Dear MURP students,

We are delighted that you have selected the Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) degree to further your career, and we welcome you to our dynamic and motivated community of students and faculty in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. You will find that the MURP program is hands-on, oriented to the real world, and uses Colorado as our classroom.

The MURP program is a two-year, fully-accredited program that has graduated over 1,400 alumni since its founding in 1971. As the only accredited graduate planning program in Colorado and the preeminent program in the Rocky Mountain West, we have a proud history of training exceptionally qualified individuals who achieve success in a variety of positions and careers. Our AICP pass rates and job placement success are among the very top in the country.

Our presence in a College of Architecture and Planning ensures that all courses have a strong connection to the built environment, and our location in the heart of downtown Denver presents our students with opportunities to learn what it takes to create amazing cities. The University of Colorado Denver is one of four campuses in the prestigious CU system; during your time here you will have access to courses, libraries, and other resources available across these campuses.

Our students come from all over the world to enroll in a unique curriculum that emphasizes three issues at the forefront of planning practice: Healthy Communities, Urban Revitalization, and Regional Sustainability. Our self-directed curriculum allows students to understand the breadth of the planning field while gaining the technical expertise demanded by the profession.

Our world-class faculty includes some of the most respected researchers in the planning field, as well as award-winning planning practitioners that bring a wealth of experience to the classroom. All of our faculty members make teaching a top priority.

The MURP program is an exceptional program and we welcome you into a cohort that shares your enthusiasm for planning and its potential to build a better world. A full description of our innovative, hands-on program is available on our MURP Community website at http://murp.cudenvercap.org and for information about the application process, financial aid, etc., please visit the MURP page on the College website at http://cap.ucdenver.edu/murp.

Sincerely,

Austin Troy, PhD
Chair, Department of Urban and Regional Planning
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Our vision is to be a national leader in educating skilled, engaged planners and creating vibrant, sustainable communities. Inspired by our setting in the downtown of a thriving urban center in the dynamic Rocky Mountain region, our mission is to:

TEACH
Teach our students the knowledge, skills, and values they need to be confident, principled, and visionary planners, using Colorado as our classroom to engage students in real-world, experiential learning.

ADVANCE
Advance the field of planning through insightful, relevant research that directly informs policy and improves our built, natural, and social environments.

SERVE
Serve as a vital resource for communities and professionals, and help develop sustainable solutions to our region’s complex planning challenges.

Several core values inspire all the work we do:

ADVOCACY
We believe planners must be visionary in their work, politically engaged, and articulate proponents for positive change.

COLLABORATION
We believe planners must understand and value the principles and perspectives of allied disciplines that participate in planning and city building.

ENGAGEMENT
We believe students should learn planning by interacting directly with professionals and the public to solve real-world planning challenges.

INTERDEPENDENCY
We believe cities are inextricably tied to each other and to their ecological, regional and global contexts.

SERVICE
We believe our program should serve as a resource for planning professionals and the public by offering ideas, solutions, research, advocacy, and inspiration.

SUSTAINABILITY
We believe planning must be based on the principles of economic viability, environmental resiliency, and social equity.

URBANISM
We believe in the potential of cities and towns to be the most efficient, equitable and inspiring forms of human settlement.
Our passion for teaching students the knowledge, skills and values they will need to be confident, principled, and visionary planners is reflected in the five key features we’ve integrated across our program and curriculum:

**PHYSICAL PLANNING AND DESIGN**
We emphasize physical planning and design throughout our curriculum. Housed within the College of Architecture and Planning, we work closely with the College’s Architecture, Urban Design, Landscape Architecture, and Historic Preservation programs to provide our students access to an expanded design-focused education.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT**
Throughout the program we provide significant opportunities for students to gain hands-on planning experience and have direct interaction with Colorado’s planning professionals. We use Denver’s diverse urban landscape as a real-world classroom for students to experience and analyze the built, social, political, and economic environments.

**INTERNATIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**
We provide students the opportunity to study planning from an international perspective. By offering lecture courses that focus on global planning issues and studios that involve on-site coursework in other countries and collaborations with partner universities abroad, we help students expand their personal and educational worldview.

**INNOVATIVE PLANNING TECHNOLOGIES**
We integrate innovative planning technologies into many of our program’s courses and activities. We capitalize on the Denver region’s entrepreneurial spirit and tech-focused economy by providing access to state-of-the-art planning technologies and teaching students how these tools can support the planning process.

**SELF-DIRECTED CURRICULUM**
We offer our students the unique ability to craft an education suited to their career goals and personal interests. Students may choose any combination of elective courses, whether oriented towards one of our three Program Initiatives, a traditional specialization, or a generalist survey of the planning field.
We focus on teaching students how to address critical issues and complex problems facing cities and regions today. For planners to take the lead in the city-building process, they need to understand the breadth of their field and know how to work in cross-disciplinary teams. Therefore we have structured our whole program—research, curriculum, faculty and student efforts, etc.—around three issue areas, which we call Initiatives.

Our three Program Initiatives (Healthy Communities, Urban Revitalization, and Regional Sustainability) represent issues at the forefront of the planning profession today and are also prominent topics in Denver and Colorado.

**Healthy Communities**

The link between human health and the built environment has become a key factor in planning cities and regions. Colorado is known for its physically fit and active adult population, but many still face significant challenges such as childhood obesity, disconnected neighborhoods, and lack of access to healthy food. Colorado has become a national leader in finding ways to plan and design healthier environments, and the MURP program’s Healthy Communities Initiative is part of that effort. We work with partners at the local, state and federal levels, as well as the non-profit, educational and private sectors, to provide students comprehensive and interdisciplinary training in the tools, innovations and policies necessary for creating physically, socially, and economically healthy communities.

**Urban Revitalization**

After decades of suburbanization, segregated land uses, and automobile-dependent development, the US is now experiencing a resurgence of traditional urbanism and a reorientation toward central cities. Nowhere else is that phenomenon more evident than in Denver, where infill and transit-oriented development, historic preservation, adaptive reuse, and multi-modal transport are transforming the urban landscape. The MURP program’s Urban Revitalization Initiative gives students opportunities to engage with local developers, planners, designers and policymakers to help revive and enhance established cities, retrofit the suburbs, and plan sustainable new developments.

**Regional Sustainability**

Climate change, environmental degradation, resource scarcity, and sprawling development present critical challenges to planners worldwide. In the Rocky Mountain West, the impacts are evident in habitat loss, wildfire risk, and conflicts over water and energy resources. The MURP program’s Regional Sustainability Initiative explores ways that Colorado and its neighbors can tackle these issues together. At the metropolitan level, Denver and its adjacent communities already serve as a model for regional planning and cooperation, exemplified by the visionary FasTracks transit program. Our Initiative draws on Denver’s success in regional land use, transportation, economic development and resource planning to help students understand how built and natural environments can coexist more sustainably at various regional scales.
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The Planning faculty are also an important advising resource for MURP students. The Planning faculty can help you with information about specific course content, career advice, and any other issues relating to the MURP curriculum, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, or urban and regional planning in general.

At the start of the fall semester, you will select an initial faculty advisor from among the full-time Planning faculty and will be required to have an introductory meeting with that faculty member during the first two weeks of the fall semester. After that, we have an “open door” policy on advising, which means you may stick with that initial faculty advisor, choose a different faculty member to be your advisor, or have multiple faculty advisors. You may choose your faculty advisors based on their expertise in a particular area of interest (see list below) or based on whatever criteria is important to you. You are welcome to change faculty advisors at any point or seek advice from multiple faculty members. You may work with your faculty advisor as much or as little as you need.

We recommend you use a MURP Program Planning Form to keep track of the courses you’ve taken and that you plan to take while you’re a MURP student. Planning forms are also available to help guide dual degree students (see the Document Library). Dual degree students should have an advisor in each relevant department or college. Electronic Degree Auditing is available for all MURP students. This online system allows you to check which degree requirements you have personally satisfied and which ones remain. Instructions for accessing the degree audit are available here:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/Registrar-dev/PlanYourDegree/Pages/DegreeAudit.aspx

The following list offers suggestions for which faculty members to consult with regarding different areas of interest or expertise:

- Carrie Makarewicz: Community development, sustainable economic development strategies, transport equity, regional planning, urban school reform, real estate development
- Jeremy Németh: Placemaking and urban design, urban politics, land use planning, land use conflict, politics of public space, environmental justice, thesis and research
- Andrew Rumbach: Disasters and climate change, environmental risk, urban resilience, international planning, small town and rural development
- Ken Schroeppe: Urban development and revitalization, urban form, planning methods, planning history of Denver, professional engagement and networking, careers in planning
- Jennifer Steffel Johnson: Affordable housing, social justice, diverse communities, mixed-income housing, community development, internships and mentorships
- Austin Troy: Land use policy, environmental planning, GIS, spatial analysis, remote sensing, land use change modeling and simulation, regional sustainability
CURRICULUM
The following grading policy is effective as of August 17, 2015:

The total number of credit hours required to earn the Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) degree is 54. To reach the 54 credit hour total, students must earn 36 credits by completing and passing the required core courses. Students must then earn an additional 18 credits by completing elective courses of their choice. Across those 54 credits, students must also meet final course grade minimums and cumulative grade point average requirements (described below) in order to earn the MURP degree. The required 54 credits may be reduced in some cases for students who meet the requirements for advanced standing or who have transfer credits (see the Advanced Standing Credit Waiver section of this Handbook).

In order to receive the MURP degree, a student’s cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all courses that count toward the required 54 credit hours must be 3.00 or higher. A student’s cumulative GPA may drop below 3.00 during their time in the MURP program, but ultimately the student’s cumulative GPA must be 3.00 or higher in order to graduate with the MURP degree. Students who fail to meet a 3.00 cumulative GPA will be put on probation. After two semesters on probation a student will be subject to suspension.

For all courses taken as part of the MURP program, a student must receive a final grade of C minus (C-) or higher in order for that course to count toward the MURP 54 credit hour requirement. A student receiving a final grade in a core course below C- must retake the course in order to graduate.

It should be recognized that while students can get credit for courses where their grade is as low as a C-, each grade below a B (3.00) must be matched with a grade that is correspondingly higher than a B in another class to eventually meet the minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA threshold. As of the effective date of this policy, currently enrolled students who took a class under the previous grading policy and received a grade between C- and C+, thereby not obtaining credit for the class towards the degree, can now count that class towards the degree credit retroactively.

The MURP program uses the University’s standard 4.00 grading letter and point system:

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These statements describe the expectations associated with letter grades awarded for MURP program assignments and courses:

- **“A” grade range:** Exceptional scholarship and superior work products that significantly exceed stated requirements in scope and/or quality
- **“B” grade range:** Commendable scholarship and accomplished work products that somewhat exceed stated requirements in scope and/or quality
- **“C” grade range:** Satisfactory scholarship and work products that meet or almost meet stated requirements in scope and/or quality
- **“D” grade range:** Inadequate scholarship and inferior work products that clearly fail to meet stated requirements in scope and/or quality
- **“F” grade:** Unacceptable scholarship and work product
Students with previous planning education or professional planning experience may be eligible to receive a Core Course Substitution or Advanced Standing Credit Waiver as described below:

**CORE COURSE SUBSTITUTION**

Students may substitute a MURP core course with an elective course of their choosing when at least one of the following conditions has been met: 1.) The student has significant professional planning work experience equivalent to the core course being substituted, or 2.) The student has completed an undergraduate or graduate planning course (minimum grade of B-) that substantially covered the equivalent material of the core course being substituted. A Core Course Substitution does not reduce the total number of credits required to receive the MURP degree, and no more than nine (9) credits of core courses may be substituted per student.

To apply, complete the online [Course Waiver Request Form](#). If you have any questions about the form, please contact Patty McKissock ([patricia.mckissock@ucdenver.edu](mailto:patricia.mckissock@ucdenver.edu)). If you propose to substitute a core course based on having previously completed an equivalent planning class, you must submit a syllabus for the course and a copy of your transcripts (unofficial is fine) showing that you received a B- or better in the course. If your core course substitution request is based on substantial professional planning work experience, you must submit your resume and a thorough description of the relevant job position and duties.

