

March 11, 2019

Dr. David Kieda, Dean
Graduate School
University of Utah

Re: proposed combined 4+1 program in Urban Ecology and City & Metropolitan Planning

Dear Dean Kieda,

It is my pleasure to write in support of the proposal to integrate the Bachelor of Science in Urban Ecology and the Master of City & Metropolitan Planning into a 4+1 program. This proposal is narrowly targeted for select high-performing undergraduate students in our Department of City & Metropolitan Planning (CMP) who, through this program, could complete a planning master's degree with one additional year beyond the completion of their bachelor's degree.

The program seeks to take advantage of complementary intellectual benefits of facilitating a continuous flow of study of the related fields of urban ecology and city & metropolitan planning. In this way, the 4+1 program supplements, but does not supplant, the preexisting degrees in urban ecology and city & metro planning. A student who meets the entry qualifications for the program will be able to earn both degrees in less time and with fewer overall credit requirements than if that student enrolled in each degree program independently. More importantly, the program will allow students to delve more deeply into the natural synergies that exist between the two complimentary disciplines.

This program, we believe, will encourage high-achieving undergraduate CMP students to remain at the U of U for the planning master's program. Currently, many of these students are drawn to out of state institutions for graduate school. Based information we have received from faculty and advisors at the Utah Asia Campus (UAC), we believe that the proposed 4+1 program will also increase enrollment for the urban ecology major at UAC. Such increases will, subsequently, enhance master's program enrollment here at the Utah campus.

Sincerely,



Dr. Keith Diaz Moore, Dean
College of Architecture + Planning

March 18, 2019

David Kieda, Dean
Graduate School
University of Utah

Re: Proposed 4+1 Program in BA/BS Urban Ecology and Masters in City & Metropolitan Planning

Dear Dean Kieda,

I am writing this letter to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed 4+1 program in the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning. The Master's degree in City & Metropolitan Planning (MCMP) takes 2 years to complete, the 4+1 program enables our Urban Ecology undergraduate students to complete the MCMP degree in 1 year.

The 4+1 is designed to attract our best and brightest Urban Ecology undergraduates into our Master's program. Students we would otherwise lose to competitor institutions stay for the extra year to complete the master's degree. We anticipate admitting only a small group of students each year.

We expect that the 4+1 program will also attract students to the Urban Ecology major, particularly at the Utah Asia Campus. Overtime as we increase the numbers of Urban Ecology majors coming from the Utah Asia campus, these students will also apply to the 4+1 program.

The MCMP program will benefit as well, namely the 4+1 program will increase the cohort size, increase the number of students paying differential tuition, add racial and ethnic diversity to the program as the Urban Ecology student body is more diverse than the MCMP program, and finally, attract more international students to the MCMP program through the Utah Asia Campus.

Sincerely,



Dr. Stacy Harwood, Chair
Department of City & Metropolitan Planning

April 11, 2019

Dr. David Kieda,
Dean, Graduate School
University of Utah

Dear Dean Kieda:

The Utah Asia Campus continues to grow and the number of students transitioning to the Salt Lake City campus increases each year. I was very excited to hear about the proposed 4+1 program involving the BS in Urban Ecology and the Master of City & Metropolitan Planning. I believe this type of program will encourage our Korean students to choose the University of Utah and our Urban Ecology program.

Currently, 24% of students who started their education at the Utah Asia Campus are pursuing a graduate degree. We believe that many of our current Urban Ecology students would choose a 4+1 option that would allow them to complete a Master's program and stay in the US for an additional year. These innovative programs are important for our campus and the SLC campus as we compete for international students.

Sincerely,



Todd Kent, Ph.D.
Chief Administrative Officer & Dean of Faculty

Sample 4 + 1 Course Map

First Year

Fall Semester	CR	Spring Semester	CR
General Education - WR2	3	ARCH 2630: DF Workshop	3
CMP 2010: Design Ecologies	3	Urban Ecology Electives	3
DES 2630: Design Contexts	3	General Education - QB	3
General Education - QA	3	General Education - AI	3
Bachelor Degree - DV	3	General Education - HF	3
Total Hours:	15	Total Hours:	15

Second Year

Fall Semester	CR	Spring Semester	CR
CMP 3100: Planning Theory & Practice	3	CMP 3270: Vis & Oral Comm	3
CMP 3200: Ecol of Human Settlements	3	CMP 3400: Econ of Cities	3
Bachelor Degree - IR	3	General Education - SF/AS	3
General Education - HF	3	General Electives	6
General Education - SF	3		
Total Hours:	15	Total Hours:	15

Third Year

Fall Semester	CR	Spring Semester	CR
CMP 4010: Field Studies I	3	CMP 4020: Field Studies II	3
CMP 4260: Land, Law, Culture	3	CMP 4450: GIS for Urban Ecologists	3
Urban Ecology Elective	3	Urban Ecology Elective	3
Upper Division General Electives	8	Upper Division General Electives	6
Total Hours:	17	Total Hours:	15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	CR	Spring Semester	CR
CMP 4280: Ecological Planning Workshop	3	CMP 4954: Urban Ecology Internship	3
CMP 4600: The Just City	3	Urban Ecology Elective	3
Bachelor Degree - QI	3	Upper Division General Electives	6
CMP 5610: Urban Ecology	3	CMP 5160: Plan Making	3
CMP 5010: Community & Regional Analysis	3		
Total Hours:	15	Total Hours:	15

Fifth Year

Fall Semester	CR	Spring Semester	CR
CMP 6100: Urban & Planning Theory	3	CMP 6455: Advanced GIS	3
CMP 6322: City & Metro Econ	3	CMP 6260: Land Use Law	3
CMP 6430: Community Engagement Planning	3	CMP 6280: Graduate Workshop	3
CMP 6970: Pro Project I	3	CMP 6971: Pro Project II	3
CMP 6XXX: elective	3	CMP 6XXX: elective	3
Total Hours:	15	Total Hours	15