

THE SCHOOL OF PLANNING

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The programs of the School of Planning prepare students from a variety of backgrounds for careers in the professional practice of planning and various allied fields at the entry level (Bachelors), the more advanced level (Masters) and the mid-career level (Accelerated Masters). Preparation for academic planning careers is offered through the PhD program. All professional programs in the School of Planning are accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB), which qualifies graduates to apply for the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Examination. The School of Planning is one of four schools within DAAP (the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning). DAAP is one of seventeen colleges within the University of Cincinnati.

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

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The School of Planning is located in the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP)'s award-winning complex, designed by the renowned architect Peter Eisenman. The building opened in the summer of 1996 and includes a complete renovation of the previously existing College building as well as the dramatic new Aronoff Center for Design.

The College's facilities include a microcomputer laboratory, an urban imaging facility, a GIS laboratory, a College Library, a state-of-the-art computer graphics center and the College also houses a Community Design Center.

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The School of Planning offers the two-year professional degree of Master of Community Planning and the one-year accelerated Master of Community Planning degree for mid-career professionals. The program offers specializations in the areas of physical planning, urban design, economic development, international development and environmental planning. The School also offers joint degrees with the Department of Geography and the College of Law.

The Master of Community Planning program provides students with the essential skills for the practice of Planning. Completion of the degree requires one accelerated or two full years of study and completion of an internship over the summer in between (non-accelerated students only). The degree prepares students for the professional practice of Planning at local, regional, state and federal levels of government and within the private sector with a land developer, law firm, economic development agency/corporation, or other business.

Recent graduate students have had internships in Israel, Peru, and Greece. In addition, selected second year students spend the Autumn quarter at universities in the Netherlands, Belgium and Scotland.

The program is fully accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board, an organization formed jointly with the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Planning is a profession dedicated to the development of new approaches to urban and regional problems and the imaginative and constructive management of change. Planners often work in local governments and communities, but their concerns are issues that affect the world -- land use, social policy, historic preservation, transportation, housing, economic development policy planning, environmental protection, urban design, and international development. Planners seek to improve the quality of life in one or more of these areas. They envision a better and more workable future, formulate and work toward the solution of problems, and are committed to progressive social and economic change.

Alumni are employed in Planning positions throughout the United States as well as internationally, and a number of graduates enter PhD programs upon completion of the MCP degree.

ADMISSION

APPLICATION DEADLINES

We strongly suggest that application materials be received prior to February 1 to assure first consideration for a graduate award from the School of Planning.

It is strongly suggested that applications be submitted by March 1 of each year to begin studies the following September.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Because Planning integrates knowledge of many disciplines, a student may enter the program with an undergraduate degree in any discipline. The student brings his/her previous knowledge to a curriculum which provides complementary scientific knowledge, analytic, design, and problem formulations skills; and an understanding of the legal, political, economic, and physical context within which Planning occurs.

Application is made by completing a University Application for Graduate Study that requires a nonrefundable \$30 application fee and by completing a School of Planning Application Form. Official transcripts, or, in the case of foreign students an official record of prior academic study, three letters of recommendation, and official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Applicants from outside the US are required to have test scores of 560 or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirements include (1) core courses, (2) study of a planning specialization area, (3) elective courses to satisfy the total 90 graduate credit hours (66 for the accelerated program), (4) a summer internship with a bona fide planning organization (waived for the accelerated program), (5) a graduate project thesis, and (6) a level of academic and work performance satisfying the School's faculty that the student has reached a level of professional maturity to practice within the field of Planning.

The curriculum consists of three broad components:

1. Core courses, including planning theory and urban theory, which are designed and sequenced to provide students with common concepts, knowledge, and skills. These courses provide the foundation to pursue specialized work,
2. Methods and Techniques courses which are essential for the practice of Planning, and
3. Specialization courses that permit each student to select an area of planning that holds particular interest for future professional practice.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The School of Planning offers Graduate Assistantships, full and partial tuition scholarships, and numerous other award opportunities, including off-campus internships. Graduate Assistantships are awarded to full-time graduate students in exchange for teaching, research, and/or administrative duties. University Graduate Scholarships, which are University funded and cover all or a portion of tuition, are available only to full-time students on the basis of academic merit. University Graduate Scholarships are awarded to students with Graduate Assistantships. Upon the recommendation of the School of Planning and depending on the year, the School makes available special award opportunities. Contact the School of Planning for a complete listing of available financial assistance awards.

CAMPUS TOURS

University Admissions runs tours of campus at 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm Monday through Friday and at 11:00 am on Saturdays, except holiday weekends. Call 513.556.1100 to reserve.

