

## Public Information

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

### Student Achievement

In accordance with our 2018 MRP strategic plan (see separate weblink), we have developed key goals and indicators of academic achievement. While the Graduate School at UMass sets 2.75 GPA as the minimum threshold for admission, the MRP Program has set as a long-term target of at least 50% of students at or above 3.50 GPA during their program, and near 100% admitted above 3.00 GPA. We also assess academic achievement by means of total number of student poster and paper competition submissions, college or university academic awards, fellowships/assistantships, etc. The Fall 2019 Regional Planning Studio earned the MA APA student award in 2020. The Fall 2021 Regional Planning Studio was a partnership with Pioneer Valley Transit Authority based on a federal HOPE grant to study regional transit equity and accessibility. 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. A group of MRP students participated in the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Spring 2021 virtual meeting and virtual SNEAPA Fall 2021 Conference. The number of alumni seeking to take the AICP exam in 2-3 years (rather than waiting longer or not taking them at all) remains higher than in the previous 2014-2018 review period. MRP students assisted organizing department events through the Planning Student Organization, which has conducted fundraising for competition entries and conference expenses that are matched by the department. In 2021, the PSO participated in a department-wide strategic planning process to address issues of justice, equity, diversity, inclusion (JEDI) in our various programs: curriculum, advising and mentoring, recruitment and retention, professional development.

### 2021-2022 Tuition and Fees

In State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$17,015
In Region Residents, per full-time academic year	\$30,457
Out of State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$35,773

### Student Retention Rate

Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2020 and continued into fall 2021	90%
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### Student Graduation Rate

Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2017	88%
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### Number of Degrees Awarded

Number of degrees awarded for 2020-2021 Academic Year	12
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### AICP Certification

Percentage of master's graduates taking the AICP exam within 5 years who pass, graduating class of 2016	50%
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### Employment

Percentage of full-time graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related, or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2020	85%
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