revitalization, Environmental Planning, Metropolitan Planning, Planning Management, Transportation, Urban Economic Development Policy, and Real Estate Development.