SCHOOL OF PLANNING OPEN HOUSE AND PRESENTATION

The School of Planning offers an Open House in conjunction with the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning building tours each Friday during academic quarters. These presentations allow prospective students to see and understand the curriculum through visual examples. It also provides time for questions and a building tour. Call the School of Planning office at 513.556.4943 to schedule.

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MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING curriculum

PLANNING SPECIALIZATION

Each student must select a planning specialization. This requirement can be satisfied by completing five courses in one of the planning areas listed below:

Economic and/or
International Development Planning
Environmental Planning
Urban Design
Physical Planning

ELECTIVES

Each student must successfully complete a minimum of seven credits of elective courses offered within the School of Planning and elsewhere within the University of Cincinnati. Students will select these courses with the advice and consent of their assigned faculty advisor. The number and variety of planning electives will vary from year to year according to the faculty expertise and student demand.

Possible course topics include:

- Housing
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Urban Policy Planning
- Environmental Planning
- Regional Analysis
- Sustainable Development
- Planning Implementation Development
- Remote Sensing
- Architecture
- Transportation Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Computer Science
- Environmental Health

	COURSES:	CREDIT HOURS
1 AUTUMN	concepts and issues in planning practice (23PLAN701)	4
	statistics for planners (23PLAN753)	4
	planning methods elective	4
	elective	3
	TOTAL HOURS	15
1 WINTER	structure and dynamics of human settlements (23PLAN716)	4
	summer planning internship seminar I (23PLAN904)	1
	planning methods elective	4
	planning methods elective	4
	specialization course	4
	TOTAL HOURS	17
1 SPRING	planning theory (23PLAN703)	4
	comprehensive planning workshop (23PLAN709)	5
	graduate project preparation (23PLAN901)	1
	specialization course	4
	TOTAL HOURS	14
1 SUMMER	INTERNSHIP	
2 AUTUMN	planning law and administration (23PLAN711)	4
	summer planning internship seminar II (23PLAN905)	2
	introduction to graduate planning research (23PLAN900)	4
	specialization course	4
	TOTAL HOURS	14
2 WINTER	finance and budgeting for planners (23PLAN714)	4
	graduate planning project I (23PLAN910)	4
	specialization course	4
	elective	3
	TOTAL HOURS	15
2 SPRING	political and ethical issues in planning (23PLAN731)	4
	graduate planning project II (23PLAN920)	4
	specialization course	4
	elective	3
	TOTAL HOURS	15
	CORE COURSES	33
	PLANNING INTERNSHIP SEMINARS	3
	GRADUATE PROJECT	13
	SPECIALIZATION COURSES	20
	ELECTIVES	21
	TOTAL HOURS	90

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ACCELERATED MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

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ACCELERATED COMMUNITY PLANNING curriculum

* Students will be advised which methods courses to take based on an assessment of work experience and previous training.

** In order to develop his/her specialization, a graduate planning student may choose electives from within the School of Planning, the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning and from elsewhere within the university. Topics in the following areas are some examples of appropriate courses:

- public administration
- urban design
- real estate
- public finance
- location theory
- institutional development
- environmental impact assessment
- transportation planning

PART-TIME OPTION

For those students residing in the Tristate area surrounding Cincinnati, who meet the accelerated MCP admissions criteria but who are unable to participate as full-time students, the degree is offered on a part-time basis. Several of the courses in the program are offered during the evening each quarter, and with some degree of flexibility in working hours, a student can combine study with full-time employment and finish the program in two years.

	COURSES:	CREDIT HOURS
1 AUTUMN	statistics for planners (23PLAN753)	4
	social science research (23PLAN702) or computer graphics (23PLAN754)*	4
	planning law and administration (23PLAN711)	4
	specialization course**	4
	TOTAL HOURS	16
1 WINTER	planning methods and techniques (23PLAN712) or economic analysis for planners (23PLAN704) or methods of physical analysis (23PLAN705) or introduction to GIS (23PLAN580)	4
	structure and dynamics of human settlements (23PLAN716)	4
	finance and budgeting (23PLAN714)	4
	specialization course**	4
	graduate project preparation (23PLAN721)	1
	TOTAL HOURS	17
1 SPRING	ethical issues in planning (23PLAN731)	4
	comprehensive planning workshop (23PLAN709)	5
	theory of planning (23PLAN703)	4
	graduate project I (23PLAN723)	4
	TOTAL HOURS	17
1 SUMMER	environmental processes and programs (23PLAN606)	4
	specialization course**	4
	specialization course**	4
	graduate project II (23PLAN724)	4
	TOTAL HOURS	16
	CORE COURSES	36
	SPECIALIZATION COURSES**	16
	STUDIO	5
	GRADUATE PROJECT	9
	TOTAL HOURS	66