

## 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. MRP student Jenna Davis received the APA's Holzheimer Memorial Student Scholarship Award for Economic Planning for 2019. The Fall 2019 Regional Planning Studio received a MA APA student award in 2020. MRPs Jiaqi Guo, Keith Benoit, Bryce Lloyd, and Jessica Schottanes received BSLA and TTOD honor awards for urban design studio team projects in 2020. In 2020, MRP students participated in the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative spring 2020 virtual meeting in Worcester, MA and the virtual SNEAPA fall 2020 Conference hosted by the RI Chapter. Several MRPs were selected to present in virtual poster sessions and lightning talks in the School of Earth and Sustainability. 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, mainly due to the APA pilot program. MRPs have become more involved in urban design projects in cooperation with the UMass Design Center in Springfield, which received BSLA and TTOD Awards. MRP students assisted in 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 2020, 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.

### 2020-2021 Tuition and Fees

In State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$16,999
In Region Residents, per full-time academic year	\$29,945
Out of State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$35,261

### Student Retention Rate

Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2019 and continued into fall 2020	89%
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### Student Graduation Rate

Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2016	86%
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### Number of Degrees Awarded

Number of degrees awarded for 2019-2020 Academic Year	13
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### AICP Certification

Percentage of master's graduates taking the AICP exam within 5 years who pass, graduating class of 2015	72%
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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 2019	85%
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