

Measures of Student Achievement and Public Information

Urban & Regional Planning Program

Michigan State University

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The Urban & Regional Planning Program at Michigan State University was established in 1946 and offers a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning; a Master of Urban and Regional Planning; and a Master of International Planning Studies.

The Program provides a broad education at the undergraduate and graduate levels, with particular expertise in community development, environment and sustainability, real estate and housing, economic development, and transportation. Faculty members have strong academic and professional backgrounds, offering a diverse range of perspectives on the practice of planning. The Program adopts a global focus and provides several international opportunities for students to study abroad, and to work with international students and faculty visiting the Program.

This report summarizes the goals of the Program and provides information for prospective students.

Mission and Goals

The Program's guiding mission from the School of Planning, Design and Construction is to create "a sustainable built and natural environment that enriches communities through leadership, entrepreneurial creativity, social responsibility, and environmentally sustainable planning and policy."

The mission of the Urban & Regional Planning Program addresses three broad themes:

- (Teaching) To provide future practitioners the knowledge, practical skills, and values to enable them to become effective planners, and to improve the quality of urban places and regions;
- (Research) To conduct and disseminate research on the "theory and practice" of urban society to plan for more equitable and sustainable communities, and
- (Outreach) To address community problems by linking knowledge and practice, and facilitating mutual learning between community and university.

The Program's goals build upon its expertise and aspirations, and emphasize the following four foci:

1. To prepare students to be effective planners with the technical skills and specialized knowledge needed to be successful in the profession
2. To provide a curriculum emphasizing knowledge, practice and values
3. To enhance the professional growth and development of URP faculty
4. To promote engagement with Michigan communities

Program Information

Tuitions and Fees

Tuition and Fees for 2013-14			
	In State	Out of State	Fees
Undergraduate Lower Division- 15 hours	\$ 12,862.50	\$ 33,750.00	\$ 46.00
Undergraduate Upper Division-15 hours	\$ 14,295.00	\$ 34,815.00	\$ 46.00
Masters- 9 hours	\$ 11,182.50	\$ 21,964.50	\$ 31.50

Graduation and Retention Rates

Generally, 95% of undergraduate students graduate within 6 years. Approximately 80% of MURP students graduate within 4 years, with the main reason for not completing degrees being full time employment.

AICP Exam Pass Rate

Graduation Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Bachelor's program graduates who take the exam within 5 years of graduation						
# who take exam	13	10	10	8	9	7
% of takers who pass the exam	78%	79%	82%	77%	79%	79%
Master's program graduates who take the exam within 3 years of graduation						
# who take exam	4	3	6	2	3	1
% of takers who pass the exam	50%	100%	66%	100%	100%	100%

Placement and Employment

Approximately, 80-90 percent of Bachelor graduates are placed in employment within one or two years post-graduation. It is typical for graduates to wait up to two years for their preferred employment opportunity. Similarly, 60-70 percent of Master graduates are placed in employment within the first year after graduation and that number jumps to over 90% within 18 months.

Contact Information

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