

Planning Accreditation Board Criterion 1F/Public Information

Public Information

The Planning Accreditation Board requires this information be posted for the Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree program.

Student Achievement

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning program at USF takes great pride in the achievements and successes of its students and alumni. Below are some achievements of note.

1. Comprehensive Exams: all non-thesis students must pass a final comprehensive exam of core planning program knowledge as an exit requirement. These exams assess student learning in key areas: planning theory and history; research methods and quantitative analysis; community and economic development; land use planning and law; planning ethics and values. Results are as follows:
 - 2016-2017: Passed on first attempt: 7/9. Passed on second attempt: 9/9.
 - 2017-2018: Passed on first attempt: 14/22. Passed on second attempt: 22/22.
 - 2018-2019: Passed on first attempt: 16/19. Passed on second attempt: 19/19.
 - 2019-2020: Passed on first attempt: 21/22. Passed on second attempt: 22/22.
2. Of the 96 students who have graduated from the MURP program through August 2020, 67 (69.8%) are employed in the discipline. Five (5.2%) who were initially employed in the discipline are now pursuing other career paths. Another two (2.1%) are pursuing further education: one admitted to a doctoral program in Geography and Environmental Science and Policy, and one admitted to a doctoral program in Planning, Design, and the Built Environment. The remaining 22 (22.9%) students are seeking employment, applying to graduate programs, or their status is unknown.
3. Thirty-six of our graduates are now eligible to become AICP certified. Ten have achieved certification.
4. Since 2016, all students enrolled in the MURP program have participated in at least one community-engaged project as part of their core or elective course work, or through other partnerships. These projects provide practical, applied experiences for students while benefitting community partners in the Tampa Bay area and beyond. Community partners have included the City of Dunedin, the City of Fort Myers, the City of Palmetto Community Redevelopment Area, Hernando County, Manatee County, Hillsborough County, and the Tampa Bay Rays MLB Team.
5. The Mentor A Planning Student (MAPS) program, which matches USF MURP students one-on-one with local professional planners, has been highly successful in providing students with career advice, shadowing and networking opportunities, and resume guidance. MAPS participation is open to all MURP students, regardless of experience or time in the program. For the last four academic years, participation has been:
 - 2016-2017: 17 matches (34 participants).
 - 2017-2018: 15 matches (30 participants).
 - 2018-2019: 19 matches (38 participants).
 - 2019-2020: 17 matches (34 participants).

More information about MAPS can be found here: <https://www.planning.org/blog/blogpost/9145406/>.

2021-2022 Tuition and Fees	
In State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$10,354.32
Out of State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$21,052.08

Student Retention Rate	Percent
Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2019 and continued into fall 2020	75%

Student Graduation Rate	Percent
Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2016	92.3%

Number of Degrees Awarded	
Number of degrees awarded for the 2019-2020 academic year	22

AICP Certification	Percent
Percentage of master's graduates taking the AICP exam within 5 years who pass, graduating class of 2015	100%

Employment	Percent
Percentage of full-time graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2019*	69%

*An additional 31% are international graduates whose employment status is unknown