UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

PhD Program in Urban Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ULAE)
Department of Architecture and Urban Sustainability
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ULAE Course of Study

First Semester			Second Semester		
Course #	**Course Title**	**Credit**	**Course #**	**Course Title**	**Credit**
ULAE-611	Foundations of Urban Leadership & Entrepr.	3	ULAE-612	Foundations of Social & Ecol. Justice	4
ULAE-613	Leadership Theories & Methods	4	ULAE-614	Survey in Statistics & Quant. Methods	3
ULAE-615	Research Methods	3	ULAE-616	Participatory/Action Research	4
TBD	Concentration Course	3	TBD	Concentration Course	3
ULAE--595	Graduate Seminar	1	ULAE-595	Graduate Seminar	1
Total:		**14**	**Total:**		**15**
Third Semester			**Fourth Semester**		
Course #	**Course Title**	**Credit**	**Course #**	**Course Title**	**Credit**
ULAE-621	Systems Aproaches to Leadersh.,Org.&Soc.	3	ULAE-622	Disruptive Innovation Theory	3
TBD	Concentration Course	3	TBD	Concentration Course	3
TBD	Elective	3	TBD	Elective	3
ULAE-595	Graduate Seminar	1	ULAE-595	Graduate Seminar	1
Total:		**10**	**Total:**		**10**
Fifth Semester			**Sixth Semester**		
Course #	**Course Title**	**Credit**	**Course #**	**Course Title**	**Credit**
ULAE-691	Qualifying Exam & Dissertation Research	10	ULAE-691	Dissertation Research & Writing	10
ULAE-595	Graduate Seminar	1	ULAE-595	Graduate Seminar	1
Total:		**11**	**Total:**		**11**
Total:	**Core Course Credits**	**27**	**Total:**	**Elective Credits**	**6**
Total:	**Concentration Credits**	**12**	**Total:**	**Thesis Credits**	**27**

Concentration Course Options

Urban Sustainability & Resilience		Credit	Urban Governance & Policy		Credit
ENSC-508	Ecological Economics	3	ENSC-508	Ecological Economics	3
ULAE-620.	R-Studio	3	ULAE-620.	R-Sudio	3
ENSC-509	Advanced Climate Change	3	PGMT-503	Intro to Public & Nonprofit Managemt.	3
ENSC-510	Urban Land Use Planning	3	PGMT-512	Political Economy & Public Admin.	3
ENSC-595	Project Management in Water Resourses	3	PGMT-514	Management of Government Organiz.	3
ARCP-505	Sustainable Design	3	PGMT-519	Public Policy Development & Implem.	3
BGMT-510	Sustainability Entrepreneurship	4	LAW-645	Systems Change	3
HOD-833	Global Systems	4	HOD-835	Structural Inequality & Diversity	4
Urban Entrepreneurship		**Credit**			
ENCS-508	Ecological Economics	3			
ULAE-620.	R-Studio	3			
ENSC-595	Professional Project Management	3			
BGMT-510	Sustainability Entrepreneurship	3			
BGMT-506	Org. Behavior & Development	3			
BGMT-511	Leadership & Ethics	3			
MKTG-507	Marketing Strategy	4			
HOD-805	Foundations of Organizational Studies	4			

The Qualifying Exam marks the beginning of the thesis phase of the course of study. To be eligible for the exam 45 credits hours in course work must be completed. The Qualifying Exam consists of a written research paper of publishable quality that outlines the proposed thesis research and literature review, plus a presentation of the planned research in the CAUSES Graduate Research Seminar.

Thesis Guidelines:

A PhD thesis contributes new knowledge to one or more academic fields. To that aim, a PhD thesis must undergo a peer review process. There are three stages to the thesis process:

1. Thesis Committee and Approval of Thesis Proposal.
2. Thesis Research and Writing.
3. Thesis Defense and Proof of Publication

1. Thesis Committee and Approval of Thesis Proposal

A thesis committee must be approved by the PhD program director. The committee must consist of no less than 4 and no more than 6 members including the committee chair. The thesis committee chair must hold a PhD degree and hold faculty/land-grant appointment at UDC in a field appropriate to the proposed thesis research. A thesis committee may include one member external to the UDC community. All thesis committee members must hold a terminal degree in their field. In exceptional circumstances a committee member's professional record may be considered in lieu of a terminal degree.

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2. Thesis Research and Writing

During the thesis research and writing phase the PhD candidate is not required to take any courses but will enroll for thesis credits. The candidate's PhD committee chair in consultation with the PhD program director will advise the candidate on the proposed number of thesis credit hours recommended for enrollment per semester.

3. Thesis Defense and Proof of Publication

Before being awarded the PhD degree, eligible PhD candidates must be the sole- or lead- author of two peer-reviewed papers that have been published or accepted for publication in a reputable academic journal. A recommended approach is to view every chapter of the PhD thesis (or possibly a combination of two chapters) as a scholarly article that can be submitted for publication with minor modifications. The thesis committee chair and committee members will assist the PhD candidate in selecting viable publication outlets.

Once the thesis is completed and publication of two scholarly articles has been documented, the candidate can schedule the thesis defense. The thesis defense is a public lecture where the PhD candidate is the presenter and the thesis committee members serve as discussants. All thesis committee members and the PhD program director must be present for the defense. Once the presentation and discussion is concluded the thesis committee will consult and issue their evaluation of the written thesis and oral presentation in writing.

A passing grade of the defense and proof of publication of two articles renders the PhD candidate eligible to receive the PhD Degree. The committee vote serves as recommendation to the Board of Trustees of the University to award the PhD degree to the candidate. The degree will be awarded at the earliest graduation date following the successful defense of the PhD thesis and proof of two article accepted for publication.