



College of Design

Master of Community and Regional Planning

Graduate Information

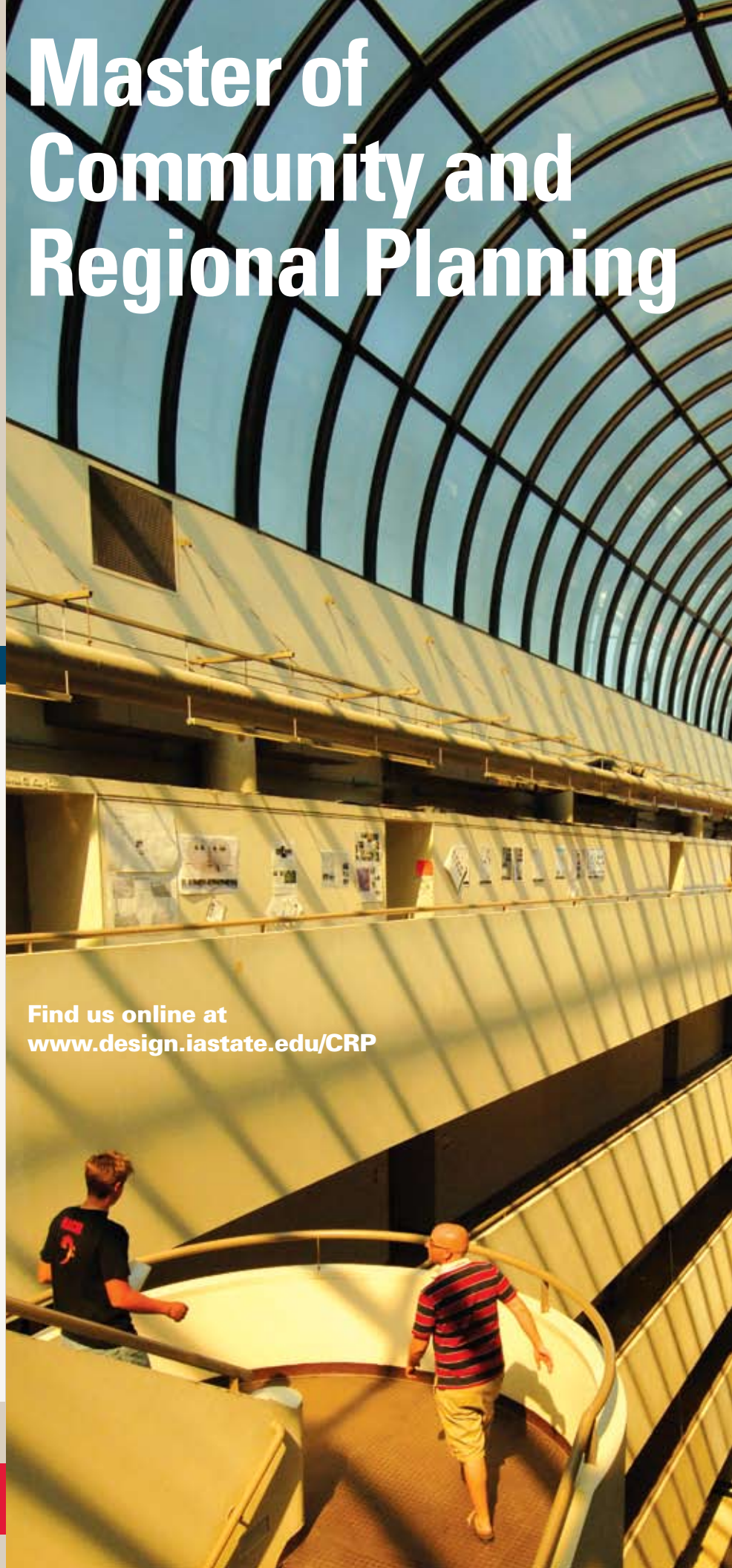
What is Planning?

