The Master of Science in Urban and Regional Policy (MURP) seeks to equip students with the skills to solve today's critical urban problems through the use of policy analysis, research, and strategic action. Many of the major issues that societies face today—issues of climate change and sustainability, equity and social justice, and economic growth—have their roots in urban growth and change. Solutions to these issues require a multisystem approach that coordinates interventions in economic, environmental, sociocultural, political, spatial, and infrastructural systems in order to maximize impact. For example, revitalizing a distressed community requires connecting it to economic opportunity through transportation and economic development interventions, providing good-quality affordable housing, fostering social interaction through the creation of public space, encouraging the development of strong social institutions, and dealing with environmental concerns.

The MURP degree marries training in theories and frameworks of urban development with an understanding of urban politics and the way in which different policy strategies evolve through the interplay between branches and levels of government. Students have an opportunity to learn skills of policy analysis, economic analysis, quantitative and qualitative research, and oral and written communication. Moreover, students have opportunities to gain experience in the application of their knowledge and skills through internships, class projects, and a capstone research report. Students graduate and enter the workforce with a unique set of perspectives, skills, experiences, and professional connections. Many go on to careers working for state and local government, federal agencies, community development corporations and other nonprofit organizations, research institutes, and as private-sector policy consultants.

Program Requirements
Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

General Requirements
Quantitative Techniques
- LPSC 7305 or POLS 7202, Research and Statistical Methods 3
- LPSC 6313, Quantitative Techniques 3
- LPSC 7311, Policy Analysis
- PPUA 6204, Strategic Planning

Research Tools
- PPUA 6206 to PPUA 6214, Research Toolkit for Urban and Regional Policy 3
- PPUA 6216, Research Toolkit for Urban and Regional Policy: Grant Writing 3

Capstone
- PPUA 7673, Capstone in Public Policy and Urban Affairs 3

Internship Requirement
An approved internship or waiver is required.

INTERNSHIP WAIVED
Electives
- Complete 15 semester hours from the Course List. 15

INTERNSHIP COMPLETED NOT FOR COURSE CREDIT
Internship
- PPUA 6861, Internship 0

Electives
- Complete 15 semester hours from the Course List. 15

INTERNSHIP COMPLETED FOR COURSE CREDIT
Internship
- PPUA 6862, Internship with Research 3

Electives
- Complete 12 semester hours from the Course List. 12

Course List
- LPSC 5000 to LPSC 7999
- PPUA 5000 to PPU 7999
- CRIM 5000 to CRIM 7999 (by advisement only)
- ECON 5000 to ECON 7999 (by advisement only)
- ENGL 5000 to ENGL 7999 (by advisement only)
- HIST 5000 to HIST 7999 (by advisement only)
- POLS 5000 to POLS 7999 (by advisement only)
- SOCL 5000 to SOCL 7999 (by advisement only)

Program Credit/GPA Requirements
- 42 total semester hours required
- Minimum 3.000 GPA required