

Master of Urban and Regional Planning Accelerated Master's Program

FOR BALL STATE JUNIORS AND SENIORS



**BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Department of
Urban Planning

Minimum requirement — 48 graduate-level credits

An Accelerated Master's Program (AMP) allows you to begin your graduate studies at Ball State while still an undergraduate student. With this option, you start taking classes for your master's degree while completing your bachelor's degree and double-count your courses toward both, saving time and money as you pursue an advanced education. This program is open to currently enrolled or admitted Ball State undergraduate students with at least 75 college credit hours and a 3.25 cumulative GPA.

JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
PLAN 600	Introduction to Urban Planning	3
PLAN 605	Introduction to Design and Communication Techniques for Planners	3

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
PLAN 613	Qualitative Methods & Social Justice <i>(must be taken prior to Plan 683 or Plan 684 for thesis students)</i>	3
PLAN 630	Comprehensive Studio	3

SUMMER

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
PLAN 683	Planning Thesis Methods (required for students pursuing thesis)	3
Elective	Elective	3

FALL

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
PLAN 500	Planning Entrance Survey	0
PLAN 609	Introduction to Economic Development	3
PLAN 633	Planning Analysis Studio	3
PLAN 684	Planning Capstone Proposal (or 3 hours THES 698)	3
PLAN 510	Planning Law	3
Elective	Elective	3

SPRING

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
PLAN 604	Advanced Planning Issues, Theory	3
PLAN 614	Quantitative Analysis	3
PLAN 685	Planning Capstone Studio (or 3 hours THES 698)	3
PLAN 688	AICP Prep	2
PLAN 690	Planning Portfolio Review	1
PLAN 699	Planning Exit Survey	0
PLAN 521	Urban Land Use Planning	3
Elective	Elective if needed	3

How does an accelerated degree work?

As an AMP student, you can count up to 9 graduate credit hours toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees you're working toward. You may also apply an additional 3 graduate credit hours to either your undergraduate or graduate degree (but not both). Together, you can earn up to 12 graduate credit hours toward a master's degree while still an undergraduate student. For juniors starting in the spring semester, please take Plan 600 or Plan 521 as an introductory course.

How do I apply?

Apply to the Ball State Graduate School, select Master of Urban and Regional Planning as your chosen program and answer "yes" when answering: "Are you a current Ball State University undergraduate student applying to the Accelerated Master's Program?" This will ensure your application is considered for AMP admission.

What are the benefits of an accelerated degree?

As an AMP student, you will earn graduate-level credit hours while only paying undergraduate tuition. These credit hours are applied not only toward your undergraduate degree, bringing you closer to earning your bachelor's degree, but they will also later apply toward your master's degree when you become a graduate student at Ball State. By earning credits for both degrees simultaneously as an undergraduate student, you will save money and time later as a graduate school student.

When will I become a graduate student?

Upon completion of your bachelor's degree, you will be automatically admitted to MURP program, and the graduate-level credit hours you've earned will apply toward your master's degree as long as you earned at least a B (3.0) grade for each course. If you earned a lower grade in any given graduate course, the department will decide whether to accept it toward your master's degree or not. As a graduate student your fees and tuition will be calculated at the graduate student rate.

Is there any flexibility in the curriculum plan laid out here?

Yes. While following this plan will allow you to earn a master's degree in one calendar year plus one summer, taking a lighter course load or extending your time to earn a certificate alongside your degree are both options. Work with the graduate director to be sure you have a solid plan in place.

Questions?

The Ball State website will answer most of your questions.

You can also contact:

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