

# Community and Regional Planning (PhD)

Students may choose to tailor the choice of elective courses to their specific interests. Students have a wide range of elective courses to choose from and are encouraged to select electives that they feel will best prepare them for their future careers. Students can also pursue specialized interests through [dual degree programs](#) and [portfolio programs](#).

## Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

## Admission

To be admitted to the doctoral [program](#), an applicant must have a master's degree in community and regional planning or a related field.

For more information about admission to the doctoral degree program consult the graduate advisor in care of the program or the community and regional planning [website](#).

Upon admission to the program, students must pay a [nonrefundable enrollment deposit](#) to indicate that they accept the offer of admission. The deposit is applied to the payment of tuition when the student enrolls. The deposit is also required of students admitted to the dual degree programs.

## Total hours required: 48

## Requirements

The doctoral degree requires 48 semester hours of work, including graduate coursework, directed research, and the dissertation. Each doctoral student must specialize in a planning field, such as environmental and natural resources planning, land development and urban design, housing and community economic development, land use and infrastructure planning (including transportation), historic preservation (through cross-listed architecture courses), or a special field defined by the supervisor and the student and approved by the community and regional planning PhD Committee. In addition, doctoral students must complete advanced work in an outside field; a variety of supporting (outside) fields are available through other University programs. Depth and breadth of experience in planning theory and research design and methods are required of all doctoral students.

After completing the required coursework, the student advances to candidacy according to procedures set by the Graduate Studies Committee. Advancement to candidacy involves an evaluation of the student's research proposal and a comprehensive written examination. A faculty committee evaluates the research in progress, and reads the dissertation.

| Code                                                               | Title | Hours |
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| All students must also follow the requirements and policies below: |       |       |
| <a href="#">Graduate Architecture Requirements</a>                 |       |       |
| <a href="#">Graduate University Requirements</a>                   |       |       |