

# URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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The mission of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning is to educate the next generation of planning professionals to be good stewards of our built and natural environments, to conduct innovative research that improves quality of life for all, and to provide planning services to communities.

**Doctor of Philosophy:** The College offers an interdisciplinary program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Design, Construction, and Planning. Areas of specialization within this program include architecture, building construction, interior design, landscape architecture, and urban and regional planning. For information, please see the Design, Construction, and Planning (Ph.D.) (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/colleges-departments/design-construction-planning/other-programs/design-construction-planning-phd/>) program page in this catalog, or the DCP Ph.D. website: <https://dcp.ufl.edu/urp/academics/ph-d/>.

**Master of Urban and Regional Planning:** The Department of Urban and Regional Planning offers graduate work leading to the degree of Master of Urban and Regional Planning (M.U.R.P.). The fifty-two credit graduate degree program can be earned on campus or online. The Planning Accreditation Board has accredited the campus-based program; students typically complete the campus-based degree program in two academic years. The online program targets practicing professionals with its flexible scheduling and sequencing of classes. Students with a master's degree in a related field may obtain approval from the Department to transfer up to 18 credit hours toward the 52-credit requirement. The department encourages students with any undergraduate degree who are interested in the field of planning to apply for admission.

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning and the Levin College of Law offer a joint degree program. The four-year program leads to a Juris Doctor and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning (<https://www.law.ufl.edu/areas-of-study/degree-programs/joint-degree-programs/>). Students may pursue Concurrent Degrees in Latin American Studies and in Transportation Engineering. Concurrent degrees allow the sharing of 9 credits between the two degrees. Areas of concentration with other programs in the Graduate School may be developed to meet the individual needs of students.

The department offers a combination undergraduate/graduate degree program with several UF departments and colleges including Sustainability and the Built Environment, Political Science, Forestry, and more. Please contact a College of Design, Construction and Planning Advisor and/or Graduate Coordinator for Urban and Regional Planning to learn more and for information about application and approval procedures.

In addition to coursework, the student is required to complete an internship with a public agency or private planning firm and to complete a master's thesis or research project (in lieu of thesis) with faculty approval. The Department reserves the right to retain student work for purposes of record, exhibition, or instruction.

Complete descriptions of the requirements for the above-mentioned degrees are provided in the Graduate Degrees (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/degrees/>) section of this catalog.

For more information, please see the program page below and our website: <http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/urp> (<http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/urp/>).

## Majors

- Urban Analytics (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/colleges-departments/design-construction-planning/urban-regional-planning/urban-analytics/>)
- Urban and Regional Planning (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/colleges-departments/design-construction-planning/urban-regional-planning/urban-regional-planning/>)

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