CRP Department Mission Statement:

The Department of Community & Regional Planning believes that working with citizens, planners advance change for the betterment of community life locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. We prepare and sustain professional planners who are critical and creative thinkers, technically competent, culturally and ethically aware global citizens and have the ability to influence outcomes in the physical and policy environment.

Our multicultural department engages with planning practice in integrating research, teaching and outreach consistent with the tenets of the Land Grant Mission. We will be known for our strong community-based learning and scholarship in an applied context including a commitment to Extension and Outreach that strengthens the sustainable relationship between people and the land.

Department Curriculum Goals and Objectives

The mission statement defines who we are, what we do and how we do it. The department has been working over the course of the several years to develop a set of student learning outcomes for the two-degree programs. As a result, the department’s curriculum goals and objectives (stated below) are a reflection of formally implementing these activities.

Goal: Strengthen student preparedness to enter the profession and facilitate their professional development and commitment to life-long learning.

Objectives:
• Involve PAC in curriculum development and student outcome evaluation
• Involve professionals in skill instruction where appropriate
• Provide interdisciplinary and experiential learning opportunities through class projects, internship opportunities and/or studio offerings
• Implement assessment of professional work in core curriculum subject to measures of student learning
• Assess student professional learning through 498 portfolio
• Survey alumni every five years to assess career development and program’s contribution to life-long learning

Goal: Strengthen students’ critical thinking, creative abilities and communication skills.

Objectives:
• Incorporate critical and creative assessments throughout core curriculum
• Sequence, develop, and assess student learning in written, oral and visual communication
• Develop professional judgment through student self-assessment
• Measure student communication learning through 498 portfolio
Goal: Enhance students’ understanding of global, cultural, ethical and diversity issues.

Objectives:
- Provide opportunities for study abroad
- Focus 391 Field Travel learning on understanding of global, cultural and diversity issues
- Develop ethical judgment throughout curriculum in case studies and assessment

Goal: Strengthen the quality of learning in graduate and undergraduate programs.

Objectives:
- Implement standards for academic achievement
- Strengthen recruitment at the graduate level
- Implement enrollment management at the undergraduate level
- Use student learning measures and assessment to revise and improve curriculum