

# URP 802: RESEARCH SEMINAR

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This course builds on URP 801 (Research Design). It is an intensive, interactive seminar training doctoral students to write research proposals and engage in ethical research practices.

## Learning Goals:

- Students will develop a dissertation proposal draft. Students will learn about the structure of research proposals and what makes them strong. Students will also complete a series of writing assignments guiding them as they prepare a draft of their dissertation proposal.
- Students will learn about the importance of responsible conduct in research and publishing. They will be able to describe key ethical guidelines for research and publishing, and they will learn how to design research projects that comply with ethical research guidelines.
- Students will get training in career development skills, including getting instruction on and experience with effective mentoring, constructive peer review, identifying conflicts of interest, giving effective oral feedback, understanding citation protocols, and securing IRB approval for research.
- Students will receive guidance on additional doctoral milestones, including writing field statements, preparing for the comprehensive exam, and writing the final dissertation.

## Course Requirements:

This is a required course for second-year doctoral students in the Urban and Regional Planning program. All students must have previously completed URP 801 on research methods and writing fundamentals. Grades are assigned based on attendance and participation, written evaluations of sample proposals and dissertations, writing assignments serving as the building blocks for the student's research proposal, editing and peer review assignments, and the final presentation of their research proposal to faculty and staff.