

Bioregional Planning & Community Design

Core Curriculum*

University of Idaho students embed themselves in the local planning capacity of communities statewide, providing instant access to valuable professional skills—and the opportunity to make a difference.

Our curriculum is designed to provide full-time students with a specific focus each semester. As a full-time student, you would typically take 12 credits, supplementing the required courses below with electives that fit your specific needs and interests.

YEAR 1

FALL

The Bioregional Approach

BIOP 504 Sustainable Communities

Fully online, 3 credits
Global perspective, globalization, sustainable development approaches in the world compared to approach in the US and planning

BIOP 520 Introduction to Bioregional Planning

Virtual meetings, 3 credits
Difference between planning and bioregional planning. Methodological and theoretical challenges of bioregionalism

Spring

Data & Community Narrative

BIOP 522 Bioregional Planning Methods

Fully online
Application of bioregional planning concepts to gathering data. Data reliability, focus on quantitative data.

BIOP 561 Bioregional Planning Studio I

Virtual meetings and community visit, 4 credits
Collect data and create a bioregional atlas of a community determine defining attributes

YEAR 2

FALL

Knowledge to Action

BIOP 521 Local and Regional Comprehensive Planning

Fully online, 3 credits
Main regular land planning tools, regulations and legal context

BIOP 561 Bioregional Planning Studio II

Virtual meetings and community visits, 4 credits
Develop a plan for action based on a bioregional atlas

Spring

Reflection & Preparation

BIOP 530 Public Planning Theory and Process

Fully online, 3 credits
Critical reflection on the role of planners in connecting people and places.

BIOP 598 Internship

3-6 credits
Exposure to professional practice

* One new class will be released each semester until the full graduate degree program is available online in 2018.