Masters of Urban and Regional Planning

Why do you want a MURP degree?

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Who am I?

- Associate professor at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning since 2013
- Coordinator of Master’s program since July 2018
- Teach graduate electives on economic development
- Research on the intersection of artificial intelligence, economic development, planning, public policy, and real estate
Degrees of Professional Planners

Education pays.

Source: US Census Bureau, "The Big Payoff: Educational Attainment and Synthetic Estimates of Work-Life Earnings"
Value of the Masters

AICP Certification

- AICP = American Institute of Certified Planners
- Nationwide independent certification of professional credential
- The most recent APA/AICP Planners Salary Survey shows that certified planners earn more than noncertified planners, even when experience and responsibility are considered. It also opens more career opportunities, and can enhance a planner's professional credibility.
- [https://www.planning.org/aicp/](https://www.planning.org/aicp/)
## Earning AICP Faster

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<th>Level of Education *</th>
<th>Total Years of Professional Planning Experience Required</th>
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<td>Graduate degree in Planning from a program accredited by the PAB **</td>
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<td>Bachelor's degree in Planning from a program accredited by the PAB **</td>
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<td>Any other post-graduate, graduate, or undergraduate degree ***</td>
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Working on Research

- Learn about cutting-edge research
- Improve quality of life for local and national communities
- As a graduate research assistant, receive a stipend and tuition remission

Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety
  - [http://cscrs.fau.edu/](http://cscrs.fau.edu/)

Center for Urban and Environmental Studies
  - [http://cues.fau.edu/](http://cues.fau.edu/)

Visual Planning Technology Lab
  - [http://vpt.fau.edu/](http://vpt.fau.edu/)
Importance of Writing Skills

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important
- Not at all important
- Unsure

Employers
Faculty
Grad Students
Undergrad Students
Advanced Standing Program

- B. Arch, BURP, and BUD students eligible
- GPA of > 3.25
- No GRE requirement
- Earn up to 12 hours of credit that work towards both your undergraduate and MURP degree in your senior year
- Complete 25% of MURP degree before you even graduate
- [http://science.fau.edu/departments/urban-regional-planning/murp/advanced-standing/](http://science.fau.edu/departments/urban-regional-planning/murp/advanced-standing/)
- Talk to your undergraduate advisor to ensure you have room for necessary electives
How to Apply

- Apply online through the Department of Urban and Regional Planning website
  - [http://science.fau.edu/departments/urban-regional-planning/murp/how-to-apply/](http://science.fau.edu/departments/urban-regional-planning/murp/how-to-apply/)
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- For any questions regarding the Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree program, please contact **Dr. Jesse Saginor** (Program Coordinator) at [jsaginor@fau.edu](mailto:jsaginor@fau.edu).
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