

### **Community Planning - M.C.P.**

Graduate study in the community planning program leads to the professionally accredited Master of Community Planning (MCP) degree.

The program is devised to prepare students with diverse backgrounds for careers in the practice of community planning in both the public and private sectors. The field of community planning demands creativity, technical competence and procedural sensitivity in the search for better communities.

Graduates must be skilled at describing and analyzing urban processes and conditions; creating and evaluating alternatives to shape future growth and development; and at devising and recommending appropriate mechanisms for the implementation of their proposals.

The program offers two tracks: urban design, a 49 credit hour program, (for those students with a design background) and community development, a 46 credit hour program (for students without a design background).

There are joint degree options available with architecture, landscape architecture and with public administration (each of which requires a separate application). Students may complete a minor in Economic Development. Entering students must hold a degree from an accredited institution and have acceptable GRE scores.

Students will normally complete the required work in two academic years. Studies include a core sequence or required courses, required seminars on focused topics within the field, directed electives, and an individual synthesis project undertaken during the final year.