

## **New Completion Track Available for the Master of Community and Regional Planning Degree**

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All MCRP Students:

The Community and Regional Planning faculty is implementing a new completion track for the Master of Community and Planning (MCRP) degree program—the “Capstone Studio Completion Track.” This new completion track will be implemented at the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year.

Briefly described, this new completion track requires students to enroll in a second 3-credit-hour studio, the “Capstone Studio,” in the final semester of their MCRP program. Additionally, CRP prerequisites for enrolling in the Capstone Studio are successful completion of the following required core courses:

- CRPL 810, “Qualitative Techniques for Planners”
- CRPL 830, “Planning with GIS”
- CRPL 840, “Planning Methods and Analysis”
- CRPL 990, “Planning Studio”

This completion track will be added to the three other 24-credit-hour completion tracks already offered:

- 1) “Master’s Thesis” (6 credit hours of CRPL 899) + 18 credit hours of elective courses
- 2) “Professional Project” (6 credit hours of CRPL 898) + 18 credit hours of elective courses
- 3) Comprehensive Exam (0 credit hours) + 24 credit hours of elective courses

The new fourth completion track requires the following:

- 4) “Capstone Studio” (3 credit hours of CRPL 895) + 21 credit hours of elective courses

The MCRP degree requires completion of 48 graduate credit hours, regardless of which completion track is chosen.

The “Capstone Studio” will be offered only in the spring semester of each academic year.

The “Capstone Studio” will be organized by a CRP faculty member, and it will emphasize individual students’ demonstration of planning knowledge and skills while working within a larger team to accomplish studio goals. Each student’s work will be reviewed and evaluated at

the conclusion of the semester by a committee of CRP faculty members (as well as outside reviewers where appropriate) and at other times during the semester as needed.

Grading for the course will be with letter grades only.

All students admitted to the MCRP program for fall semester 2018 will be allowed to choose this completion track.

Students who are currently (or have been previously) enrolled in the MCRP program and wish to pursue this new completion track should submit a written request to the Community and Regional Planning Program Director for permission to pursue the "Capstone Studio Completion Track." The request to change to the Capstone Studio Completion Track should include the applicant's reasons for requesting the change. Permission may be granted after faculty evaluation of the student's current status regarding courses completed and the student's status with any of the other three existing completion tracks.