



Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Two-year Track

Minimum requirement—48 graduate-level credits

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) degree is open to anyone who holds a bachelor’s degree. Urban planning is an interdisciplinary profession. Planners use a wide variety of skills, and students in communications, history, natural resources, political science, business, and interior design, to name a few disciplines, succeed in this field.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School and be approved by the Department of Urban Planning. International students must also meet the financial, English language, U.S. immigration (visa), and transcript certification requirements of the Rinker Center for International Programs (RCIP).

The curriculum is comprised of a common core of knowledge that is essential to planning and allied electives available in planning and other fields.

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Diagnostic Entrance Exam (PLAN 500)	0
Design and Graphic Communication (PLAN 605)	3
Introduction to Urban Planning (PLAN 606)	3
Impact Analysis (PLAN 637)	3
Elective	3

Total graduate-level credits 12

SPRING SEMESTER

Land-Use Planning (PLAN 607) or Advanced Theory (604) ..	3
Qualitative Methods and Social Justice (PLAN 613)	3
Quantitative Analysis (PLAN 614)	3
Comprehensive Planning Studio (PLAN 630)	3
Portfolio Review (PLAN 690)	0

Total graduate-level credits 12

SUMMER SEMESTER (AFTER FIRST YEAR)

Internship (PLAN 691)	0	Total graduate-level credits 0
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SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Planning Law (PLAN 510)	3
Planning Analysis Studio (PLAN 629)	3
Planning Research Methods (PLAN 694)	3
Elective	3

Total graduate-level credits 12

SPRING SEMESTER

Capstone Studio for Planning* (PLAN 692)	3
Elective	3
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Comprehensive Exam (PLAN 699)	0

Total graduate-level credits 12

**A six-hour thesis may be used to fulfill this requirement plus one elective; ask your graduate advisor for details.*

Accreditation

Our urban planning program is the only accredited program of its kind in Indiana.

The Planning Accreditation Board first accredited the bachelor's of urban planning and development (BUPD) as a five-year program in January 1995. In 2002, it was reaccredited as a four-year program. Accredited bachelor's programs are relatively unusual with only 16 in the nation. Our master's program was first accredited in January 1993 and has been reaccredited successively since that year.

Every few years the accreditation board visits to reassess our programs. Spring 2017 was the last such visit, and at that time, both programs were reaccredited until Dec. 31, 2022.

As the only accredited urban planning program in Indiana, we will teach you the skills you need to excel in the industry. Our supportive, expert faculty advance the latest theories and approaches through a blend of relevant classroom instruction paired with internships, field trips, and hands-on partnerships.

How to Apply

Apply for admission into the [Graduate School](#) using the Graduate School Application Process. International students should follow the International Admissions Process. Check the website for deadlines for priority consideration of financial assistance.

Pair the degree with a certificate

Our 16-credit hour graduate [certificate in real estate development](#)—the only of its kind in Indiana—will get you ready to meet future market demands.

For Questions

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Course Catalog
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For complete information on the [Master of Urban and Regional Planning program](#), consult the [Ball State University Graduate Catalog](#).

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