

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:
 - 2015-2016: Passed on first attempt: 7/7.
 - 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.
2. Of the 43 students who have graduated from the MURP program through December 2017, 33 (76.7%) are employed in the discipline. Two (4.6%) who were initially employed in the discipline are now pursuing other career paths. Another two (4.6%) are pursuing further education: one admitted to a doctoral program in Geography and Environmental Science and Policy, and one admitted to a Master of Landscape Architecture program.
3. 22% of eligible graduates (18, through 2015) are now AICP certified.
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, 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 three academic years, participation has been:
 - 2018-2019 - 19 matches (38 participants)
 - 2017-2018 - 15 matches (30 participants)
 - 2016-2017 - 17 matches (34 participants)
 - 2015-2016 - 18 matches (36 participants)

More information about MAPS can be found here:

<http://www.floridaplanning.org/sun-coast-mentoring-programs-maps-and-camps-help-guide-students-and-mid-level-professionals/>.

2017-18 Tuition and Fees	
In State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$ 10,354
Out of State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$ 21,052

Student Retention Rate	Percent
Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2016 and continued into fall 2017	95%

Student Graduation Rate	Percent
Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2013	78%

Number of Degrees Awarded	
Number of degrees awarded for the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year	8
Number of degrees awarded for the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year	22

AICP Certification	Percent
Percentage of master's graduates taking the AICP exam within 5 years who pass, graduating class of 2012	100%

Employment	Percent
Percentage of fulltime graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2016*	71.4%
* An additional 14.3% are pursuing further education in the discipline.	
Percentage of fulltime graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2017*	87.5%
* An additional 12.5% are pursuing further education in the discipline.	