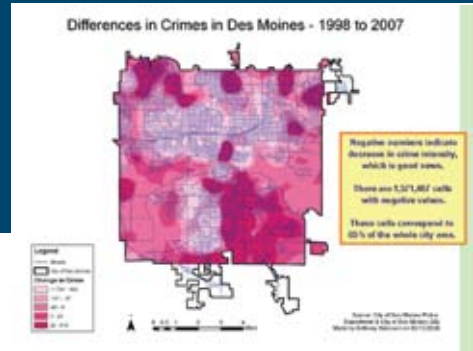
The planning profession is dedicated to helping society manage change. Planners help to evaluate and seize opportunities and to understand and solve problems. Most planners work at the local level, but they are concerned with issues that affect the world — the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life in a community, the protection of the environment, the promotion of equitable economic opportunity and the management of growth and change of all kinds.

Within this broad context, urban and regional planning is a systematic, creative approach to influence and manage the social, economic and physical change of neighborhoods, small towns, cities, suburbs, metropolitan areas, regions and states. If you are interested in a career helping your community (region, state, nation, civic organization) influence change or build a better future, a planning education can prepare you for that career.

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Planning at Iowa State University

The Department of Community and Regional Planning at Iowa State University is one of the nation's largest and longest-established planning programs. The department has an outstanding international faculty committed to excellence in the teaching of planning.

We also undertake high-quality research on behalf of federal, state and local government, business, the nonprofit sector and other funding agencies, all of which feeds into the courses we teach. This is combined with strong linkages to planning practice and other professions, which ensures our graduates are fully prepared for exciting careers in planning, urban and regional governance, and a wide range of related activities.

Curriculum

The department offers work for the Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) degree with areas of concentration in land use and transportation, community design and development, and rural and environmental planning. In addition, students can design their own area of concentration if it does not fit in any of these three areas, with the assistance of their major professor. The graduate program is accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

The department also offers a 13-credit graduate certificate in geographic information systems (GIS), which focuses on spatial analysis, GIS applications and program management. The certificate program is open to graduate students in all disciplines of the university.

Double Degrees

Double degree programs are offered with architecture (MCRP/MArch), business (MCRP/MBA), public administration (MCRP/MPA) and landscape architecture (MCRP/MLA). The department also participates in the interdepartmental major in transportation.

Degree Requirements

Degree requirements for the MCRP include completion of a two-year, 48-credit program, including a thesis of six credits or a professional planning report of four credits. In addition, the student is encouraged to complete three months of acceptable work experience in a planning office between the first and second year of study.

No foreign language is required for the Master of Community and Regional Planning degree.

Students with a bachelor's degree in community and regional planning from an accredited planning school can waive up to nine credits with approval of the department's director of graduate education (DOGE).





The planning core comprises a set of required courses, including:

- CRP 501 Methods I
- CRP 502 Methods II
- CRP 511 Introduction to Community and Regional Planning
- CRP 521 Land Use Planning
- CRP 523 Economic Analysis and the Financing of Public Planning Projects
- CRP 532 Community Planning Studio
- CRP 561 Seminar in Planning Theory
- CRP 592 Land Use and Development Regulation Law
- CRP 599 Professional Planning Report
- OR**
- CRP 699 Thesis Research
- STAT 401 Statistical Methods

Campus Life

Iowa State is a large, prestigious university with a friendly, hometown personality. Its 26,000 students choose from more than 100 majors, study with world-class scholars and keep more than 500 student organizations going strong. The CRP Club, for example, offers special educational, networking and career development opportunities such as traveling to planning offices, arranging for guest speakers on urban topics, and attending planning conferences.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit the application and fee online. Official GRE and TOEFL scores (sent by the testing services), official academic transcripts, and a financial statement for international applicants must also be sent to the Office of Admissions. Three letters of recommendation may be mailed directly to the CRP department if not sent electronically.

Additional Information

About the CRP program: www.design.iastate.edu/CRP
 About the GIS Certificate Program: www.design.iastate.edu/GIS
 About the CRP Club: www.stuorg.iastate.edu/planning
 About the College of Design: www.design.iastate.edu
 About the Graduate College: www.grad-college.iastate.edu
 About the admissions process: www.admissions.iastate.edu/apply

A TYPICAL PROGRAM

FALL YEAR 1	SPRING YEAR 1	FALL YEAR 2	SPRING YEAR 2
CRP 501	CRP 502	CRP 532	CRP 599
CRP 511	CRP 523	CRP 592	OR
CRP 521	CRP 561	Elective	CRP 699
STAT 401	Elective		

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Graduate Professors

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