OUR IDEAL CANDIDATES

- Are passionate and curious, and able to work within uncertainty
- Are willing to tackle problems with long timelines
- Like to work on teams and across differences
- See planning as a way to address societal problems

Planners help to shape neighborhoods and cities. A Humphrey School MURP offers a holistic, rigorous education in how to develop physical spaces to serve everyone who lives in them. We are looking for students who have a vision for how they want the world to be, and who like working on large, long-term community projects together with the public.

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- Environmental planning
- Housing and community development
- Land use and urban design
- Transportation planning
- Self-designed

The University of Minnesota’s 150 graduate-level degrees allow students to pursue a broad range of self-designed specializations. These have included bicycle transportation, disability policy, food systems, environmental policy, land property rights and smart growth, urban agriculture, and many others.

PROGRAM POINTS OF PRIDE

Equity
No city or neighborhood plan is complete without considering the needs of all. Listening skills and equity are integral to the MURP program.

Holistic
The Humphrey School’s urban and regional planning program teaches all aspects of planning, providing students with a broad base of knowledge and offering multiple specializations.

Policy
MURP is a policy program. In it, students learn to identify and address a wide range of community needs, including environment, transportation, land use, and housing.
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING?

Many MURP graduates serve in city, state, and federal government or agency roles. Some are using their skills at nonprofit organizations to advocate for a broad range of services, such as housing or economic development. Others are staffers for elected officials. Titles include:
  • City planner
  • Director of community initiatives
  • Vice president of development
  • Multi-modal transportation planner
  • President and CEO
  • Executive director
  • Vice president for environment

FINANCING YOUR DEGREE

Candidates who apply by the deadline of Dec. 15 are automatically considered for merit-based aid and scholarships. Students may also apply for paid fellowships, and some students work as paid research assistants or teaching assistants. You may also be eligible for need-based financial aid or student loans.

YOU WILL LEARN

• How to plan and build a shared vision—to develop, articulate, collaborate, and critically evaluate it
• To use public engagement as a fundamental tool to develop plans that reflect community values
• To work across divergent interests to achieve social justice

THE CURRICULUM

• Core courses (21.5 credits)
• Specialization courses (12 credits)
• Capstone workshop (4 credits)
• Additional specialization or elective courses (to bring credit total to 48)
• Professional internship (200 hours)

Every MURP student has the option to combine a Humphrey School degree with another University of Minnesota graduate or professional degree in law, social work, public health, civil engineering, or landscape architecture.