All Core Course Substitutions must be approved by the Department Chair or Associate Chair. The core courses that are not eligible for substitution are Planning Project Studio and Planning Capstone/Thesis.

**ADVANCED STANDING CREDIT WAIVER**

Students may receive advanced standing and waive up to nine (9) credits of MURP core or elective courses if they have previously completed graduate-level planning courses (minimum grade of B-) that substantially covered the equivalent MURP course material. An Advanced Standing Credit Waiver does not require a substitute course and does reduce the number of total credits required to receive the MURP degree.

To apply, complete the online [Course Waiver Request Form](#). If you have any questions about the form, please contact Patty McKissock ([patricia.mckissock@ucdenver.edu](mailto:patricia.mckissock@ucdenver.edu)). To receive an Advanced Standing Credit Waiver for a MURP course, you must submit a syllabus for the previously completed graduate-level planning course and a copy of your transcripts showing that you received a grade of B- or better in the course.

All Advanced Standing Credit Waivers must be approved by the Department Chair or Associate Chair. The core courses that are not eligible for an Advanced Standing Credit Waiver are Planning Project Studio and Planning Capstone/Thesis.
Table 1 lists the required core courses and the overall total credit hour requirements for completing the MURP degree.

**TABLE 1: CORE COURSES AND CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS**

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Student’s choice of ONE of the following 6-credit courses:

- URPL 6900 Planning Capstone 6
- URPL 6920 and 6925 Planning Thesis A and B

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The 5000-series core courses should be completed first because they provide foundational knowledge, skills, and values that are important to successfully completing the 6000-series core courses. While generally taken after the first year, students may take elective courses during their first year in the program if they desire.

### TABLE 2: COURSE SEQUENCE AND PREREQUISITES

#### YEAR 1 - FALL

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<td>Planning History and Theory</td>
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<td>Fall only</td>
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<td>Planning Methods</td>
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<td>Planning Law and Institutions</td>
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<td>The Planning Profession</td>
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<td>Urban Development</td>
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**Total Credit Hours:** 12

#### AFTER YEAR 1

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<td>Elective Courses (some may be taken in the first year if desired)</td>
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<td>Planning Project Studio</td>
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*Student’s choice of ONE of the following 6-credit courses:*

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<td>URPL 6920</td>
<td>Planning Thesis A</td>
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<td>URPL 6925</td>
<td>Planning Thesis B</td>
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<td>Fall/Spring/Summer</td>
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**Total Credit Hours:** 30
The MURP program’s core courses provide students with a comprehensive survey of the planning field and the foundational knowledge, skills, and values important to the profession. The core courses have been carefully designed to fully comply with the Planning Accreditation Board’s required educational outcomes. Table 3 describes the MURP program’s core courses.

### TABLE 3: CORE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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<td>URPL 5000</td>
<td>Planning History and Theory</td>
<td>This course comprehensively reviews the major historical and theoretical developments in planning; the human aspects of planning as a social, political, and community-oriented process; public engagement; social justice; planning advocacy; and the future of planning.</td>
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<td>URPL 5010</td>
<td>Planning Methods</td>
<td>This course focuses on the most commonly applied quantitative and qualitative methods used in planning; data organization and management principles; and various ways to collect, analyze, and communicate information as a fundamental component of the planning process.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 5020</td>
<td>Planning Law and Institutions</td>
<td>This course covers the legal basis for planning; the evolution of planning law through a comprehensive review of landmark court decisions; and the types and hierarchies of governments, their powers and relationships, and how planning operates within various governmental contexts.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 5030</td>
<td>The Planning Profession</td>
<td>This course offers a comprehensive survey of the planning profession; different types of planners and planning organizations; business aspects of planning; planning solicitation; planning ethics; career development in planning, plus introductory instruction in Adobe Creative Cloud.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 5040</td>
<td>Urban Sustainability</td>
<td>This course covers the fundamentals of environmental planning; urban sustainability; history of cities and the natural environment; natural systems/ecology; environmental regulation/policy; environmental justice; natural hazards and climate change; global dimensions of urban sustainability.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 5050</td>
<td>Urban Development</td>
<td>This course explores how cities get built. Topics include an overview of the players, processes, politics and policies of real estate development; land division, entitlement, and regulation; site planning and development review; development finance; public infrastructure and finance.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 5060</td>
<td>Planning Workshop</td>
<td>An introduction to the studio environment, this course provides students with hands-on knowledge and skills development in physical planning and design, the planning process, data collection and synthesis, plan making, and collaboration, plus introductory instruction in ArcGIS and SketchUp.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6000</td>
<td>Planning Project Studio</td>
<td>The program’s advanced studio, this course requires student teams to complete a substantial planning project for a real-world client. Sections are offered that emphasize a Healthy Communities, Urban Revitalization, Regional Sustainability, or International Opportunities perspective.</td>
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**Student’s choice of ONE of the following 6-credit courses:**

**URPL 6900 Planning Capstone**

Planning Capstone requires students to plan and complete an independent or small group project of their choice for a real-world client. After identifying their project topic, methodology, work plan, and schedule, students will receive instruction in project management and methodologies from the Capstone faculty. Planning Capstone concludes with the completion of the independent or small group project and the presentation of all final deliverables.

**URPL 6920 Planning Thesis A and B**

Spanning two semesters, Planning Thesis requires students to plan and complete a research thesis of their choice. Planning Thesis Part A (3 credits) provides instruction for proper thesis research, analysis, and writing, while students develop a detailed work plan and begin their thesis research. Part B (3 credits) taken the semester following Part A includes the completion of the research and the thesis document, and presentation of the findings before the student’s thesis committee.
Planning Workshop (URPL 5060) and Planning Project Studio (URPL 6000) are the two core studio courses. These courses are a key part of the hands-on, real-world focus of the MURP program. This section provides more details on these unique core courses.

PLANNING WORKSHOP
Planning Workshop is the introductory studio for MURP students. Planning Workshop provides students an opportunity to address actual planning problems, issues, and processes; apply previously acquired knowledge and skills; and develop new knowledge and practical skills in an applied context.

Students will develop basic competence in accessing existing information, generating new information, and performing planning analysis and synthesis. Students will also learn to enhance their graphic, written, and oral communication capabilities. Through the Planning Workshop experience, students will develop an understanding of the relationship between planning theory and practice, as well as gain the ability to formulate compelling planning arguments in applied settings.

Students will also receive introductory instruction in Geographic Information Systems (ESRI ArcGIS) and Trimble SketchUp, which complement the introductory instruction in Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign) students receive in The Planning Profession course. The integration and use of all of these common planning technology applications is a critical component of the Planning Workshop experience.

PLANNING PROJECT STUDIO
Planning Project Studio is the MURP program’s advanced studio course. This studio requires students to work together as a “planning consultant team” to complete a single planning project or study from beginning to end for a real-world client. It is expected that students enrolled in Planning Project Studio will have already gained the fundamental planning knowledge, skills, and values from their experience in Planning Workshop and other MURP courses. Consequently, the emphasis in Planning Project Studio is on putting everything together into a complete real-world planning project.

The studio will emulate the typical planning consultant/client experience, including: refining the project scope and schedule with the client; establishing guiding principles and expected outcomes; conducting case studies and existing plans background research; gathering and analyzing existing conditions data; formulating alternative plan concepts; assessing alternative concepts through specific criteria; identifying and refining the preferred alternative; and preparing and presenting the final plan deliverables to the client. Emphasis is also placed on professionalism, project management, team-building and collaboration, client management, public involvement, and other aspects of the real-world planning consultant realm.

Each Planning Project Studio course section will focus on a project generally associated with one of the MURP program’s three initiatives (Healthy Communities, Urban Revitalization, and Regional Sustainability). Typically three to five sections of Planning Project Studio are offered each academic year, thereby ensuring that students will have a chance to enroll in a Planning Project Studio section that is aligned with an initiative of interest to them. However, as each studio section is limited in size, there is no guarantee students will be able to enroll in their preferred section. A balloting process will be used when necessary.
The culminating component of the MURP curriculum is the Planning Capstone/Planning Thesis requirement, which challenges students to utilize to the fullest extent the planning knowledge, skills, and values gained during their MURP program experience. Students must choose which option to select—Planning Capstone or Planning Thesis—based on their career goals, personal interests and aptitudes, and the advice of their faculty advisor.

PLANNING CAPSTONE
Planning Capstone is a six-credit, project-oriented, one-semester course that results in a substantial deliverable upon completion. The Capstone option is best suited for students who wish to pursue a career as a professional planner after graduation. Within the Planning Capstone option are two alternatives: Independent Project and Small-Group Project.

If a student chooses the Planning Capstone > Independent Project path, he or she will work individually to complete a significant planning project or study for a real-world client. If a student chooses the Planning Capstone > Small-Group Project path, he or she must team up with one or two other students—forming a project team of no more than three people—to complete a significant planning project or study for a real-world client. However, each student must be individually responsible for a clearly defined component of the group project as each student will be graded independently for his or her work.

During the semester before enrolling in Planning Capstone, students will be required to: (a.) determine if they will be working independently or as part of a small group, (b.) identify their Capstone client and project topic, and (c.) begin preparing a detailed project prospectus (work plan, schedule, methodology, and deliverables). Also during the semester before Capstone, students must attend a mandatory Capstone Orientation to receive instruction and guidance on project planning and management. Students must have a completed and approved project prospectus by the second week of their Capstone semester. Students may identify their own Planning Capstone client and project topic or they may select from a list of Capstone clients/projects that have been pre-arranged and approved by the MURP faculty.

During the Planning Capstone semester, students complete their project work while maintaining regular contact with their Capstone faculty advisor and client to ensure sufficient progress and work quality, as well as periodically meeting with other Capstone students to discuss common issues and challenges, share experiences, and receive continued instruction and guidance from the Capstone faculty on project management and methodologies. The Planning Capstone semester concludes with the submission of all deliverables and a formal presentation to the client.

For more information about the Planning Capstone option, please visit the Capstone webpage.

PLANNING THESIS
Planning Thesis comprises a pair of three-credit courses (A and B) taken over two semesters that together constitute a six-credit effort. The thesis option is most appropriate for outstanding MURP students who are considering pursuing a Ph.D. or a research-oriented career after graduation.

While the thesis should address an aspect of urban and regional planning, it may be qualitative or quantitative in design, and directed toward the discovery of new facts, the development of theory or frameworks, or an investigation of an existing body of
knowledge. The thesis document usually includes an abstract, a literature review that delineates the problem of interest or a gap in existing knowledge, a statement of research objectives, an explanation of the research design and methods, a report of the results of the research, and a discussion of the findings and their implications for planning.

The thesis is undertaken with the guidance and approval of a three-person thesis committee, including a Thesis Advisor who must be a full-time member of the MURP faculty who holds a professional degree or Ph.D. Students interested in pursuing the thesis option must complete and submit the Planning Thesis Proposal to their intended Thesis Advisor. Students must have their project approved by their Thesis Advisor prior to the course drop deadline in the Planning Thesis A semester. If the proposal is not approved, or the student’s prior academic performance is not deemed adequate for participation in the thesis option, the student would enroll in Planning Capstone instead.

During the Planning Thesis A (URPL 6920) semester, students identify their research question and study design, work on their literature review, and begin their research. If human subjects research is involved, e.g., through interviews, surveys, focus groups, etc., students should submit their application to the Colorado Multiple Institutions Review Board during Thesis A.

During the Planning Thesis B (URPL 6925) semester, students complete their research and write the bulk of the thesis. Throughout, thesis students will meet regularly with their committee members to ensure sufficient progress and work quality. To graduate, the completed thesis must be successfully defended in an Oral Examination before the Thesis Committee, formatted according to CU Denver Graduate School guidelines, and submitted to the university by the official deadline.

Thesis students should request a copy of the MURP Thesis Handbook from Jenny Steffel Johnson (jennifer.steffeljohnson@ucdenver.edu) and for more information regarding thesis requirements by the University, consult these resources by the CU Denver Graduate School:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/Graduate-School/current/Pages/electronic-thesis.aspx
http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/Graduate-School/current/Documents/resources/Format-Guide.pdf
ELECTIVE COURSES

Whereas the MURP core courses offer a broad survey of related planning topics to provide foundational knowledge, skills, and values, the elective courses offer a more intensive investigation into a diverse array of planning and design topics.

Table 4 provides a brief description of the MURP program’s elective courses that are regularly offered once a year in the Fall semester, and Table 5 offers the elective courses regularly offered in the Spring semester. Table 6 provides descriptions of the elective courses that are intermittently offered—usually once every two years—in either the fall or spring semester.

Disclaimer: All courses listed are subject to change given student interest, faculty availability, and other considerations. Additional electives will also be periodically offered as Special Topics courses. Not counting cross-listed courses (those provided by a different program but assigned a URPL course number), students may take up to two elective courses from other CU Denver programs and departments. We recommend consulting with your faculty advisor about these course decisions.

Please note: Courses shown in italics in Tables 4, 5, and 6 are offered by other programs within the College or University, but are cross-listed with a URPL course number as approved MURP courses.

TABLE 4: ELECTIVE COURSES REGULARLY OFFERED - FALL SEMESTER

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<td>Land Development Regulations</td>
<td>This course provides a comprehensive exploration of municipal/county land development regulations, including preliminary plats; general/final development plans; zoning; PUDs; variances; site plan/development review; land use regulators; regulatory processes.</td>
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<td>URPL 6250</td>
<td>GIS Analysis</td>
<td>Students will be introduced to the hardware, software, theory, and skills required to use a Geographical Information System (GIS). In this course, students will learn how to use GIS software to manage, analyze, map, and present spatial data to support the planning and design processes.</td>
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<td>URPL 6398</td>
<td>Design Practice</td>
<td>This course advances current practice by exploring innovative methods of design analysis, production, representation, and communication. Community participation are integral components of seminar, and students are introduced to business of design through contact with prominent urban design professionals. Cross-listed as URBN 6651.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6399</td>
<td>Introduction to Sustainable Urban Infrastructure</td>
<td>This course focuses on developing uniform vocabulary on sustainable infrastructure across science, technology, architecture and planning, public policy, and health and behavioral sciences. Students learn concepts, principles, and evaluation techniques for promoting the diffusion of sustainable urban infrastructures. Cross-listed as CVEN 5460.</td>
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<td>URPL 6405</td>
<td>Urban Housing</td>
<td>This course examines the realm of urban housing, including housing trends and patterns; housing markets (supply/demand, finance, demographics); housing problems (substandard quality, inequitable distribution, special needs, segregation/discrimination); and the role of the planner and the public/private sectors.</td>
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<td>URPL 6410</td>
<td>Social Justice in Planning</td>
<td>This course investigates the various issues encountered in planning relating to social justice, including conflict resolution; advocacy; environmental justice; social equity; culture and diversity; disadvantaged populations; public engagement techniques; affordability; equal access; and policies and impacts.</td>
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<td>URPL 6455</td>
<td>Real Estate Development and Finance</td>
<td>The course offers a detailed analysis of the real estate development process, its relationship to the planning/design profession, and financial aspects of real estate development including measures of value, capitalization rates, capital budgeting, debt and equity markets and taxation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6499</td>
<td>Preservation Theory and Practice</td>
<td>This course explores the practice of historic preservation and its evolution within a specific policy context. This introductory course introduces basic American institutions and laws associated with preservation as well as standards, definitions, and practices associated with these. Cross-listed as HIPR 6010.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6500</td>
<td>Environmental Planning and Management</td>
<td>This course provides a comprehensive investigation of environmental management topics, including natural hazards/disasters and mitigation planning; ecosystems; air/water quality; natural area conservation and management; habitat protection; and environmental planning organizations and their management policies.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6560</td>
<td>Transit, Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning</td>
<td>This course focuses on the unique planning issues and factors involved with bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation, including pedestrian/bicycle planning fundamentals; routes and systems; facilities and design requirements; funding; maintenance and operations; policies; and best practices.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6600</td>
<td>Regional Growth and Equity</td>
<td>This course provides an overview of public processes and institutions for planning housing, transportation, infrastructure and jobs at a regional scale, as well as analytic techniques to study worker and commodity flows, industrial clusters, commuting patterns, and other data regarding regional economies.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6645</td>
<td>Disaster and Climate Change Planning</td>
<td>This course introduces students to concepts and debates that shape disaster and climate change studies. Features case studies of disaster and climatic issues affecting Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region. Looks specifically at how planning can reduce risk and increase local resilience.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6650</td>
<td>International Development Planning</td>
<td>This course introduces students to the histories, debates, actors and approaches that shape planning in much of the developing world. Topics include development history and theory; decentralization/privatization; urban informality; planning models; uneven provision of basic services/infrastructure; land tenure; and natural hazards/climate change.</td>
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### Elective Courses Regularly Offered - Spring Semester

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<td>Plan Making</td>
<td>This course offers a broad overview of the various types of plans and the specific processes involved in their creation, including comprehensive plans; rural and small town plans; corridor plans; small area plans; campus and institutional plans; special plans.</td>
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<td>URPL 6210</td>
<td>Planning Engagement</td>
<td>This course focuses on the role of public participation and engagement in urban and regional planning. Topics include planning advocacy; public meetings; public engagement techniques; diverse publics; controversial planning topics; mediation; and negotiation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6260</td>
<td>Advanced Geospatial Methods</td>
<td>Advanced techniques in geographic information systems, including interpolation and geostatistics, 3D rendering, terrain and viewshed analysis, spatial autocorrelation detection, site selection and prioritization, model building and automation, geodatabase design, network analysis, hydrology and watershed analysis, and public data integration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6350</td>
<td>Form and Formation of Cities</td>
<td>This course investigates the origins and types of human settlements; the history of cities and urbanization; urban morphology and the evolution of the built environment; urban form principles and theory; types of urbanisms, and the history of Denver’s built environment and planning.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6355</td>
<td>Urban Redevelopment Strategies</td>
<td>This course focuses on the strategies used to help revitalize urban areas. Topics include urban infill development; TODs; adaptive reuse; historic preservation; design review; parking; public spaces; brownfields/grayfields redevelopment; culture/tourism; special districts; incentives/funding; and revitalization policies.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6365</td>
<td>Parks and Public Spaces</td>
<td>This course offers a focused look at the role of parks and public spaces in the development and activation of cities; their designs, qualities, and components; management/operations; funding; policies; equal access; role as community and economic development tool.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6397</td>
<td>Design Policy</td>
<td>This course investigates the role of urban designers in shaping the built environment through combination of physical intervention and policy development. Students review urban economic and real estate trends and assess zoning/land use regulations to understand impacts on built environment quality. Cross-listed as URBN 6642.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6449</td>
<td>Urban Social Problems</td>
<td>This course examines local government from the perspective of sociology and group dynamics, including neighborhoods and community groups, class and race relations, community crime, social service issues, immigration, the underclass in American society, and related urban social problems. Cross-listed as PUAD 5628.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6555</td>
<td>Transportation, Land Use and the Environment</td>
<td>Students will learn how transportation shapes regions, how people decide where to live and how to travel, and how these dynamics are central to sustainable development. Topics include smart growth, climate change mitigation, livability, air quality, travel behavior, active transportation, and transit-oriented development.</td>
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ELECTIVE COURSES

TABLE 6: ELECTIVES INTERMITTENTLY OFFERED - ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS

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<td>Project Management</td>
<td>This course introduces the knowledge and skills of Project Management. Emphasis is on the entire project life cycle, the project management process, and knowledge areas. Managerial aspects, quantitative tools and traditional techniques of Project Management will be covered. Cross-listed as BANA 6650.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6300</td>
<td>Community and Environmental Health Planning</td>
<td>A place-based approach to understanding the social, economic, environmental, and political factors that influence individual and community health with a focus on reducing health disparities. Covers policies, practices, data, and methods for healthy communities planning.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6400</td>
<td>Community Development</td>
<td>This course introduces community development, a field closely allied with planning, with an emphasis placed on understanding groups, organizations, and communities; and developing skills in such areas as community analysis, goal setting, group facilitation, and problem solving.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6550</td>
<td>Transportation Planning and Policy</td>
<td>This course examines policy issues in urban transportation planning: how system design and political/institutional contexts shape transportation decision-making; major modes of urban transportation; and the social, environmental, economic, energy, and health impacts of transportation systems.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URPL 6615</td>
<td>Small Town, Rural, and Resort Planning</td>
<td>This course investigates the unique characteristics, issues, and challenges associated with planning in small and/or rural communities, including agricultural issues and farmland conservation; growth management; rural economic development; and small downtown revitalization strategies.</td>
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SELF-DIRECTED CURRICULUM

Students have the ability to craft a MURP degree suited to their career goals and personal interests. Students may choose any combination of elective courses, whether oriented towards one of the three Program Initiatives (Healthy Communities, Urban Revitalization or Regional Sustainability), a traditional specialization such as “Transportation Planning” or “Community Development,” or a general survey of the planning field. Students are not required to identify and pursue any type of planning concentration or specialization unless they want to. Ultimately, students may choose whichever combination of elective courses they desire.

Of course, the most helpful resource for assisting students in choosing their self-directed path through the MURP program is the planning faculty. Students should not hesitate to reach out to any faculty member for advice about which electives to take or any topic relating to the MURP program or careers in planning. For more information, see the Advising section of the Handbook.
INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent Study is a student self-directed learning experience with faculty oversight, guidance, and evaluation. Independent Study offers students an important opportunity to engage in research or creative activity in an area of inquiry not offered through regular courses, or in greater depth than offered in regular courses. An Independent Study course should not duplicate courses that are traditionally offered at the university; rather, it is intended to be a truly independent exploration of a topic or a project of a special nature.

**Student Requirements:** Students who undertake Independent Study are expected to be self-motivated and largely self-directed. MURP students wishing to undertake an Independent Study must have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater in the MURP program. Students can apply a maximum of one three-credit Independent Study course towards their MURP degree. (However, under special circumstances, and with departmental approval, students may be able to take two Independent Study courses.)

**Faculty Requirements:** Students must secure a faculty advisor for their Independent Study course. The faculty member’s expertise and availability should be appropriate for the topic of study and the student’s learning objectives. Faculty members reserve the right to decline to be an Independent Study advisor. Only full-time Department of Urban and Regional Planning faculty members may officially serve as a MURP Independent Study advisor. Adjunct faculty members and faculty in other departments may serve as co-advisors, but the instructor of record (i.e., grader) must be a full-time MURP faculty member. Students are encouraged to consult with other faculty and/or professionals as part of their Independent Study, but the faculty Independent Study advisor is responsible for evaluating the project and providing the majority of advising.

**Project Guidelines:** A MURP Independent Study project should have a focus within the field of Urban and Regional Planning, although it may be of an interdisciplinary nature. The Independent Study deliverables should be sufficient to evaluate the student’s level of learning and mastery of the chosen topic. Independent Study will be graded with a letter grade and is subject to MURP, CAP, and CU Denver grading and academic policies. The project specifics are to be provided by the student in the Independent Study Proposal and approved by the student’s Independent Study faculty advisor.

Students should expect to devote a minimum of nine hours per week during the fall or spring semester, and 18 hours per week during the summer semester, for a three-credit Independent Study course. Students are expected to meet periodically with their Independent Study faculty advisor throughout the semester, and the student and advisor should agree on project milestones and a meeting schedule.

**Enrollment Process:** To begin an Independent Study, students are responsible for developing a study proposal, approaching and gaining approval from the faculty member with whom they would like to work, completing the enrollment form and getting it signed and submitted, and registering for the Independent Study course. Specifically, the process includes the following steps:

- Prior to the semester in which the Independent Study is to be completed, the student drafts an Independent Study Proposal.
- Prior to the start of the semester, the student approaches and gains approval from a full-time MURP faculty member to be their Independent Study course advisor (note guidelines above).
- The student works with their faculty advisor to refine the Independent Study Proposal. The proposal must be completed and approved by the faculty advisor no later than the end of the first week of the semester.
- The student completes and signs the Special Processing Form, has it signed by their Independent Study faculty advisor, and turns it in to Patty McKissock no later than the end of the second week of the semester (the add/drop deadline).
- Student registers for the Independent Study course (URPL 6810) no later than the add/drop deadline.
The CU Denver MURP program believes that successful city-building requires expertise, breadth, interdisciplinary understanding, and creativity. Our program emphasizes thinking outside traditional professional silos and we encourage students to explore the planning profession by following a self-directed path and develop expertise in the areas that matter most to them.

In keeping with this spirit, the MURP program offers seven dual degree options, described below. In order to pursue a dual degree, you must be accepted into both programs separately. You may choose to apply to another program to pursue a dual degree after you have entered the MURP program. Once admitted, you must complete the work for both degrees before you can graduate from either. Pursuing a dual degree results in a significant reduction in the number of credits required than you would need if you earned each degree separately, saving both time and money.

**MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (MARCH) + MURP**
The Master of Architecture is the college’s accredited professional degree for students intending to seek licensure as architects. The MArch program examines the interplay between architectural form and the complex cultural and technological context in which architects operate. CU Denver’s architecture and urban planning programs share a focus on cross-disciplinary interdependence, research orientation, and real-world relevance. Planners and architects each proceed by asking critical questions that encompass environmental, social, cultural, aesthetic and ethical concerns, then answer them using an appropriate method. By conceiving of architecture and urban planning as an interdisciplinary partnership, MArch/MURP dual degree students develop the skills to create holistic, healthy, sustainable environments. For information, view the [MARCH + MURP Dual Degree Advising Form](#).

**MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (MLA) + MURP**
The Master of Landscape Architecture is the college’s accredited professional degree for students intending to seek licensure as landscape architects. Landscape architects design physical spaces supporting healthy, ethical relationships between people, place, and resources while enhancing the inherent qualities of that place. Today, landscape architects are called upon to find design solutions that respond to the pressures of globalization, unprecedented growth, heritage loss, disconnection between people and the natural environment, and environmental degradation. These same concerns occupy urban and regional planners, who search for solutions through engaging communities, researching, analyzing qualitative and quantitative information, and creative planning and visioning. Students who pursue this dual degree will have the physical design and urban planning tools to connect people to place in ways that enhance well-being and environmental balance, foster community and equity, conserve and regenerate resources, and create places that hold value for current and future generations. Total credits: 105. For more information, view the [MLA + MURP Dual Degree Advising Form](#).

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) + MURP**
The Masters of Business Administration (MBA) is offered by the University of Colorado Denver Business School. Obtaining these two degrees will help planners understand not only the process of planning within the public sector, but also private enterprise. Having both degrees allows students to harness private initiatives as they plan land use, promote the economy, and maintain valued landscapes. At the same time, the dual degree will help business leaders function within the context of public fiscal, participatory, and regulatory constraints, and teach them how to place business decisions within the broad array of community interests and aspirations. Both programs emphasize active learning through the analysis of case studies and direct involvement in addressing both business and planning challenges within Denver and its larger region. In an era in which development strategy must enlist the combined energies of the public and private sectors, the student who has these two degrees will have a distinct advantage. Above all, the dual degree program aims to educate students in the practice of strategic planning in service to the community at large. Total credits: 78. For more information, view the [MBA + MURP Dual Degree Advising Form](#).
DUAL DEGREES

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA) + MURP
The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is offered by the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver. Planners who obtain this dual degree will gain a broad appreciation for planning’s place within the wider array of governmental functions at the local, regional, state and federal levels. Grounding planning in public administration will encourage a firmer appreciation for institutional arrangements and processes, and for the strategic management of the regulatory and fiscal means for the implementation of plans and policies. At the same time, grounding public administration in the material presence of places emphasizes and encourages the role of the natural and built environment in shaping development capacities, opportunities and outcomes. This dual degree allows public administrators to better document and direct the course of physical, economic, fiscal and programmatic change within municipalities and larger regions. Graduates may pursue employment options in either field or fashion career tracks that bridge the two. Total credits: 66. For more information, view the MPA + MURP Dual Degree Advising Form.

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) + MURP
The MPH is the primary professional degree in the field of public health. It prepares students for a variety of public health careers: epidemiological and health services research, community needs assessment, environmental and occupational health, health policy, health promotion, and administration of public health programs. The CU Denver MURP/MPH dual degree arises from the commonalities of perspective and purpose shared by its two constituents. Each focuses on populations rather than individuals, and each works to proactively improve the plight of those populations. A subset of public health addresses the health impacts caused by people’s environments—which is the domain of urban and regional planning. Planners recognize that policies, infrastructures, and social and economic conditions contribute to environmental conditions and thus can play a role in human health. For more information, view the MPH + MURP Dual Degree Advising Form.

JURIS DOCTORATE (JD) + MURP
The law degree Juris Doctor (JD) is administered by the Law School at the University of Colorado Boulder. The JD/MURP dual degree pairs two professions with complementary attentions. The focus of planning is public action centered on the natural and built environments, while the focus of law is the constitutional, statutory, and regulatory bases of the social order. Merged, these two fields enable dual degree holders to address issues at the interface of policy and law emphasizing the use of land and the management of the public lands and natural resources. Planning students who are interested in the tools and strategies of economic development will find in the study of law essential perspectives on private enterprise, corporate regulation, labor markets, poverty, and international relations. Dual degree graduates will find an abundance of career opportunities in public sector planning and administration at all levels of governance, and in the private practice of law and in private planning consulting firms. A student enrolled in the dual degree program may commence studies in either program, but is required by the Law School to take the first year of the JD curriculum as a unit exclusively in the Law School. Total credit hours: 125. For more information, view the JD + MURP Dual Degree Advising Form and the JD + MURP Dual Degree Memorandum of Understanding.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION (MSHP) + MURP
The Master of Science in Historic Preservation (MSHP) is offered by the College of Architecture and Planning. Historic preservation has become an integral part of many urban planning-related practices such as neighborhood planning, urban design, environmental permitting, real estate development, community development, and economic development. An increasing percentage of urban planning and design work is focused on infill projects, often in historic areas. And, it is widely recognized that reusing existing buildings is a more sustainable practice than tearing them down. The field of historic preservation encompasses architecture and planning, as well as cultural landscapes, project management, building technology, documentation, and representation. Students who can combine these skills with the breadth of urban and regional planning have a wide range of professional pathways from which to choose. Total credits: 75. For more information, view the MSHP + MURP Dual Degree Advising Form.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Internships are an important way the MURP program helps students achieve hands-on, experiential learning. The difference between an internship and a part-time job is that an internship is specifically intended to be a learning experience. Getting academic credit for an internship is not required, but doing so can be a rewarding part of a student’s self-directed curriculum. Students earn 3 elective credits for successfully completing URPL 6805 Planning Internship but, more importantly, the coursework will enable students to maximize the personal and professional development their internship affords.

- Be aware that internships may be paid or unpaid. We actively encourage employers to pay students; however, a student should not discount the value of an unpaid internship. Students who are in internships that earn academic credit are covered by the University of Colorado’s Workers’ Compensation provisions.
- An internship that earns 3 hours of academic credit requires at least 135 hours of work during the semester (9 hours per week during the fall or spring semester; 17 hours per week during the summer semester).
- A student cannot enroll for more than 3 hours of internship credit in any semester, and URPL 6805 may not be taken for less than 3 credit hours. No more than 6 credit hours of internship may apply to the 54-credit degree requirement.
- Students may do an internship at any point in their MURP career, but it is recommended that students wait until after they have completed most of their core courses.
- Students may not get internship credit for an internship that was completed in the past, nor for prior work experience, volunteer activities, or life experience.

The MURP faculty will announce internship opportunities as they are received from employers in the area through group emails to all MURP students and posted to the MURP Jobs Portal. Students are strongly encouraged, however, not to rely solely on the MURP emails or the MURP Jobs Portal for finding internship leads, but to pursue internship opportunities on their own through networking with planning professionals and reaching out directly to planning-related organizations.

To get credit for an internship, you must first talk with Jenny Steffel Johnson, the MURP Internship Advisor and Course Instructor. Following your meeting with Jenny, you must complete the following three items:

- Required item #1 is to complete the **Special Processing Form** and get it signed by Jenny, who will give it to Patty McKissock, who will give you permission to enroll in URPL 6805.
- Required item #2 is the **Internship Contract**. On this form you will list the factual information about your internship: contact information for you and your supervisor, job description, pay rate, etc. Part of the Internship Contract is item #3, the Internship Learning Agreement.
- Required item #3 is the **Internship Learning Agreement**. This document is written by you, but must be agreed to and signed by both your internship supervisor and Jenny (so multiple drafts may be necessary.) The Internship Learning Agreement must be finalized and signed within two weeks of the start of the internship course.

After completing the internship course assignments, you will have your internship supervisor complete a final evaluation of your work and submit it to Jenny. For more information about MURP internships, see the [Internship Guide](#)
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Teaching assistants help professors prepare and manage course materials, grade student work, and lead discussion sessions. Teaching assistants typically work 5-10 hours per week. To be qualified as a teaching assistant, the student needs to have taken the course, mastered the material, and have skill and enthusiasm for training fellow students.

Students who are interested in teaching assistantships should express their interest to their course instructor, and discuss opportunities with the Department Chair.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research assistants help professors with research, and the specific activities can include data collection and entry, reviewing literature, conducting analysis and fieldwork, statistical programming, writing and editing manuscripts, and presenting research findings. The appointments carry a workload from about 5-20 hours per week.

Qualifications for research assistantships include academic merit, interest and enthusiasm for doing research, and any specific skill sets required for the project. Students who are interested in a research assistantship should discuss opportunities with their advisor and/or the Department Chair. The availability and nature of research assistantships depends on current faculty work and interests.

GIS CERTIFICATE

The CAP GIS certificate program is intended for motivated people with a strong interest in the application of GIS to the design and planning professions. It is targeted both at students currently enrolled in a University of Colorado degree program who wish to add a credential to their degree, and working professionals who do not wish to enroll as degree students, but who wish to pursue a certificate to improve their job skills. Students who earn this Certificate through the College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Colorado Denver will exit the program with the following:

- An understanding of GIS theory and concepts
- Technical mastery of general GIS methods using ArcGIS as well as familiarity with remote sensing
- Familiarity with common public geospatial data sources, as well as metadata standards
- Knowledge of data interoperability, including how to move data and maps from one software platform to another; examples of software includes Adobe Creative Cloud, 3D Studio Max, SketchUp, RhinoTerrain, ArcMap, and Quantum GIS
- Specialized skills in geospatial technologies and methods related to the design and planning professions, including rendering and visualizations, infrastructure and transportation network analysis, cadastral mapping, site selection and analysis, geodesign, and many others

For more information, please visit the GIS Certificate webpage at:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/ArchitecturePlanning/Academics/SignaturePrograms/GIS/Pages/GIS.aspx
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION - STUDENT CHAPTER (APAS)

Students are strongly encouraged to become active with APAS, the CU Denver student chapter of the American Planning Association, which promotes the involvement of student planners in local, regional, and national planning activities and provides a mechanism through which students can interact with professionals, address common concerns, and receive support in their endeavors in the field of planning. APAS's goals are:

- Connect students in the MURP program with the Colorado APA chapter and the national APA organization
- Promote the involvement of student planners in the affairs and activities of the American Planning Association
- Provide the mechanism whereby student planners can influence the development of the planning profession
- Serve as a social network for planning students and APA members
- Voice the needs of MURP students to Planning faculty and foster strong communication among faculty and students
- Raise funds to sponsor as many students as possible to be able to attend the state and national APA conferences
- Facilitate a mentorship program
- Hold monthly meetings with students to maintain communication and to encourage proactive suggestions and involvement

APAS hosts educational events such as “Breakfast with Professionals” to allow students an opportunity to engage professional planners in an informal setting and we also engage in fund-raising activities to generate revenue in order to put on additional events or provide learning opportunities for students and professional alike. Each spring and fall, APAS hosts picnics for students to connect with one another outside of the classroom setting. All MURP students are welcome to participate in APAS; there’s no official “joining” necessary and there are no dues or specific commitments required. All MURP students will receive communications from APAS. Visit APAS’s Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ucdenverapas/

WTS (WOMEN’S TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR) - CU DENVER CHAPTER

WTS (Women’s Transportation Seminar) is a multidisciplinary organization that is dedicated to the advancement of women in the transportation industry. CU Denver’s WTS Student Chapter is about bringing people together - all genders and disciplines - to elevate women in leadership and advance transportation equity and innovation. The goal of WTS is to provide the following opportunities to students throughout the year:

- Network with transportation professionals
- Encourage involvement in current transportation affairs in Denver
- Provide opportunities outside the classroom to increase knowledge through programing events
- Participate in mentoring and job shadowing opportunities
- Engage with fellow students in social and service activities

We welcome all students (both women and men) to join us for educational and social events, community service projects, and other activities related to transportation careers. For more information, visit: https://www.facebook.com/wtsucd

PLANNERS NETWORK - CU DENVER CHAPTER

Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic systems. Planners Network believes that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We are committed to opposing
rational, economic, and environmental injustice and discrimination by gender and sexual orientation. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, housing, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthy environment. Planners Network advocates public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

Planners Network seeks to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives. Please visit the CU Denver Planners Network Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/PlannersNetworkCUD

CAP LECTURE SERIES / MURP LUNCH FORUMS

The College puts on an exciting lecture series each year, bringing ground-breaking practitioners and academics to the campus to talk about their work and the future of our disciplines with a focus on a particular theme. Many of these speakers are from the planning and design fields. Check the CAP website and the bulletin boards around the building for lecture series event information.

Planning faculty and students regularly organize lunchtime forums to foster conversation, debate, and learning about current issues that we face in the region and in the planning profession. The aim of the lunchtime forums is to contribute to building a community of practice that includes students, faculty, professionals, local organizations, and community residents. Keep an eye out for email messages and social media posts for these lunchtime events!

SUMMER READING LISTS

ONLINE:
Ann Forsyth’s List of “Plans You Should Know” (http://www.planetizen.com/node/45168)
Ann Forsyth’s “Summer Readings that Help You Think” (http://www.planetizen.com/node/33755)
Ann Forsyth’s “Summer Reading About Planning: The Basics” (http://www.planetizen.com/node/31384)
Ann Forsyth’s Blog (http://www.planetizen.com/blog/10386)
Student Disorientation Guide (http://www.plannersnetwork.org/magazine-publications/student-disorientation-guide/)

BOOKS:
The Death and Life of Great American Cities, Jane Jacobs  Urban Fortunes, John Logan and Harvey Molotch
Getting What You Came For, Robert Peters  Nature’s Metropolis, Bill Cronon
Building Suburbia, Dolores Hayden  The Production of Space, Henri Lefebvre
The Urban Villagers, Herbert Gans  Silent Spring, Rachel Carson
City of Quartz, Mike Davis  A Sand County Almanac, Aldo Leopold
American Apartheid, Douglas Massey and Nancy Denton  Cadillac Desert, Mark Reisner
The Power Broker, Robert Caro  The Image of the City, Kevin Lynch
Wrestling with Moses, Anthony Flint  Human Transit, Jarrett Walker
TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS
TUITION AND STUDENT FEES

For information about tuition, fees, financial aid, billing, and similar topics, Please visit the Bursar’s Office website at:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/CostsAndFinancing/StudentBilling/Pages/default.aspx

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit, academic achievement, financial need, or a combination of the three. Financial need is rarely the primary factor considered, but it is often used to make a decision among equally qualified finalists. The eligibility criteria for each scholarship depend on the values or goals of the group offering the scholarship.

While you do not have to be admitted to the College in order to apply for financial aid or scholarships, you must be admitted at the time scholarship decisions are made to be considered. For more information, visit the College's scholarships website at:


The CU Denver Scholarship Resource Office provides assistance and support to students applying for institutional, state, and national scholarships. Located in the Tivoli Student Union, Room 259. Phone: 303-352-3608, Email: scholarship@ucdenver.edu.

IN-STATE RESIDENCY

After one year of Colorado residency, students may be eligible for in-state tuition. Please visit the Registrar’s residency page for more information on how to establish residency:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/Registrar-dev/StudentServices/Residency/Pages/default.aspx

Domestic students who wish to establish Colorado residency should obtain a Colorado driver’s license or ID card and register their car in Colorado as soon as possible, ideally before the first day of classes. However, just registering a car and obtaining a Colorado ID is not sufficient to establish residency, but are items that students sometimes tend to put off.

To learn everything you need to know about establishing Colorado residency, please make sure you carefully review the information available on the Registrar’s web page linked to above, and follow up with them if you have any questions. It’s important to accurately establish your residency because it impacts students in a number of ways.
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

The CU Denver Graduate School website is an excellent resource for important information, policies, procedures, and regulations related to all graduate students at CU Denver. Unless stated otherwise, the College of Architecture and Planning and the MURP program follow the policies outlined by the Graduate School. Information is available at the following link:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/Graduate-School/current/Pages/resources.aspx

In addition to general university policies, the above website provides links and forms on many topics including:

- Academic Calendars
- Student Code of Conduct
- Academic Probation and Suspension
- Graduation Deadlines
- Transfer of Credits
- And MORE!

APPEALING A GRADE

The College of Architecture and Planning grade appeal policy is available here:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/ArchitecturePlanning/StudentResources/Documents/Policy-Student%20Grade%20Appeals%202012_15.pdf

GETTING AN “INCOMPLETE” GRADE

To receive a grade of “Incomplete” in a course, the faculty member teaching the course and the student must together fill out an Incomplete Grade Report that will be kept in the student’s academic file. The report will outline what work the student needs to complete in order to receive a grade and the timeline in which the student needs to complete the work. The form is available from Patty McKissock (patricia.mckissock@ucdenver.edu).

GRADUATION

During your last semester in the MURP program, you must apply to graduate. The deadline to apply for graduation is the Census Date of your last semester. You can apply online through your student center in UCDAccess. Once you have applied for graduation you will receive information about registering for the Commencement ceremony. If you have any questions about the process please contact Patty McKissock (patricia.mckissock@ucdenver.edu).
Student privacy requirements are delineated in the Federal Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. FERPA sets guidelines for higher education institutions that protect students’ rights with respect to their educational records and other personally identifiable information. Violations of student rights can lead to serious consequences, such as lawsuits and/or withholding of federal funds to the University.

Circulation or posting of class/grade rosters that display students’ names and ID numbers is a FERPA violation. Faculty may display a roster of students’ names in a section of a course on a protected website or slide that is available to students in that section only, but may not create a public posting identifying students enrolled in a section of a course. Faculty must collect assignments directly from students and return graded assignments directly to students. Staff may not be used to collect or return assignments. Assignments may not be left in boxes outside of offices or in the mail room. Staff will not receive or return student assignments. FERPA does not allow any public posting of student information with any part of the name, student identification number, or any other personally identifiable information. Students’ grades may be posted without written permission, if they are not posted in a personally identifiable manner.

FERPA Guidelines can be found at:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/Registrar-dev/StudentServices/Policies/Pages/default.aspx

Students with disabilities should be accommodated in all classes. The University’s Disability Resources and Services Office determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. If you have a documented disability, please contact the Disability Services office and ask them to submit a letter describing your needs to each of your course instructors by the second week of the semester. Also, provide a copy of the letter to Patty McKissock for assistance in case of safety or fire emergency. For information, contact the Office of Disability Resources and Services, located at North Classroom 2514, Phone: 303-556-3450 - TTY 303-556-4766, Email: disabilityresources@ucdenver.edu

Visit the website for the Disability Resources and Services Office at:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/disability-resources-services/Pages/disability-resources-services.aspx
HELPFUL CAMPUS RESOURCES

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT SERVICES
The office provides access and educational opportunities to American Indian students through academic advising, scholarship information, cultural programs, advocacy, student organization sponsorship and other supportive services tailored to the specific needs of the students. Located in Student Commons Room 2007-C. Phone: (303) 315-1882. Web:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/departments/odi/CII/AISS/Pages/default.aspx

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES
The office provides academic advising, scholarship information, cultural programs, advocacy, resource referral, student organization sponsorship and other supportive services tailored to the specific needs of Asian American students. Located in Student Commons Room 2007-E. Phone: (303) 315-1879. Web:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/departments/odi/CII/AASS/Pages/default.aspx

BLACK STUDENT SERVICES
In an effort to promote and maintain quality higher education for students of African descent, the office assists undergraduate and graduate students in all phases of their educational career through admissions services, academic counseling and peer support. Located in Student Commons Room 2007-F. Phone: (303) 315-1881. Web:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/departments/odi/CII/BSS/Pages/default.aspx

CAREER CENTER
Offers a full array of services to prepare students for the transition from school to career. Graduate students are welcome and encouraged to utilize these resources. Located at Tivoli Student Union Suite 267. Phone: (303) 556-2250. Web:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/careercenter/Pages/default.aspx

CARE TEAM
The Campus Assessment, Response & Evaluation (CARE) Team addresses the health and safety needs of students. The team assess whether individuals pose a risk to themselves or others and to intervene when necessary, and more generally, to identify and provide assistance to those in need. The CARE team takes a preventative approach to risk assessment by offering resources, referrals, and support to both the concerning individual and those impacted by their behavior. Phone: (303) 352-3579. Web:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/care/Pages/default.aspx

CHILD CARE—AURARIA EARLY LEARNING CENTER
Provides high-quality early childhood care and educational programs to children 12 months through 8 years old. The programs are utilized by the children of students, staff, faculty working on the Auraria Campus. Web:
https://www.ahec.edu/for-campus-faculty-staff/early-learning-center/

DISABILITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES
The Office of Disability Resources and Services produces assistance and arrangements for accommodations to provide equal opportunities to foster the personal growth and development of students with disabilities. Located in Student Commons Room 2116. Phone: (303) 315-3510. Web:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/disability-resources-services/Pages/disability-resources-services.aspx

HEALTH CENTER AT AURARIA
All Downtown Campus students have access to medical services at the Health Center at Auraria, and student health insurance is NOT required to use this facility. Location: Plaza Building Suite 150. Phone: (303) 556-2525. Web:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/health-center/Pages/default.aspx

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES
The office offers immigration services, programming and advising to enhance the experiences of international students. Location: 1380 Lawrence Suite 932. Phone: (303) 315-2230. Web:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/InternationalPrograms/OIA/ISSS/Pages/default.aspx
HELPFUL CAMPUS RESOURCES

LATINX STUDENT SERVICES
The mission of Latin@ Student Services is to provide an inclusive environment that supports the intersectional experiences, diverse cultures and educational goals of Latin@ students a CU Denver. Located in Student Commons 2007-H. Phone: (303) 315-1878. Web: http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/departments/odi/CILSS/Pages/default.aspx

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
Promotes student success, retention, and graduation and is available to graduate students. Services include tutoring, supplemental instructions study skills workshops, and ESL support. Location: Student Commons Room 2105. Phone: (303) 315-3531. Web: http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/LRC/OurServices/Pages/default.aspx

LGBTQ STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
Open to all students as a resource for exploring sexual orientation/gender identification. Located in Tivoli Room 213. Phone: (303) 556-6333. Web: http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/glbtss/services/Pages/default.aspx

OFFICE OF EQUITY
Provides integrated assistance for complaints of protected characteristic harassment and/or discrimination or sexual misconduct. Location: Lawrence Street Center, 12th Floor. Phone: (303) 315-2567. Email: equity@ucdenver.edu. Web: https://equity.ucdenver.edu/

OMBUDS OFFICE
Assists students in resolving CU Denver conflicts, complaints, and disputes. Services are free and confidential. Examples of concerns may include: the actions of faculty, staff, or other students; denials of petitions; harassment of any kind; administrative decisions; grading disputes. Location: 1380 Lawrence Suite 1003. Phone: (303) 315-0046. Web: http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/departments/OmbudsOffice/Pages/OmbudsOffice.aspx

PHOENIX CENTER AT AURARIA
The Phoenix Center provides confidential help for survivors of interpersonal violence, and their friends and family. All services are confidential. Phone: (303) 556-CALL. Web: www.thepca.org

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER
A campus counseling center that serves UC Denver students, who receive up to 10 counseling sessions at no cost per year as part of student fees. One can make an appointment or simply walk in. All information is confidential (except cases of abuse or neglect of children, harm to self or others, or when reporting is required by law). Location: Tivoli Suite 454. Phone: (303) 556-4372. Web: http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/counseling-center/Pages/default.aspx

VETERANS STUDENT SERVICES
An initial contact point for eligible veterans and dependent students attending CU Denver. Location: Tivoli Suite 124. Phone: (303) 556-2745. Web: http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/Veteran/Pages/home.aspx

WOMEN AND GENDER CENTER
Open to all genders, the Women and Gender Center helps advancing issues of gender equity and supporting the gender-focused needs of students, faculty, and staff on the Auraria campus. Located in Tivoli 259. Phone: (303) 352.3470. Web: http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/studentlife/WGC/Pages/WGC.aspx

WRITING CENTER
The CU Denver Writing Center provides one-on-one consultations and workshops about writing and composition. This is not a copyediting service. Location: North Classroom Room 4014. Phone: (303) 556-4845. Web: http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/CLAS/Centers/writing/Pages/TheWritingCenter.aspx
DOCUMENT
LIBRARY
Independent Study Course Proposal

Date

Name

Email

Proposed independent study faculty advisor

Independent Study Course/Project Description

1. Title of proposed Independent Study course/project

2. Briefly describe your Independent Study course/project

3. What are the activities/ tasks you expect to undertake to complete this Independent Study?

4. Describe the specific methods you will use to complete your Independent Study. Include your process for collecting and analyzing information, and which techniques or tools you will use and why. If you will be collecting your own data, explain how (e.g., review of research on the problem; case studies of other similar projects or policies; survey of residents; GIS analysis, etc.).

5. Include a preliminary reference list of sources you intend to draw from to complete the Independent Study, including scholarly research, technical reports, online data sources, etc.

6. What deliverables will you produce at the completion of the Independent Study?

7. Challenges: Describe the challenges you expect to face while completing this Independent Study. Thinking through these in advance will help you—and your faculty advisor—come up with solutions. (For example, do you anticipate any obstacles such as incomplete/ inaccessible data, or community resistance? Will you need to gain or improve technical skills to complete the project? Will you need to visit multiple or remote locations, or interview a large number of people? Are you concerned about time management or maintaining the project’s scope?)

8. Schedule: Provide a detailed work plan with a timeline of activities necessary to complete your Independent Study. You are expected to work approximately 9 hours per week for a 3-
credit Independent Study course. Be specific: identify weekly tasks, and include mileposts such as advisor meetings, draft submissions, feedback on drafts, and final project completion dates that you have established with your Independent Study faculty advisor.

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**Learning Objectives and Assessment Criteria**

9. What are your learning objectives for this Independent Study course? (i.e., what new knowledge, skills and abilities do you expect to have at the end of the course?)

10. Assessment Criteria: How will your faculty advisor judge your performance and your achievement of your learning objectives for the course?

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**Background Preparation for Independent Study**

11. Your approximate MURP program grade point average (Independent Study students are expected to have a minimum 3.0 gpa)

12. Please provide a brief justification for your pursuit of an independent study class, rather than a traditional class (e.g., scheduling conflicts, courses not available, seeking more in-depth knowledge, particular personal/professional goals, etc.):

13. How have your educational and/or professional experiences prepared you undertake this Independent Study?
INTERNSHIP CONTRACT
University of Colorado Denver  
College of Architecture and Planning  
Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program  
Internship Contract

Semester of Internship: ____ Spring ____ Summer ____ Fall  
Year: __________________

Faculty Internship Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Steffel Johnson  
Campus Box 126  
Jennifer.SteffelJohnson@ucdenver.edu  
P.O. Box 173364  
303-315-0061  
Denver, CO 80217-3364

Student Information

Name: ____________________________  
Student ID#: ____________________________  
Email Address: ____________________________  
Telephone: ____________________________

Semester entered the MURP program: ____________________________

MURP credits completed prior to the internship semester: ______

Emergency Contact information: Name/ Relationship/ Phone: ____________________________

How did you learn about this internship position? ____________________________

Internship Employer Information

Name of Firm/ Organization: ____________________________

Department: ____________________________

Internship Supervisor Name: ____________________________

Title: ____________________________

Email Address: ____________________________

Telephone: ____________________________

Work Site Address: ____________________________

Mailing Address (if different from physical address): ____________________________

Is supervisor a UCD MURP Alumni? If yes, graduation semester and year: ____________________________
**Internship Specifics**

Internship start date: ___________________  end date: ___________________

Intern is expected to work _______ hours per week (*University minimum: 9 hours/week during the fall or spring semester; 17 hours/week during the summer semester)*

Pay rate: ___________________

Job description (may be attached):
Learning Agreement
(expand as needed)

Learning Objective 1: To...

Strategies:
• I will...
• I will...

Learning Objective 2: To...

Strategies:
• I will...
• I will...

Learning Objective 3: To...

Strategies:
• I will...
• I will...

Learning Objective 4: To...

Strategies:
• I will...
• I will...
SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE START OF THE INTERNSHIP SEMESTER

INTERN: I agree to diligently work toward achieving the learning objectives indicated on the attached Learning Agreement. I agree to complete all work assignments promptly and to the best of my ability. I will thoughtfully complete the academic assignments of the internship course. I agree to complete a minimum of ____ hours of work at the internship each week. I agree to familiarize myself with and to adhere to the relevant organizational policies and procedures of my internship employer. I agree to conduct myself in an ethical and professional manner in accordance with the University of Colorado Denver Honor Code and act as a positive representative of the UCD MURP Program.

_________________________  ________________________
Student signature  date

INTERNSHIP SUPERVISOR: I have discussed this internship with the student and I have agreed to be the internship supervisor. I have clearly discussed the responsibilities and parameters of the internship with the student intern and I verify that the internship duties meet MURP program criteria for a quality internship. The intern and I have discussed the attached Learning Agreement and I agree to provide the assistance, consultation, support and training necessary to help the student intern make progress towards their learning objectives. I agree to meet with the intern regularly and provide timely and constructive feedback to the intern regarding their performance. I further agree to provide the intern with information concerning our organization’s relevant policies and procedures. I agree to comply with all laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and/or military status. I agree to notify the Faculty Internship Advisor in a timely manner if any problems arise during the internship. I agree to complete a final written evaluation of the intern’s performance, attitude and work product but I understand that the final course grade will be assigned by the Faculty Internship Advisor.

_________________________  ________________________
Internship Supervisor signature  date

FACULTY INTERNSHIP ADVISOR: I have confirmed the details of this internship and determined that it merits academic credit. I have reviewed and approved the student’s Learning Agreement and discussed with the student how their learning objectives and strategies are relevant to their educational, professional, and personal goals. I will keep in contact with the student during their internship to offer guidance and support, and ensure that they are making progress toward achieving their learning objectives. I agree to contact the site supervisor at least once during the internship semester to discuss the student’s performance and will conduct an on-site visit if possible. I will be available to help resolve any problems that arise during the internship. I will assign the final grade for the internship course based upon the student intern’s site supervisor evaluation and the quality of the student’s academic activities as required during the course. This signature indicates my approval of this internship for credit.

_________________________  ________________________
Faculty Internship Advisor signature  date
Real-world, hands-on learning—also known as Experiential Education—is a cornerstone of the MURP program. We believe that the best way for students to understand the complexities, challenges, and potentials of the planning profession is to actually experience it.

Internships are an essential part of learning to “think like a planner.” While getting academic credit for an internship is not required, it is highly recommended. You earn three elective credits for participating in the Internship Course, but more importantly, the coursework will enable you to maximize the personal and professional development your internship affords. The difference between an internship and a part-time job is that an internship is specifically intended to be a learning experience. When your internship is part of the Internship Course, the MURP program can ensure that your employer remains focused on your learning.

General Guidelines

- Be aware that internships may be paid or unpaid. (We actively encourage employers to pay students!). Students who are in internships that earn academic credit are covered by the University of Colorado’s Workers’ Compensation provisions.
- An internship that earns three hours of academic credit requires at least 135 hours of work during the semester (= 9 hours per week during the fall or spring semester; 17 hours per week during the summer semester).
- A student cannot enroll for more than three hours of internship credit (URPL 6805) in any semester, and URPL 6805 may not be taken for less than three credit hours.
- No more than six credit hours of internship may apply to the 54-credit MURP degree requirement.
- You may do an internship at any point in your MURP career, but it is recommended that you wait until after you’ve completed most of your core courses.
- You may not get internship credit for an internship you completed in the past, nor for prior work experience, volunteer activities, or life experience.

Getting an Internship

The process of finding and getting hired for an internship might take you longer than you expect, so it is important to plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time. Some positions are very competitive, so being organized, professional and prepared are essential for successfully landing the position you want. Start your search at least a semester before you plan to participate in an internship.
1. Find an internship position you’re interested in.
   - Find positions posted on the MURP Professional Development Portal, advertised on the MURP listserv, posted in the UCD Experiential Learning Center’s database, or learn about them through your personal network.
   - Or, find an employer you’re interested in working for and approach them about setting up an internship position for you.
   - Or, talk to Jenny or other MURP faculty members for ideas about where to work.

2. Get hired for the internship.
   - Posted internships will include a job description and desired skills. To apply, you’ll need a professional resume and potentially a cover letter, both tailored for the position.

3. Meet with Jenny Steffel Johnson, the MURP Internship Advisor and Course Instructor.
   - This is required if you are planning to get academic credit for your internship, and highly recommended even if you’re not. We’ll discuss how to get the most out of your internship, and make sure your employer understands what MURP expects for our student interns. If you are doing the internship for credit, we’ll talk about how to enroll in the Internship Course.

Getting Credit for an Internship

4. Enroll in the Internship Course.
   - Required item #1 is a “Special Processing Form,” available from Jenny or at the College reception desk on the 2nd floor. You’ll fill it out and get it signed by Jenny. Jenny will give it to Patricia McKissock, who will give you permission to enroll in the Internship Course.
   - Required item #2 is the Internship Contract. This is a form on which you will list the factual information about your internship: contact information for you and your supervisor, job description, pay rate, etc. Part of the Internship Contract is item #3, the Learning Agreement.
   - Required item #3 is the Internship Learning Agreement. This document is written by you, but must be agreed to and signed by both your internship supervisor and Jenny (so multiple drafts may be necessary.) Guidelines for writing the Learning Agreement are available.
     - The Learning Agreement is included as part of your Internship Contract.
     - The Learning Agreement MUST be finalized and signed within two weeks of the start of the Internship Course.
   - Note: You may not get internship credit for an internship you completed in the past, or for prior work experience, volunteer activities, or life experience.

5. Complete the course assignments to the best of your ability.
   - Course meetings are optional. All assignments are submitted electronically.
   - Course assignments are intended to help you use your internship to develop personally and professionally. Most assignments consist of a brief (2-3 page) paper, due every Sunday.
• At the end of the semester, all students in the internship course will complete a longer Self-Assessment Paper and will make a public presentation about their internship experience.

6. Have your internship supervisor complete an evaluation of your work and submit it to the course instructor.

Participant Expectations

The Student Intern will:
• Act professionally
• Work hard to complete the tasks assigned by their supervisor
• Handle any conflicts or challenges that arise professionally and quickly
• Remember that the purpose of any internship is to be a meaningful learning experience

Students receiving academic credit for the internship will also:
○ Take responsibility for completing and submitting any necessary enrollment paperwork
○ Write a thoughtful Learning Agreement and have it signed by their employer and the MURP internship advisor
○ Work to achieve the learning objectives outlined in the Learning Agreement
○ Complete their course assignments to the best of their ability

The MURP Internship Advisor will:
• Discuss with the student how the internship is relevant to their educational and professional objectives
• Be available to the student throughout their internship to address concerns and questions
• Be available to the student intern’s site supervisor throughout the internship to address concerns and questions.

