

Knowlton — School

Master of City and Regional Planning 2023–24

The Master of City and Regional Planning requires 48 credit hours. Students pursuing the MCRP full-time may take core courses in any order. Please note that some core courses have prerequisites. Part-time study is allowed, and students may begin the program in the autumn or spring. Required courses are typically offered in the semesters listed below, however teaching offerings may shift for a variety of reasons. The following curriculum guide is for students starting in the 2023-24 academic year.

Core Course Requirements

		Semester Offered	Prerequisites	Credits
CRPLAN 5001	Introduction to GIS	Autumn		4
CRPLAN 6000	Planning History & Theory	Autumn		3
CRPLAN 6200	Data & Graphic Representation	Spring		4
CRPLAN 6300	Law & Planning I: Land Use	Autumn		3
CRPLAN 6400	Site Planning & Development	Spring		4
CRPLAN 6500	Plan Making & Analysis Techniques	Spring		3
CRPLAN 6600	Spatial Models & Project Evaluation	Autumn	CRPLAN 6500	3
CRPLAN 6191S*	Professional Development I	Autumn	CRPLAN 6191A	1
CRPLAN 6191A*	Professional Development II	Spring		1
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* Must be taken during the first year of study.

Credit Hours and Requirements

Students intending to graduate in two years should complete an average of 12 credit hours each semester to meet the 48-credit hour total. Full-time status for all graduate students is between eight and 18 credit hours per semester.

Elective Courses

- In addition to the listed core courses, a minimum of 16 credit hours of graduate-level electives in City and Regional Planning must be taken to meet the 48-hour total.
- Our curriculum is organized around Areas of Focus which are designed to assist students in developing their areas of expertise and prepare them to complete their exit projects (see Exit Projects).
- Courses taken outside of City and Regional Planning must be at least 4000-level (and taught by a professor or lecturer) and CRPLAN courses must be graduate level (5000 level and above).
- All 16 elective credit hours must be graded courses (i.e., not S/U graded courses).

Studios

A key component of a planning education is experiential learning. To that end, students must take at least one studio before graduation. Studio topics vary by semester depending on client proposals and teaching needs. Studios generally topically fit into one of the following course numbers:

- CRPLAN 6910 Community Development Studio
- CRPLAN 6920 Urban Design & Physical Planning Studio
- CRPLAN 6950 Sustainability & Resiliency Studio
- CRPLAN 6960 Transportation Studio
- CRPLAN 6970 International Development Studio

Exit Projects

All students are required to complete a substantial research project to complete their MCRP degree requirements.

The two main types of projects are:

1. **Thesis**
Independent scholarly work that empirically analyzes a planning problem and contributes to academic knowledge of the topic. Best suited for MCRP graduates who want to pursue research-focused jobs or further study.
2. **Applied Planning Research Paper**
Independent practice-oriented project that empirically analyzes a planning problem and presents practical recommendations for improving planning outcomes.

Internship Program

Students must complete an approved internship experience prior to graduation.

Through participation in internships, students learn to connect classroom learning with the practical work of the planning discipline while establishing valuable connections with planners in the field.

Learn more about City and Regional Planning's internships and career services at go.osu.edu/crp-career-services

Dual Degrees

Students may find that the best way to explore their particular interests is to pursue a dual degree in conjunction with the MCRP. This often reduces time to the combination of degrees than would have been possible separately. It is possible to initiate a specific dual degree combination.

Partner Department	Dual Degree
Civil, Environmental, and Geodetic Engineering	MCRP + MS in Transportation Engineering
Environment and Natural Resources	MCRP + MENR
Geography	MCRP + MA
Landscape Architecture	MCRP + MLA
Public Affairs	MCRP + MPA
Social Work	MCRP + MSW