

**MASTER OF URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING (MURP)
DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Total Minimum Hours: 48 hours

1. Core Requirements: 27 hours

Foundational Core Courses: 15 credit hours

	<u>Credits</u>
URP 6058 Community Development Planning	3
URP 6100 Planning, Theory, and History	3
URP 6115 Planning, Policy, and Politics	3
URP 6316 Land Use Planning	3
URP 6549 Urban & Metro. Econ. Development	3

Analytical Methods Core Courses: 6 credit hours

URP 6232 Research Methods for Urban and Regional Planning	3
PAD 6703 Quantitative Aids for Public Managers	3

Planning Practice & Techniques Core Courses: 6 credit hours

GIS 5049 GIS for non-majors	3*
URP 6940 Urban Planning Internship	3**

* students with previous GIS experience may substitute any 5000-6000 level GIS course for this requirement

** required for students without 5 or more years of relevant planning experience

2. Electives: 15-21 hours minimum (21 hours required for non-thesis option; 15 hours for thesis option)

The rest of the required coursework allows the URP student an opportunity to explore one or more fields of urban & regional planning through approved electives within and outside the School of Public Affairs. Depending on personal interest, students may choose course work in the following areas:

- Housing & Community Development
- Environmental & Natural Resource Policy
- Geographic Information Sciences
- Globalization & International Development Planning
- Transportation Planning

Appropriate electives are chosen in consultation with the MURP Program advisor.

3. Other requirements

Non-thesis

Non-thesis students must complete all of the 27 hour core and 21 elective credits, except as noted below.

Internship: 3 hours

URP 6940 Internship in Urban and Regional Planning

All MURP students are required to complete at least 180 hours of work in a planning agency to earn the 3 credit hours stipulated as part of the core requirements above. This requirement is waived for students with at least 5 years of relevant planning experience.

Comprehensive Exam

This is the default option for the MURP program. All MURP students are required to take this examination at the end of, or during, the last Spring or Fall semester of the program coursework. The examination is waived for students who elect, with the approval of the program advisor, to pursue the thesis option. (See below for more on the thesis option.)

Thesis: 6 hours minimum

URP 6971 Thesis

Credits

6

Students approved to pursue this option must complete all of the 27 core credits, 15 elective credits, and a minimum of 6 credit hours of thesis. The thesis must be completed and approved for the credit to be received.

Origin of MURP Course Work

- All work in the MURP program must be completed at the USF Tampa campus. Graduate course work from other USF System campuses cannot be counted without specific prior approval from the MURP Program advisor.
- Students can petition to transfer course work from other universities within and outside of Florida with proper documentation (such as syllabi and detailed course descriptions). Application of such course work to the MURP degree requirements is contingent upon approval by the MURP advisor and faculty.
- Limits to the number of credits that can be transferred are set by USF Graduate Studies and may not exceed 23 credit hours.
- Independent Study, Directed Readings, Thesis Hours, and other non-structured course work from other programs or universities may not be transferred into the MURP degree program.