For students receiving academic credit for the internship, the Internship Advisor/Course Instructor will also:
○ Assist students in establishing appropriate learning objectives to be met during the internship
○ Assign student interns appropriate academic activities to enable them to maximize their personal and professional development
○ In conjunction with the employer site supervisor, assess the student’s performance during the internship and achievement of their learning objectives, and assign an appropriate course grade
The Employer/ Internship Supervisor will:

- Select and hire the student intern
- Provide an orientation and make any necessary introductions for the student intern
- Provide supervision, mentoring, and necessary training for the student intern
- Provide appropriate workspace for the intern, as well as any equipment necessary for them to complete their assigned duties (e.g., computer software)
- Encourage and support the student’s professional development
- Maintain an open channel of communication with the intern and meet with them throughout the internship to discuss their work and answer questions
- Comply with federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, national origin, gender, and/or disability
- Remember that the purpose of any internship is to be a meaningful learning experience for the student

For students receiving academic credit for the internship, the Employer/ Internship Supervisor will also:

- Discuss, negotiate as needed, and sign the student’s Learning Agreement
- Support the student’s achievement of their learning objectives, as defined by the Learning Agreement
- Contact the student’s MURP Internship Advisor if any problems arise
- Complete a midterm and final evaluation of the student intern

Note:

- Students who are in internships that earn academic credit are covered by the University of Colorado’s Workers’ Compensation provisions.
- Internship employers must be a legitimate, established business; home-based businesses cannot be approved for internships due to liability and risk issues.
Developing Your Internship Learning Agreement

*If you don’t know what you want, chances are very low that you’ll get it.*

— Tony Robbins

In typical courses, your professor has determined what you will be expected to learn in the course, and told you what those learning objectives are. (Usually they’re listed near the top of the syllabus.) In this internship course, determining what you intend to learn is up to you.

Your first task in this course is to develop your Internship Learning Agreement. The goal of the agreement is to articulate in detail what you will be learning from your internship and how you will go about learning it.

Spelling out these objectives and strategies is essential for making sure that you learn as much as possible from your internship experience. Beyond deferring to the job description, this agreement clarifies your role and responsibilities in the organization, and minimizes the chance of misunderstandings with your supervisor. Fundamentally, being clear on the goals you intend to achieve gives you a strong sense of purpose and ensures that the internship is a meaningful experience for you. The job description for your internship outlines what you are expected to do; your Learning Agreement spells out what you expect to learn.

Once you’ve created a draft of your learning objectives and strategies, you’ll want to get some feedback on them from the internship course instructor. Make sure you leave time for this step.

Your internship supervisor obviously plays an important role in your ability to achieve these goals. After you’ve articulated them for yourself, the next step is to discuss your learning objectives with your supervisor, and together generate ideas for how you will achieve them. Of course, you have a job to do for your employer, and you want to be sure that you meet their needs and expectations. Talking through your planned activities and projects with your supervisor will allow both of you to clarify your shared intentions and expectations for the internship. Make sure you schedule this conversation before the turn-in deadline.

The Learning Agreement will be included and signed as part of your Internship Contract. The contract is the main document that structures the relationship between you, your internship supervisor, and the MURP program. In addition to the Learning Agreement, the Internship Contract includes the internship job description, identifies the participants in the internship relationship and their contact information, and documents important details about the internship such as start/end dates, hours, salary, etc.
Writing Your Learning Objectives and Strategies

There is substantial research that indicates that developing specific and challenging goals improves your performance and focuses your efforts; further, writing down your goals makes you more committed to achieving them.

Step 1. Self-Reflection and Brainstorming

Make a list of what you hope to get out of your internship. Begin with the perspective that this internship has the potential to take you one step closer toward achieving your vision of a successful career. What do you need to learn more about or get better at to achieve that vision? What knowledge, competencies, behaviors, attitudes, and skills do you wish to develop? Think about growth in several areas, including specific skills and competencies as well as “soft” skills such as negotiation, leadership, self-confidence, or learning to accept feedback or criticism.

Here are some prompts to get you thinking:
- What do I most want to explore, understand or learn during my internship?
- How would I like to change or be different by the end of my internship?
- What obstacles might block my career success, and how can I work to remove them?
- What will make me more marketable to a future employer?
- If I could make it happen, what goal would I like to achieve by the time I complete my internship?
- In what ways would I like this experience to advance my understanding of concepts I’ve learned about in class?

Step 2. Refine Your List (see writing tips and examples below)

Narrow down your ideas into a concrete, specific list of what you intend to learn through your internship. Limit the number of objectives by including only those that have the most meaning to you. To get the most out of your internship, include at least one learning objective in each of the following categories:

a) skill development: effectively demonstrating the behaviors of the profession
   examples: learn to write a planning memo, develop oral presentation skills for community meetings, gain proficiency in a particular research method or computer application

b) application of academic knowledge: learning and understanding factual information, terminology, principles, concepts, theories and the ideas of the profession
examples: understand the development process, understand how principles of sustainability are applied (or not) in practice, learn how community-based organizations advocate for their constituents

c) professional development: learning the values, attitudes and ways of the profession; figuring out “what you want to be when you grow up”
examples: learn the pros/cons of the field, learn what it takes to be a consultant, learn how interdisciplinary professional teams operate, learn about job opportunities available in the field

d) personal development: learning more about yourself as an emerging professional and identifying ways in which you want to grow and change as a person
examples: become comfortable speaking in front of groups, develop more confidence working directly with clients, develop leadership qualities, learn to accept feedback from supervisors and coworkers, improve time management skills

Notes:
• For each category, consider including an application objective (something you already know about and want to improve/practice) and an acquisition objective (something new you want to learn about).
• Remember that these objectives are outcomes, not particular activities you will undertake. (You will write about activities in Step 3.)
• Consider using verbs such as the following in your learning objectives: acquire, analyze, appreciate, become, become familiar with, comprehend, develop, discover, explore, know, learn, perceive, synthesize, understand, value

Step 3. Identify the Strategies (Activities) You Will Use to Achieve Each Learning Objective (see writing tips and examples below)
The goal of this step is to describe how you will go about achieving each of your learning objectives. What work activities, duties and assignments will give you the experiences you need to help you achieve your objectives? Use the internship job description, as well as what you already know about the type of work the organization does, to start generating ideas for this section. Consider including multiple strategies for achieving each learning objective. It is very likely you’ll need to discuss your planned activities with your supervisor to complete this section with any accuracy.

Here are some prompts to get you thinking:
• What training will you undergo that will develop your skills in a particular area?
• What “off the job” activities such as reading, writing, research or field trips might you do to contribute toward achieving your objectives?
• What deliverables will you have the opportunity to create that you can include in your professional portfolio?
• What resources outside of the work site might help you reach your objectives?
• What specific projects will you be completing that address an aspect of your learning objectives?
• Can you ask your supervisor or a faculty member to recommend relevant materials to bolster your knowledge?
• What opportunities will you have to attend staff meetings, seminars, conferences or professional meetings?
• What presentations will you have the opportunity to make? To what audiences?
• What opportunities will there be for your co-workers or your supervisor to observe you at work and provide you with feedback and suggestions?
• What opportunities will you be given to take on additional responsibility?
• Consider using verbs such as the following to articulate your strategies: answer, arrange, circulate, classify, collect, compare, compile, conduct, count, decide, define, demonstrate, direct, discuss, explain, give examples, list, locate, obtain, participate in, revise, schedule, select, summarize, supervise, verify, write

Note that in addition to your job-specific activities, your course assignments will also help you achieve learning objectives in each of the four categories.

**Step 4. Combine Your Objectives and Strategies into a Learning Agreement**
Once completed, your Learning Agreement will be included as part of your Internship Contract. The contract must be signed by you, your internship supervisor, and the internship faculty advisor/course instructor.

**Writing Tips- Learning Objectives**
Write objectives beginning with the word “To” followed by an action verb. Imagine that the phrase “I want” precedes each statement.

Be specific! Here are examples of vague vs. specific objectives:

Vague objective: To gain experience in transportation planning.
Specific objectives:
• To determine if working in transportation planning is the appropriate career goal for me.
• To learn to apply the principles of sustainability to transportation planning.
• To learn how social equity considerations are included in transportation planners’ decision-making processes.

Vague objective: To use planning to help community residents.
Specific objectives:
• To become a skilled public meeting facilitator
• To learn to create planning documents that community residents can easily understand

Writing Tips - Strategies/Activities
Write strategies beginning with the phrase “I will” followed by an action verb. Choose the verb that most effectively describes what you will do.

Include quantifiable items when possible (e.g., “I will interview at least four people” vs. “I will talk to people”)

Example Learning Objectives + Strategies/Activities
Please write your Learning Agreement using a format similar to the following:

Learning Objective 1: To learn how professionals evaluate conflicts and move toward resolution
    Strategies:
    • I will attend and participate in inter-organization meetings with decision-makers
    • I will interview at least two professionals about their conflict resolution strategies
    • I will read at least five articles on conflict resolution

Learning Objective 2: To network and establish professional contacts in the field of planning
    Strategies:
    • I will attend at least two client meetings
    • I will attend at least three local professional events
    • I will conduct at least two informational interviews with professionals whose work interests me
Learning Objective 3: To improve my time management skills

Strategies:
- I will interview five colleagues about their work planning techniques
- I will read at least five articles on time management techniques
- I will test out at least three time management strategies during my internship

Learning Objective 4: To become a skilled community meeting facilitator

Strategies:
- I will receive training in conducting asset mapping with community residents
- I will co-facilitate at least two community meetings
- I will ask for and receive feedback on my facilitation strengths and weaknesses from my internship supervisor and at least two community members
- I will read at least three articles on best practices for meeting facilitation
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**Total Credits Needed for Graduation**: 125
Dual Degree Program Understanding Between the  
College of Architecture and Planning and the School of Law  
Amended 2013

The School of Law (Law School) and the College of Architecture and Planning (Architecture and Planning) desire to cooperate in a joint program under which students may be admitted to and take course work in both schools on a coordinated basis, leading to the award of the degrees Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) by the Law School and Architecture and Planning, respectively.

The JD-MURP dual degree pairs complementary professions. Planning focuses on public action centered on the natural and built environments. Law focuses on the constitutional, statutory, and regulatory bases of the social order. Merged, these two fields enable dual degree holders to address issues at the interface of policy and law, emphasizing the use of land and real estate and the management of the public lands and natural resources (including mineral and energy resources). Persons whose focus is economic development, whether local or global, will also find in the study of law essential perspectives on private enterprise, corporate regulation, labor markets, poverty, and international relations, and they will find in Planning the tools and strategies with which to guide economic development and influence market outcomes. Individuals so schooled will find an abundance of opportunity in public sector planning and administration at all levels of governance, and in the private practice of law and in private planning consulting firms.

The MURP is normally comprised of 54 credit hours and the JD degree of 89 credit hours of course work. Students obtaining a dual JD-MURP degree, however, may earn both degrees upon completion of 125 credit hours, of which 45 credit hours are in Planning and 80 credit hours in Law.

In order to establish such a dual JD-MURP degree program, the Law School and Architecture and Planning entered into this Understanding, which became effective when approved by the dean and faculty of each school in 2006.

A. **Administration.** The JD-MURP Dual Degree Program of the Law School and Architecture and Planning shall be administered in each school by the dean, or a person designated by the dean, pursuant to this Understanding and under such policies, procedures and guidelines as the respective faculties of the schools may from time to time provide. The dean or person so designated to administer the dual degree program for a school is hereinafter referred to as the program adviser for that school.

The program advisers for the two schools, together with such other persons as the deans of the schools may appoint in equal numbers as representatives of the schools, shall constitute

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1 Approved by both schools and in effect April 12, 2013.
a joint committee responsible for providing coordination of the program in the two schools and for providing advice and recommendations to the respective deans and faculties of the two schools with respect to the operation of the program.

B. **Eligibility for and Enrollment in the Program.** To be eligible for the dual JD-MURP degree program, a person shall apply separately to and be admitted by both the Law School and Architecture and Planning, under each school’s respective admissions procedures and standards. Each school shall make provision in its admissions materials for an applicant to elect to be enrolled in the dual degree program. Once admitted to both programs the student shall notify the student’s faculty advisers in Planning and in the Law School. Each school shall also promptly inform the other of the admission of an applicant who has elected the dual degree program and may otherwise share information and coordinate admissions for dual degree program students.

