Every planner is a visionary.

From gridlock to zoning and streetscapes to economic development, every community faces its own unique set of challenges and aspirations. It takes a regional planner with strategic skills to lead stakeholders down a viable path for change.

At the University at Albany, our Urban and Regional Planning (MRP) students come from a variety of undergraduate and professional backgrounds. This diversity provides a rich, collaborative experience that is coupled with training in the most advanced technologies. As a result, our graduates become visionaries who make a difference in the world.

“A SUCCESSFUL PLANNER USES PROCESS TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES. BY CONNECTING VALUES AND VISIONS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVICS, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, WE TURN PLANS INTO REALITIES.”

MARIA CHAU, MRP GRADUATE

SPECIALIZATIONS AND JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Students come to the MRP program with a passion for making a difference; they graduate with the technical skills and training to turn that passion into a life-long career. We offer specialized study in three distinct fields:

- **ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND-USE PLANNING**
- **COMMUNITY PLANNING**
- **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

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Why MRP @UALBANY?

- **Accreditation:** The MRP Program is fully accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board, the sole national accrediting body for planning.
- **Cost:** Earn your master's degree from an exceptional program with tuition rates lower than those at most private universities.
- **Faculty:** Learn from renowned leaders in regional planning research, policy and innovation.
- **Location:** Work in proximity to the policy and decision makers of New York State government and agencies, and take advantage of numerous internship and job opportunities. Live and learn in a dynamic “case study city” where all aspects of regional planning can be observed and experienced.
- **Network:** Gain access to an invaluable network of graduates and advocates working in — and leading — the field.
- **Research:** Observe the implications of theory and practice across multiple disciplines at a major research university; access to AVAIL, a “new generation” research lab specializing in advanced data-driven visualization and informatics.
- **Tools:** Develop proficiency in the most current planning support systems, including statistics, GIS, CAD and other analytic and visualization tools.

“Students come to our program wanting to change the world — and they do.”

Dr. Catherine Lawson, Director, Masters in Urban and Regional Planning (MRP)

Our graduates are working in their field

70% of MRP graduates are employed in a planning or related job within one year of graduation. Their skills are put to work in a variety of industries, including:

- College/University
- Federal, Municipal, