



### ***Twin Cities Campus***

## **Urban and Regional Planning M.U.R.P.**

*HHH Administration*

**Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs**

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Length of program in credits: 48
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Urban and Regional Planning

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The master of urban and regional planning (MURP) degree is an interdisciplinary program that prepares students to analyze, forecast, design, and implement plans for regions, communities, and neighborhoods. Students develop a comprehensive understanding of the built environment (land use, transportation, housing, regional economies) and the ability to mediate among competing interests. They are prepared for jobs in public, nonprofit, and private sectors. Students can generally complete the MURP degree in two years of full-time study.

## **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

## **Prerequisites for Admission**

A four-year bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. university or foreign equivalent at time of enrollment.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

While no specific experience or academic pathway is required, students with a strong liberal education background and sound quantitative and analytical skills will be best prepared for academic success at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Previous coursework in mathematics, statistics, and economics is recommended. Past applicants needing to strengthen this part of their skill set have found courses in introductory microeconomics, college algebra, and introductory statistics to be helpful preparation.

### **Special Application Requirements:**

A complete application will include a University of Minnesota graduate application, personal statement, resume or C.V., transcripts, GRE scores, TOEFL scores (if applicable), at least three letters of recommendation, and an optional diversity statement.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 100
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 600
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 7

Key to [test abbreviations](#) (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.



## Program Requirements

**Plan A:** Plan A requires 38 major credits, 0 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits. The final exam is oral.

**Plan C:** Plan C requires 48 major credits and up to null credits outside the major. There is no final exam.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 1 semester must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

A 400-hour professional internship is required. MURP students must demonstrate competence with GIS through coursework or work experience. (Students not competent in GIS must take a graduate-level GIS course as part of their 48 credits.)

### Required Core Courses

- PA 5004 - Introduction to Planning (3.0 cr)
- PA 5013 - Law and Urban Land Use (1.5 cr)
- PA 5031 - Statistics for Public Affairs (4.0 cr)
- PA 5042 - Urban and Regional Economics (2.0 cr)
- PA 5043 - Economic and Demographic Data Analysis (2.0 cr)
- PA 5204 ~~(Inactive)~~ (3.0 cr)
- PA 5211 - Land Use Planning (3.0 cr)
- PA 5253 ~~(Inactive)~~ (3.0 cr)
- PA 8081 - Capstone Workshop (3.0 cr)

### Plan Options

#### Plan A Requirements

Plan A students must complete at least 38 course credits, which will include the core courses, at least 6 credits from one of four concentration areas, and electives. Plan A students also must take at least 10 master's thesis credits.

##### Concentration Requirement

Take at least 6 credits from one of the following concentration areas: Environmental Planning; Housing and Community Development; Land Use and Urban Design; or Transportation Planning.

##### Electives

Take elective courses as needed to meet the 38-credit requirement for coursework.

##### Thesis Credits

Take 10 master's thesis credits.

PA 8777 - Thesis Credits: Master's (1.0 - 18.0 cr)

-OR-

#### Plan C Requirements

Plan C students must complete at least 48 course credits, which will include the core courses, at least 12 credits from one of four concentration areas, and electives.

##### Concentration Requirement

Take at least 12 credits from one of the following concentration areas: environmental planning; housing and community development; land use and urban design; or transportation planning.

##### Electives

Take elective courses as needed to meet the 48-credit requirement.

**Joint- or Dual-degree Coursework:** MURP/JD: 29 credits in common allowed. MURP/MLA: 37 credits in common allowed.

MURP/MPH: 26 credits in common allowed. MURP/MSCE: 18 credits in common allowed. MURP/MSW: 21 credits in common allowed for the full program; 15 for the advanced standing program; and 11 for MSW Direct Practice.