

University of Colorado Denver

Master of Urban and Regional Planning

College of Architecture and Planning

Department of Urban and Regional Planning

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning program at the University of Colorado Denver has evolved to become one of the strongest, most unique planning programs in the United States. Our program emphasizes hands-on, experiential learning that uses Colorado as our classroom and engages students with top planning and design professionals and the community to solve real-world planning challenges.

We believe that planning successful cities requires expertise, breadth, interdisciplinary understanding, and creativity. Our program thus looks beyond traditional professional silos and instead takes an integrative approach, focused on how city builders can generate and harness opportunities, as well as address the social, economic, environmental, and physical challenges that communities often face. Our three Initiatives—Healthy Communities, Urban Revitalization, and Regional Sustainability—guide our research, instruction, and community outreach.

We encourage all students to follow their passion and develop expertise in the areas that matter most to them. Thus, we offer a unique, self-directed curriculum that allows students to understand the breadth of the planning field while gaining the core competencies demanded by the profession. Further, we offer students the opportunity to pursue dual degrees with Public Health, Public Administration, Law, Business, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Historic Preservation, as well as a GIS certificate. Our presence in the College of Architecture and Planning ensures that our approach to planning education has a strong connection to allied design professions.

Our world-class faculty includes a thoughtful mix of some of the most respected researchers in the planning field, as well as award-winning planning practitioners who bring a wealth of experience to the classroom. All of our faculty make teaching a top priority and involve students in their research.



Our location in the heart of downtown Denver and our numerous partnerships with local businesses, nonprofit organizations, neighborhood groups, government entities, and professional organizations present our students with endless opportunities to learn what it takes to create amazing places.

As the only accredited planning program in Colorado and the oldest and largest program in the Rocky Mountain region, we have a long history of graduating exceptionally qualified individuals. From 2004-14, MURP program graduates had a professional planning licensing (AICP) exam pass rate of 84%, which is 8% higher than the national average. We are the No. 3 program in North America in total alumni who have passed the exam since 2004.

Our program is a great value, and because we are a member of the WICHE-WRGP program, every MURP student who is a resident of one of the 15 western states pays only Colorado resident tuition.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Year founded	1971
Type of institution	Public
Academic term	Semester
Allow for part-time enrollment	Yes
Accreditation	PAB
Offers PhD	Yes

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Terms required	4
Internship requirement	No
Core credits required	36
Studio or practice-related credits required	18
Restricted elective credits	0
Unrestricted elective credits	18
Total credits required	54
Exam or written requirements	Professional capstone project or thesis

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Environmental/Sustainability Planning
- Hazard Mitigation/Disaster Planning
- Housing
- Land Use/Physical Planning
- Regional Planning
- Technology/GIS
- Transportation Planning
- Urban Design
- Healthy Communities
- Urban Revitalization

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Minimum GPA	3.0
GRE scores required	No
Admissions Deadline	January 15



ADMISSIONS STATISTICS

	2013	2014	2015
# applications received	112	157	145
# applicants admitted	83	103	104
% acceptance rate	74%	66%	72%
# new students enrolled	49	56	45
# new students enrolled full time	35	46	40
# new students enrolled part time	--	--	--
# new students enrolled dual degree	14	10	5
Median age of incoming class	27	27	27
GPA of incoming class*	3.36	3.48	3.47
GRE verbal**	--	--	--
GRE quantitative**	--	--	--
*average (mean)			
**average (mean), newly-enrolled students			

ANNUAL TUITION & FEES

In-state	\$11,133
Out-of-state	\$29,613

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid contact	Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
Email	financialaid@ucdenver.edu
Phone	303-315-1850

Total awarded, merit-based*	\$537,401
Total awarded, need-based**	\$1,124,696
% students receiving aid	70%
Average amount of financial aid	\$23,744
Financial aid deadline	--

Available financial aid opportunities: Research and teaching assistantships, scholarships, Colorado graduate grant, Federal Direct PLUS loan, and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

*Merit-based includes graduate assistantships, grants, fellowships, scholarships, and tuition waivers.

**Need-based includes loans, federal work-study, and other forms of financial aid.

FACULTY

	All	FAICP or AICP
# full-time	7	1
# part-time	3	0
# adjunct	15	2
Total faculty	25	3

Student/teaching faculty ratio 8.43:1

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STUDENT BODY

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
# full-time students	88	88	97
# part-time students	--	--	--
# dual degree students	33	26	24
Total enrollment	121	114	121
# international students	7	5	1

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	Male	Female	Total
# White	43	53	96
# Black or African-American	4	0	4
# Native American	0	2	2
# Asian-American	1	4	5
# Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0
# some other race alone	0	0	0
# two or more races	2	3	5
# unknown	4	4	8
Total U.S. citizens	54	66	120
# foreign students	1	0	1
Total students	55	66	121
Hispanic or Latino	5	5	10
Not Hispanic or Latino	49	61	110

STUDENT RETENTION

	2010-11	2011-12
# first-year students enrolled	46	69
# enrolled who withdrew	3	8
% student retention	93%	88%
# enrolled who graduated	41	58
% graduation rate*	89%	84%

*Calculated based on 200% of normal time for master's (within four years).

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

	2013	2014	2015
% graduates, planning-related job	66%	70%	75%
% graduates, not planning-related job	17%	16%	10%
% graduates, pursue further education	5%	3%	5%
% graduates, unknown employment	12%	11%	10%

AICP EXAM

	2012	2013
# graduates who took exam	6	7
% exam takers who passed	100%	100%

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Top countries of origin**
- South Korea

PLANNING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Name	APAS
Email	apas.ucd.co@gmail.com
Website	apasucdenver.wordpress.com

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

	2014	2015
# books authored or edited	0	0
# book chapters authored	2	4
# refereed journal articles authored	11	10
# non-refereed articles authored	9	13
# reports and monographs	7	3
# extramural presentations at conferences	64	59

FACULTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	Male	Female	Total
# White	14	8	22
# Black or African-American	0	0	0
# Native American	0	0	0
# Asian-American	2	0	2
# Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0
# some other race alone	0	0	0
# two or more races	0	0	0
# unknown	0	1	1
Total U.S. citizens	16	9	25
# non U.S. citizens/foreign natives	0	0	0
Total faculty	16	9	25
Hispanic or Latino	0	0	0
Not Hispanic or Latino	16	9	25

COURSE SIZE

Mean # of students in core courses	20
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ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS

Degrees that can be earned concurrently

- Masters of Public Administration, MPA, CU Denver School of Public Affairs
- Masters of Public Health, MPH, Colorado School of Public Health at CU Anschutz
- Masters of Business Administration, MBA, CU Denver Business School
- Juris Doctorate, JD, University of Colorado Law School
- Masters of Architecture, MArch, CU Denver College of Architecture and Planning
- Masters of Landscape Architecture, MLA, CU Denver College of Architecture and Planning
- Master of Science in Historic Preservation, MSHP, CU Denver College of Architecture and Planning
- Geographic Information Systems Certificate, GIS Certificate, CU Denver College of Architecture and Planning

Study abroad opportunities that offer credit

- Amsterdam, Denmark, University of Amsterdam Graduate School of Social Science, Seminar and field work
- Berlin, Germany, Ecologic Institute, Seminar and internship
- Copenhagen, Denmark, Studio
- Crete, Greece, Studio
- Darjeeling, India, Save the Hills, Seminar and field work
- Datca Peninsula, Turkey, Studio
- Helsinki, Finland, Seminar and field work
- Rome, Italy, Seminar and field work

Alumni

degrees awarded in last 10 years

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