A person may elect the dual degree program at the time of initial application to both schools; or a student enrolled in the applicable degree program of either school may during the student’s first year of study under the degree program of that school apply for admission to the other school and elect to be enrolled under the dual degree program.

A student who has elected the dual degree program and who has been admitted by both schools shall be deemed to be enrolled in each school under the dual degree program, unless the student’s enrollment status in the dual degree program is terminated as provided under this Understanding.

Each dual degree student is to consult with the designated faculty advisers in both programs and maintain an official record of course selections, both past and prospective, in each unit.

C. **Course of Study under the Program.** A student enrolled in the dual degree program may commence studies under the program in either the Law School or Architecture and Planning, but must notify each school of that decision at or prior to the date established by each school for such notification. A dual degree program student is required by the Law School to take the first year of the JD curriculum as a unit exclusively in the Law School, and the student may be required by Architecture and Planning to take the first year of the MURP curriculum as a unit exclusively in Architecture and Planning. Otherwise, the student may take courses in Architecture and Planning or in the Law School, or both, as the student may desire and as may be necessary to meet the requirements of the degree programs of each school.

A student enrolled in the dual degree program shall, at all times during which that enrollment continues in effect pursuant to this Understanding, be considered to be an enrolled student in each school and entitled to the privileges of an enrolled student at each school consistent with his or her status as a dual degree student, whether or not the student is at that time taking courses at that school.
A dual degree student shall be required to inform each school each term of all courses being taken under the program, whether or not being taken at that school. No student in the dual degree program shall be allowed to take fewer than 10 credit hours or more than 16 credit hours during any term without receiving the consent of the program adviser in each school in which any of such courses are being taken. If for any term fewer than 10 aggregate credit hours are being taken towards the JD and MURP degrees, either school may through its program adviser determine that the student may no longer continue in the dual degree program, as provided below.

D. Credit for Courses Taken at the Other School.

i. The Law School shall grant credit towards the JD degree for up to 9 credit hours of acceptable performance in graduate level courses taken by a dual degree program student at Architecture and Planning. A student shall have earned a grade of B- or equivalent in courses at Architecture and Planning in order for the performance to be acceptable for Law School credit. The Law School may accept Architecture and Planning course credit on a pass basis and need not count the credit toward class standing or towards the graduation grade average requirements of the JD.

ii. Architecture and Planning shall grant credit towards the Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree for up to 9 credit hours of acceptable performance in Law School courses taken by a dual degree program student, and shall waive or otherwise modify other requirements such that a dual degree program student shall be able to obtain the MURP degree with 45 credit hours of Architecture and Planning course credit exclusive of credit hours given for Law School courses under the program.

Dual degree students shall complete all required MURP core courses except the three-credit course in Planning Law and Institutions. As a result, the MURP requirement for dual degree students shall be 33 credit hours within core studies in Planning plus 12 credit hours of electives for a total of 45 credit hours. Students shall, in addition, undertake 80 credit hours within the JD program.

Only Law School courses in which a grade of C+ or better is earned shall be acceptable for transfer to Architecture and Planning. Grades received in courses that are transferred from the Law School shall be recorded as having been passed but shall not influence the grade point average of the MURP program.

iii. Either school may grant credit for work taken at the other school under the program only provisionally and conditioned on the successful completion of the degree program of the other school. If it appears that the student will not complete the other school’s degree requirements, such provisional credit may be withdrawn.

Each school may designate the courses of the other school for which credit will be allowed under this program. Upon completion of the courses that are eligible for dual
credit toward the JD, the student shall provide a transcript of his/her work at the Architecture and Planning to the faculty adviser in the Law School, identifying the courses to be applied to the JD. Similarly, on completion of the courses within the Law School that are eligible for transfer to the MURP Program, the student shall provide a transcript of his/her work in the College of Law to his/her Planning adviser, identifying the courses to be applied to the MURP degree.

Students who complete one degree prior to completing the other shall have earned all but 15 credit hours of the second before the first can be awarded.

E. **Curriculum.**
   i. Law School (80 credit hours): Consult the current index of course offerings at the Law School for course offerings towards the JD. See www.colorado.edu/law/academics/index.htm

   ii. Architecture and Planning (45 credit hours):
       MURP Core: (33 credit hours, of which 9 may transfer to the College of Law)
       - URPL 5000 Planning History and Theory (3 credit hours)
       - URPL 5010 Planning Methods (3 credit hours)
       - URPL 5030 The Planning Profession (3 credit hours)
       - URPL 5040 Natural and Built Environments (3 credit hours)
       - URPL 5050 Urban Development (3 credit hours)
       - URPL 5060 Planning Workshop (6 credit hours)
       - URPL 6000 Planning Project Studio (6 credit hours)
       - URPL 6900 Planning Capstone A (or URPL 6920 Planning Thesis A)
       - URPL 6905 Planning Capstone B (or URPL 6925 Planning Thesis B)

       MURP Electives: (12 credit hours, approved by the Planning Adviser)

       URPL 5020 Planning Law and Institutions (3 credit hours) is not required of dual degree students. Planning students, nevertheless, who have taken this class prior to gaining admission to the Law School may petition their Law School adviser to count this course against another course in the Law School deemed to be comparable. The adviser shall have final authority in the matter.

F. **Academic or Other Discipline; Termination of Dual Degree Enrollment or of Good Standing.** Each school shall notify the other if a student enrolled in the dual degree program shall be expelled or suspended for academic or non-academic reasons, or is subject to disciplinary action, or if any such student is placed on probation or is otherwise not continued in good standing at that school. In matters involving academic ethics each school shall have jurisdiction to determine under its own procedures whether misconduct has occurred, and the consequences thereof, with respect to credit to be given towards the degree offered by that school and the standing of the student at that school. However, disciplinary expulsion or suspension of any dual degree program student shall apply to both schools as provided by
University rules and regulations. If a student is suspended or placed on academic probation or is otherwise not continued in good standing at either of the schools, the program adviser of each school may determine whether or not the student shall be continued in the dual degree program. The program adviser of each school may also terminate the dual degree program enrollment of any student who takes fewer than 10 credit hours under the dual degree program in both schools, except for any term for which fewer than 10 aggregate credit hours remain to be earned for both degrees under this program.

Termination of dual degree program status of a student terminates all obligations of either school under this Understanding to the other school or to the student concerned. Upon such termination, each school may treat the student as a degree student who is not affected by this Understanding and, as such school may deem advisable, may either allow or not allow credit towards the degree offered by that school for courses taken at the other school during the period the student was enrolled in the dual degree program.
# Dual Degree Planning Guide

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** Approval required from MURP faculty member

*** See approved MURP electives list below

Notes:
As stand-alone programs, the MPH is 42 credits and the MURP is 54 credits. Both degrees are awarded for a total of 69 credits between the two programs. The MPH program accepts up to 9 credits from MURP course work to count towards elective credits, and the MURP degree accepts 18 credits from the MPH towards elective credits. Approved courses that can be counted towards the MPH include:

URPL 5040 Urban Sustainability (3 credits)
URPL 6200 Land Development Regulations (3 credits)
URPL 6205 Plan Making (3 credits)
URPL 6250 GIS Analysis/ Introduction to GIS (3 credits)
URPL 6260 Advanced Geo-Spatial Methods (3 credits)
URPL 6300 Community and Environmental Health Planning (3 credits)
URPL 6365 Parks and Public Spaces (3 credits)
URPL 6399 Introduction to Sustainable Urban Infrastructure (3 credits)
URPL 6400 Community Development (3 credits)
URPL 6405 Urban Housing (3 credits)
URPL 6410 Social Justice in Planning (3 credits)
URPL 6500 Environmental Planning and Management (3 credits)
URPL 6555 Transportation, Land Use and the Environment (3 credits)
URPL 6560 Transit Planning (3 credits)
URPL 6600 Regional Planning (3 credits)
URPL 6615 Small Town, Rural and Resort Planning (3 credits)
URPL 6645 Disaster/Climate Change Planning (3 credits)
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NOTES:
MURP PROGRAM PLANNING FORM
# Master of Urban and Regional Planning (URPL) Program Planning Form: New Curriculum

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**TOTAL ELECTIVE CREDITS** 18

**TOTAL CREDITS FOR GRADUATION** 54

* Documentation and advisor approval required for waived courses/ advanced standing

NOTES:
PLANNING THESIS PROPOSAL
MURP Master’s Thesis Proposal

Date:

Name:

Email:

Proposed thesis faculty advisor:

Master’s Thesis Project Description

1. Title of proposed Master’s Thesis

2. Briefly describe your Master’s Thesis project

3. What are the activities/ tasks you expect to undertake to complete this Master’s Thesis?

4. Describe the specific methods you will use to complete your Master’s Thesis. Include your process for collecting and analyzing information, and which techniques or tools you will use and why. If you will be collecting your own data, explain how (e.g., review of research on the problem; case studies of other similar projects or policies; survey of residents; GIS analysis, etc.).

5. Include a preliminary reference list of sources you intend to draw from to complete the Master’s Thesis, including scholarly research, technical reports, online data sources, etc.

6. Challenges: Describe the challenges you expect to face while completing this Master’s Thesis. Thinking through these in advance will help you—and your faculty advisor—come up with solutions. (For example, do you anticipate any obstacles such as incomplete/ inaccessible data, or community resistance? Will you need to gain or improve technical skills to complete the project? Will you need to visit multiple or remote locations, or interview a large number of people? Are you concerned about time management or maintaining the project’s scope?)
7. Schedule: Provide a detailed work plan with a timeline of activities necessary to complete your Master’s Thesis. Be specific: identify weekly tasks, and include hard deadlines such as the Graduate School’s format review deadline, and the Graduate School’s thesis defense deadline. (See http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/Graduate-School/Pages/default.aspx for additional information.) Additionally, include mileposts such as advisor meetings, draft submissions, feedback on drafts, and final project completion dates that you have established with your thesis advisor.

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**Learning Objectives and Professional Goals**

9. What are your learning objectives for your Master’s Thesis? (i.e., what new knowledge, skills and abilities do you expect to gain by writing a thesis?)

10. Describe how your thesis relates to your professional and personal development goals.
**CU-Denver Special Processing Form**

*** Student Section ***

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**Student Signature** | Date: | Course Title (24 spaces each line) |

********** Independent Study/Thesis Completion Contract **********

Consult your school or college for limits and restrictions.

1. Briefly describe the project:

2. What performance/accomplishments will be expected of the student?

3. How many hours per week do you expect the student to devote to the project? ________________

4. How many hours per week/month will the student and faculty meet ________________

********** Instructor and Dean's Approval **********

Instructor's approval is required for all transactions on this form. Dean's approval is required for Independent Study courses, Thesis courses and late adds.

**Instructor's Signature** | Date: |

**Instructor's Name - please print**

**Dean's Signature** | Date: |

☐ Student is approved for a late add.

Students/Academic Units - Be sure to make a copy of the completed form prior to submitting to the Records Office.
When to Use this form:

- Use this form to register for courses requiring specific instructor and dean's approval: independent study, practicums, thesis, special studies, variable credit, etc.
- Students registering for Candidate for Degree may obtain call numbers from the department or program.

How to use this form:

- Complete one form for each transaction
- Complete the student section of this form.
- If registration is for an Independent Study or Thesis course, complete the Completion Contract section.
- Obtain instructor's signature.
- Dean's approval is required for an Independent Study course, Thesis course, or a late add of any Special Processing course. Approval must be obtained from the student's home school/college dean NOT the dean of the school/college offering the course.
- Return completed form to the Records/Registration Office

Special Processing Drops:

- To Drop a Special Processing Course, complete a Schedule Adjustment form and return to the Records/Registration Office.

**School/College** | **Location/Phone Number**
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College of Arts & Media | Arts 176; 556-2279
College of Business | CU-Denver Building, 2nd Floor;
| Undergrad - 556-5800; Grad. - 556-5900
School of Education | NC 5012; 556-8451
College of Engineering | NC 3024; Undergrad. and Grad. - 556-2870
College of Architecture and Planning | CU-Denver Building, 3rd Floor; 556-2877
Grad. School of Public Affairs | LW 500; 556-5970
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences | NC 2024; Undergrad. - 556-2555; Grad. - 556-2557