

MCRP Degree Requirements

Degree requirements for the Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) include completion of a two-year, 49-credit program, including a required core (25 credits), electives (18-21 credits) and one of the following: comprehensive exam (3 credits) or thesis (6 credits). The required core consists of CRP 5010, 5610, 5630, 5640, 5660, 5680, 5320 and 5920. Students select electives in consultation with their Graduate Advisor.

Students with a bachelor's degree in planning or students who have taken highly relevant coursework may be able to waive up to 9 credits of course requirements. Students must petition the Graduate Coordinator in writing prior to the first day class of the student's first semester in the program to have credits waived.

Planning Core Required Courses

		Credits
CRP 5010	Practice of Planning	1
CRP 5630	Planning the American Metropolis	3
CRP 5640	Introduction to Analytical Methods for Planning	3
CRP 5660	Policy Analysis and Planning	3
CRP 5680	Planning and Development	3
CRP 5610	Planning Theory for practice	3
CRP 5920	Land Use and Development Regulation Law	3
CRP 5320	Community Planning Studio	6

Satisfactory completion of the core requirements and passing the comprehensive exam (3 credits) or acceptance of a thesis (6 credits) are also required for the MCRP degree. In addition, the student is encouraged to complete three months of acceptable work experience, such as an internship, 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.

See a sample course schedule for the two-year MCRP program below.

Sample MCRP Program Schedule

Fall: Year 1		Credits
CRP 5010	Practice of Planning	1
CRP 5630	Planning the American Metropolis	3
CRP 5640	Introduction to Analytical Methods for Planning	3
	Electives	6
		13
Spring: Year 1		
CRP 5610	Planning Theory for Practice	3
CRP 5660	Policy Analysis and Planning	3
	Electives	6
		12
Fall: Year 2		
CRP 5680	Planning and Development	3
CRP 5920	Land Use and Development Regulation Law	3
	Electives	6
		12
Spring: Year 2		
CRP 5320	Community Planning Studio	6
CRP 5980	Comprehensive Exam –OR--	3
CRP 6990	Thesis Research	6
	Electives	0-3
		12
Total credits required		49

Electives

		Credits
CRP 5100	Professional Work Experience	R
CRP 5110	Documenting the Historic Built Environment	3-4
CRP 5160	Urban Design and Planning Practice	6
CRP 5170	Urban Revitalization	3
CRP 5210	Historic Preservation Planning: Theory and Practice	3
CRP 5260	Real Estate Development	3
CRP 5270	Sustainable Community Development	3
CRP 5280	Financing Historic Preservation Projects and Revitalizing Communities	3
CRP 5290	Planning in Developing Countries	3
CRP 5300	Practicum/Internship	1-3
CRP 5350	Planning in Small Towns	3
CRP 5360	Community Economic Development	3
CRP 5420	Site Development	3
CRP 5450	Transportation Policy and Planning	3
CRP 5490	Geodesign: Planning for Sustainable Futures	3
CRP 5500	Making Resilient Environments	3
CRP 5510	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	3
CRP 5520	Geographic Data Management and Planning Analysis	3
CRP 5530	Analytical Planning/GIS	3
CRP 5540	Fundamentals of Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis	3
CRP 5550	Smart and Sustainable Cities	3
CRP 5560	GIS Programming and Automation	3
CRP 5570	Geogames for Civic Engagement	3
CRP 5580	Web Mapping and Spatial Data Visualization	3
CRP 5600	Social Justice and Planning	3
CRP 5730	Contemporary Issues in Global Housing	3
CRP 5750	Grant Writing	1
CRP 5780	MRED Capstone Project	3
CRP 5790	Public Finance and Planning	3
CRP 5840	Sustainable Communities	3
CRP 5900	Special Topics (consult major professor)	1-3
CRP 5910	Environmental Law and Planning	3
CRP 5930X	Field Travel	1-2
CRP 5950	Seminar in GIS Applications/Research	1

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