

# Public Information

The Planning Accreditation Board requires this information be posted for the Master of Urban Planning and Design Program.

## Student Achievement

The Urban Planning and Design (MUPD) graduate program is accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) and focuses on the physical planning and design of the built environment. The program is structured around planning studios which foster an energetic, collaborative, and creative environment and pursues excellence through innovative teaching. The studio culture enables the program to develop and employ new ideas and technologies and promotes innovation by involving students in a variety of local, regional, and international projects. The studios and the final thesis or practicum study challenge MUPD students to synthesize and demonstrate their learning and experience gained in the program. Our program emphasizes experiential learning, interdisciplinary collaboration and regularly involves real-world projects in the curriculum. In one recent Ideas of Community class, the collaboration between MUPD and College of Family and Consumer Sciences helped secure a \$4.9 million federal grant for a series of community improvement projects. These funds will address safety and connectivity issues in the Oconee Heights Neighborhood of Baldwin County, GA. An international Maymester course in Bulgaria and Turkey offered in 2023, received the highest student evaluations among all the study abroad programs offered in the same semester at UGA.

Alumni surveys have been conducted after two years of graduation as one of the indirect measures for the General Planning Knowledge; Planning Values and Ethics; and General Planning Skills of students. Findings indicate that 95% of alumni feel confident in their general knowledge, skills and values of the profession.

The results of the final studio assignment reflect students' knowledge and the level of their professional skills developed in the program. Based on the evaluations by faculty and invited critics who have followed the final project presentations and reviewed the projects, all students demonstrated their competency by ranking between above average and excellent. The average minimum score was 4.1, and overall average for all students based on the evaluations by faculty and critics on the 1-5 scale was 4.3. Thesis and practicum evaluations by committees indicate that all thesis/practicum studies were successful and illustrated students' competency in general planning knowledge and skills, including theories, policy, history and law, decision making and implementation process. All 9 students who defended their thesis/practicum in 2022-2023 academic year received "pass" scores from the committees.

The program documents the percentage of master's graduates who pass the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) exam within 5 years of graduation. Since 2015, a total of 43 program graduates were qualified to take the exam. From 2015 to 2023, 42 graduates took the exam and 38 have passed for a pass rate of 90.4 percent.

Our students' work has been regularly accepted for presentations at national conferences, and soon after graduation, they have been employed by both public and private agencies in the competitive professional planning community in the nation and globally or continue studying in Ph.D. programs. Employment rate (one year post-graduation) of our graduates in planning and related fields is 100%. By the 13th anniversary of our program this year, nine alumni among our 163 graduates completed their Ph.D.

## 2023-2024 Tuition and Fees

In State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$12,750
Out of State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$28,906

## Student Retention Rate

Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2022 and continued into fall 2023	100%
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## Student Graduation Rate

Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2019	100%
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## Number of Degrees Awarded

Number of degrees awarded for 2022-2023 Academic Year	9
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## AICP Pass Rate

Percentage of master's graduates taking the AICP exam within 3 years who pass, graduating class of 2019	100%
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## Employment

Percentage of all graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related, or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2022	100%
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