



# Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Fast Track

Minimum requirement—36 graduate-level credits

The fast-track master of urban and regional planning (MURP) degree is open only to students who hold an undergraduate degree in planning from a school that is accredited by the American Planning Association.

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

Planning Diagnostic Exam (PLAN 500)	0
Qualitative Methods and Social Justice (PLAN 613)	3
Impact Analysis (PLAN 637)	3
Research Methods (PLAN 694)	3
Studio (PLAN 630, 632, or other)	3
*Elective	3
Total graduate-level credits 15	

*\*Some electives must be taken at the 600 level. See your advisor for details.*

### SPRING SEMESTER

Advanced Planning Theory (PLAN 604) OR	
Urban Land-Use Dev. (PLAN 607)	3
Capstone Studio for Planning (PLAN 692)	3
Qualitative Analysis (PLAN 614)	3
Portfolio Review (PLAN 690)	0
Elective	3
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## SUMMER SEMESTER

Internship (PLAN 691)	0	Planning Comprehensive (PLAN 699)	0
Elective	3-6	Elective (if needed)	3

**Total graduate-level credits 6**

Electives may include Introductory and Advanced GIS for Urban Planning, Introduction to Multiculturalism as a Planning Context, International Planning, Grant Procurement and Administration for Planners, Urban Environmental Planning, and others. Some electives must be 600-level courses. Talk to your graduate advisor about your elective choices. All CAP courses can count toward the elective requirements; get permission from your advisor if you plan to take courses outside of the college. If you did not take planning law as an undergraduate student, you are required to take it for this master's program.

## 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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**Rinker Center for International Programs**  
866-285-4723 (toll-free)  
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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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