

Appendix A: Course Record – PhD Regional Planning for those joining Prior to Spring 2024

Yellow highlighting -- that's where you fill in the information

Your Name	Example Student coming in with UMass MRP
What semester and year did you begin?*	
What prior graduate degrees do you have?**	UMass MRP

Requirement	Semester/ Year	Grade	Credits Achieved	Remaining Credits Required
Course Credits Required			42	
Your advance standing credits**				
Your total needed course credits				42
Core LARP Courses				
Planning Theory and History (RP 651)***				
Seminar in Advanced Planning Theory (RP 891)				
Research Methods (RP 635 or equivalent)				
PhD Seminar (RP 892)				
Credits achieved for required courses			0	
Your remaining course credits required				42
Three Advanced Analytical Methods (1 statistical, 1 qualitative, 1 student choice)				
1. Qualitative methods				
2. Quant methods				
3. My specific research method course				
Three Elective Courses with RP Designation ****				
1. Elective 1 that I didn't take as an MRP student				
2. Elective 2 that I didn't take as a Masters student				
3.				

Total Credits for methods + RP electives			0	
Your remaining fully elective credits at 600 level or above				42
Other Electives approved by GPD				
1. Outside elective				
2.				
3.				
4.				
Other Elective Credits Total			0	
Total Credits (minimum of 42 credit hours not counting dissertation-credits)			0	42

* UMass allows 4 years total for PhD for those coming in with a Masters degree, and 6 years for those with no advance degree. Extensions require permission of GPD.

** Maximum 17 for PAB degree, 12 for other related graduate disciplines/non-PAB accredited programs

*** RP 651 requirement may be waived for students with an MRP from an accredited US planning program.

**** With permission of GPD, one to two outside electives may be taken instead of RP electives for students holding UMass MRP