Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln

http://planning.unl.edu/
What is Planning?

• Do you think about the future?
  —About what *could be* rather than about *what is*?

• **Planning** is a dynamic profession that works to improve the welfare of people and their communities by creating more convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient, and attractive places for present and future generations.

• **Planners** develop long- and short-term plans for the use of land and the growth and revitalization of urban, suburban, and rural communities and regions.

(from American Planning Association and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
MCRP students collaborate on class projects.
What do planners do?

- Land Use Planning
- Environmental Planning
- Economic Development Planning
- Transportation Planning
- Housing and Community Development
- Urban Design
- Human Services Planning
- Historic Preservation
- Public Health
- Labor Force Development
The MCRP program includes learning computer applications for planning.
2010 Median Annual Earnings Of Urban and Regional Planners

• Planners in Architectural and Engineering Services: $68,240
• Planners in Other Consulting Services: $66,280
• Planners in State Government: $63,480
• Planners in Local Government: $61,050

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that employment of urban and regional planners is expected to grow 16 percent from 2010 to 2020, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

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• A program nationally-accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board for 30+ years

• Interdisciplinary program

• Diverse student body

• Active communications among faculty and students

• Night classes to accommodate non-traditional students
Teamwork is an important aspect of a planner’s work and is an integral part of the MCRP program.
MCRP Degree Coursework Requirements

• **48 credit hours (total)**

• **24 credit hours of required core courses**

• **24 credit hours in a completion track that includes electives tailored to meet your educational and professional goals**
MCRP Core Courses

- Introduction to Planning
- Planning Theory
- Legal Aspects of Planning
- Qualitative Techniques
- Planning with GIS
- Planning Methods and Analysis
- Professional Planning Practice
- Planning Studio
Example Areas of Study in Planning

- Historic Preservation Planning
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Social Planning
- Urban Design
- Land Use Planning
- Community Walkability & Transportation Planning
- Habitat Conservation Planning
Do you have further questions about Planning?

- Master of Community and Regional Planning at UNL
  [http://planning.unl.edu](http://planning.unl.edu)

- American Planning Association (APA)
  [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)

- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
  [www.acsp.org](http://www.acsp.org)

- Planners Network
  [www.plannersnetwork.org](http://www.plannersnetwork.org)

- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
How to Apply for Admission to the MCRP Program

• **Application Procedures:**
  [http://planning.unl.edu/Application/Application.shtml](http://planning.unl.edu/Application/Application.shtml)

• **Application Deadline:**
  Applications are accepted on a rolling, continuing basis. Students may be accepted for admission in the fall, spring, or summer sessions. For priority consideration for financial assistance, applicants are urged to submit completed applications by March 1 for fall semester admission and November 1 for spring semester admission.
MCRP students with diverse backgrounds work together in interdisciplinary teams.
Submit Your Application

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1. Graduate Studies application (online via the Graduate Studies website)
2. A $50 application fee
3. Supporting files (statement of educational and professional goals and a résumé)
4. Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate study
5. Three letters of recommendation submitted via GAMES
6. TOEFL scores (results from an English proficiency exam required from all international student applicants)
7. Financial certification (international students only)
8. GRE scores (recommended; not required)
The MCRP program attracts students with a wide variety of undergraduate majors—

MCRP: Master of Community and Regional Planning
Students in the MCRP program learn how a Geographic Information System (GIS) is used to depict important community and regional characteristics and thereby function as a powerful analytical tool for planning.
MCRP program’s diverse student body—

Nebraska and Great Plains
- Nebraska
- Kansas
- South Dakota
- Etc.

From across the World:
- Nepal
- Japan
- Korea
- China
- Zambia
- India
- Etc.

Other States in U.S.
- Maryland
- Idaho
- Colorado
- Michigan
- California
- Etc.

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Where our graduates are employed

**State & Federal Government**
- Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
- Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of the Interior

**Local Governments:**
- Lincoln and Omaha, NE
- Hall County, NE
- Denver, CO
- Colorado Springs, CO
- Anaheim, CA
- Oceanside, CA
- Council Bluffs, IA
- Highlands County, FL
- Lawrence, KS
- Kansas City, KS
- North Myrtle Beach, SC
- Etc.

**Non-profit & International Organizations**
- Heritage Nebraska Main Street
- Nebraska Community Foundation
- University of Nebraska
- Lincoln Action Program
- Kansas State University
- University of Missouri
- Japan Ministry of Construction
- Many other countries

**Consulting Firms**
- Hanna: Keelan Associates
- HDR
- Bucher Willis Ratliff Corp.
- JEO Consulting Group
- Civil Design Group
- Etc.
The MCRP program includes fieldwork and hands-on work with community groups.
Questions?

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