

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 real-world 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 and interdisciplinary collaboration. Results from alumni surveys indicate that graduates generally feel well prepared across core planning competencies. Overall, the findings reflect a solid foundation of professional knowledge and skills developed through the program.

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 4.0, and overall average for all students based on the evaluations by faculty and critics on the 1-5 scale was 4.0. 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.

Student outcomes beyond graduation further reinforce program effectiveness. Graduates' work has been regularly accepted for presentation at national conferences, and alumni are employed in both public and private sectors or continue into Ph.D. programs. Employment within one year of graduation remains high, with the majority of graduates securing positions in planning or related fields. By the program's 16th anniversary, nine alumni out of 173 graduates had completed doctoral degrees.

2026-2027 Tuition and Fees (based on 12 or more credit hrs)

In-State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$12,318
Out-of-State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$33,318

Student Enrollment (2024-2025)

Total Students	23
Full-Time	22
Part-Time	1
U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents	15
International Students	8

Student Retention Rate

Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2024 and continued into fall 2025	100%
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Student Graduation Rate

Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2021	90%
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Number of Degrees Awarded	
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Degrees Expected (2025–2026)	10

AICP Pass Rate	
Percentage of master’s graduates taking the AICP exam within 3 years who pass, graduating class of 2021	100%

Employment	
Percentage of all graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related, or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2024	75%

Student-Faculty Ratio	
Student FTE	22.5
Faculty FTE	3.75
Student/Faculty Ratio	6.00