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CGPS Approval

March 9, 2020

Rationale for changing the credit weight of URBP 628 in following three programs:

Master of Urban Planning (M.U.P.) (Non-Thesis) (60 credits)

Master of Urban Planning (M.U.P.) (Non-Thesis) Transportation Planning (60 credits)

Master of Urban Planning (M.U.P.) (Non-Thesis) Urban Development and Urban Design (60 credits)

URBP 628 is the course by which students in our professional master's programs fulfill their professional internship requirements. There is only minimal content delivery associated with the course (a single three-hour meeting in the fall of the second year in the program); instead, students arrange professional internships of a minimum of 360 hours, usually in the summer between their first and second years in the program. The requirement for a professional internship of a minimum of 360 hours is set by the Professional Standards Board as a condition of the accreditation of the McGill School of Urban Planning in the Canadian Institute of Planning. There are, however, no requirements for in-class content associated with this internship, and we have decided that, since no content delivery occurs towards the internship, the associated course should be given a credit weight of zero. This better establishes student expectations about the internship requirements (i.e. that it is an out-of-classroom requirement which students must arrange individually through their own initiative).

The required professional internship has been changed from 6 credits to 0 credits to reflect the fact that there is no course content associated with this requirement. The credit weight of the program is correspondingly reduced from 66 to 60 credits.