

## Public Information

The Planning Accreditation Board requires this information be posted for the Master of Regional Planning program at UMass Amherst.

### Student Achievement

We measure achievement by the success of students in attaining their professional ambitions. Nearly all (94%) of our graduates in the past five years were either employed or pursuing advanced academic degrees within one year of completion and can now be found working in regional and local planning agencies, consulting firms, and non-profit organizations across the Northeast and beyond. To help ensure such success, we strive to provide opportunities to develop professional work experience through projects, studios, and sponsored internships. Our 2021/2022 Regional Planning Studio involved a partnership with Pioneer Valley Transit Authority to study regional transit equity and accessibility ([www.valleyonboard.org](http://www.valleyonboard.org)). While not required, nearly 70% percent of our recent graduates took part in a sponsored internship or other related direct professional employment experience while pursuing their graduate studies.

We also gauge achievement through student poster and paper competition submissions, professional and academic awards, fellowships/scholarships, etc. Our Fall 2019 Regional Planning Studio earned the MA APA student award in 2020. MLA/MRP Marcos Gonzalez was nominated as a Frederic Law Olmsted Scholar in 2021. MRP/MS Civil Engineering student Henry Mulvey was awarded the American Public Transportation Foundation's George M. Smerk Scholarship for 2020. MRP/MS3 Lee Halasz received a Student Paper Award from the Federal Planning Division of the APA in 2021. MRP student Jenna Davis won the national APA Economic Development Division best student paper award in 2019. A group of MRP students participated in the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Spring 2021 virtual meeting and virtual SNEAPA Fall 2021 Conference. MRP students assisted organizing department events through the Planning Student Organization (PSO), which has conducted fundraising for competition entries and conference expenses. In 2021, the PSO participated in a departmentwide strategic planning process to address issues of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) in our various programs: curriculum, advising and mentoring, recruitment and retention, and professional development.

### 2022-2023 Tuition and Fees

In State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$17,408
Out of State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$36,802

### Student Retention Rate

Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2021 and continued into fall 2022	92%
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### Student Graduation Rate

Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2018	80%
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### Number of Degrees Awarded

Number of degrees awarded for 2021-2022 Academic Year	21
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**AICP Certification**

Percentage of master's graduates taking the AICP exam within 3 years who pass, graduating class of 2018	13%
Percentage of master's graduates taking the AICP exam within 5 years who pass, graduating class of 2016	32%

**Employment**

Percentage of all graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related, or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2021	86%
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