

PLANNING (COURSE 11)

Department of Urban Studies and Planning (<https://catalog.mit.edu/schools/architecture-planning/urban-studies-planning/#undergraduatetext>)

Bachelor of Science in Planning

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement [four subjects can be satisfied by subjects in the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units) [can be satisfied by 11.188 in the Departmental Program]	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects	Units
11.001[J] Introduction to Urban Design and Development	12
11.002[J] Making Public Policy	12
14.01 Principles of Microeconomics	12
11.188 Introduction to Spatial Analysis and GIS Laboratory (CI-M)	12

Planned Electives

Select 78-81 units of Planning electives, in consultation with advisor. ¹ 78-81

Urban Field Experience

Declared majors are encouraged to take the optional urban field experience subject.

11.027	City to City: Comparing, Researching, and Reflecting on Practice (CI-M) ²	
Thesis		
Majors are required to write a senior thesis or complete a senior project. The thesis/project writing process is accompanied by a required undergraduate thesis preparation seminar, which meets in the fall		
11.THT[J]	Thesis Research Design Seminar (CI-M)	12
11.THU	Undergraduate Thesis	12
Units in Major		150-153
Unrestricted Electives		87-90
Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs		(60)
Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree		180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

¹ Consult the list of Urban Studies & Planning subjects (<https://catalog.mit.edu/schools/architecture-planning/urban-studies-planning/#subjectstext>) offered by the department. Relevant subjects not offered by Course 11 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

² 11.027 City to City: Comparing, Researching, and Reflecting on Practice is taught in the spring and includes a trip during spring break. This course may be taken multiple times, as the content differs each year, but may only be counted once as a planned elective.