

City & Regional Planning

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

City and Regional Planning – [BS](#), [MCRP](#), [Minor](#)
Transportation Planning – [MCRP/MS Engineering](#)

The profession of city and regional planning involves helping people and communities manage growth and change in their physical, social, and economic environments. The focus is on understanding how cities and towns (human settlements) function and how to make them better places for people to live, work and play. City planning has its roots in engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, law, social welfare and government reform. The practice of city and regional planning is both science and art. It involves technical competence, creativity, hard-headed pragmatism and the ability to develop a vision of the future and to build on that vision. Contemporary planners combine design, quantitative, and people skills to assist communities and society. Both the undergraduate (BSCR) and the graduate (MCRP) programs are accredited by the national Planning Accreditation Board.

The degree programs prepare students for professional careers in the design of human settlements in harmony with the natural environment and the needs of society. Practicing planners work in public agencies, non-profit organizations, and private consulting firms, preparing comprehensive plans for projects, neighborhoods, cities, and entire regions. The plans address the use of land, housing, transportation, public facilities, and open space. In addition, they are responsible for finding the means to make their plans become a reality by budgeting for public projects and programs and by reviewing and regulating private development.

The curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning provides a broad, interdisciplinary education as well as competency in physical planning with an emphasis on urban design and development. The Master of City and Regional Planning degree builds on a general undergraduate preparation in the humanities, architecture, landscape architecture, social sciences or natural sciences, and offers two areas of emphasis: urban development and design and environmental planning.

Additional Minors

The department also participates in offering interdisciplinary minors in Real Property Development, and Sustainable Environments.

MCRP Advising Track (5+1) for BLA & BARCH Students

Students may pursue an accelerated route to a graduate professional degree through enrollment in MCRP courses during their fourth and fifth years of undergraduate study and an additional year of graduate study after completion of their undergraduate degree. Contact the Graduate Coordinator, City and Regional Planning Department, for additional information.

Blended Program-Bachelor of **Landscape Architecture**/Master of City and Regional Planning (BLA/MCRP) (*Corrected 10/1/12*)

The blended BLA/MCRP Program is an accelerated route to the graduate professional degree in City and Regional Planning. Under this program a student can simultaneously graduate with a BLA and MCRP. Contact the Graduate Coordinator, City and Regional Planning Department, for additional information.

Program Learning Objectives BS City and Regional Planning

- A. Prepare emerging planners, diverse in their lives and expression, competent in foundational skills, critical thinking, collaboration, leadership, and communication.
- B. Engage students in applied research with strong undergraduate and graduate student involvement.
- C. Provide committed service to communities with recognized needs that welcome our planning assistance.
- D. Foster innovative students able to embrace and design economically, ecologically, and socially sustainable cities and regions.
- E. Acquire the capacity for engagement in sustainability, social equity, and community development and resilience.
- F. Engage in problem identification and problem solving around a core of contemporary city planning and societal issues.
- G. Become future city and regional planning professionals with an emphasis on California within a national and international context.
- H. Adopt the capacity for leadership in professional practice.

Program Learning Objectives
Master of City and Regional Planning

- A. Prepare emerging planners, diverse in their lives and expression, competent in foundational skills, critical thinking, collaboration, leadership, and communication.
- B. Engage students in applied research with strong undergraduate and graduate student involvement.
- C. Provide committed service to communities with recognized needs that welcome our planning assistance.
- D. Foster innovative students able to embrace and design economically, ecologically, and socially sustainable cities and regions.
- E. Inspire academically talented and civic-minded students who evidence diversity in their life, education and professional experience.
- F. Promote student achievement of foundational planning skills.
- G. Develop student achievement of problem solving, leadership and collaboration.
- H. Assist with the attainment of quality internships and jobs, and professional advancement