

Master of Urban and Regional Planning Accelerated Master's Program

FOR BALL STATE JUNIORS AND SENIORS



**BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY**

R. Wayne Estopinal College
of Architecture and 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

PLAN 605 ... Design and Graphic Comm 3
PLAN 606 ... Intro to Urban Planning 3

Total credits 6

Spring Semester

PLAN 521 ... Urban Land-Use Planning 3
PLAN 604 ... Advanced Planning Issues, Theory 3

Total credits 6

GRADUATE SUMMER 1

Planning Elective 3

GRADUATE YEAR

Fall Semester

PLAN 500 ... Planning Entrance Survey 0
PLAN 510 ... Planning Law 3
PLAN 609 .. Intro to Economic Development 3
PLAN 629 ... Planning Analysis Studio 3
PLAN 694 ... Research Proposal 3
PLAN Elective 3

Total credits 15

Spring Semester

PLAN 613 ... Qualitative Methods & Social Justice 3
PLAN 614 ... Quantitative Analysis 3
PLAN 630 ... Comprehensive Planning Studio 3
Studio meets for six hours per week
PLAN 688 ... AICP Prep 2
PLAN 690 ... Planning Portfolio Review 1
PLAN 692 ... Capstone Studio for Planning 3
PLAN 699 ... Planning Exit Survey 0

Total credits 15

GRADUATE SUMMER 2

Planning Elective 3

Internship 0

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 604 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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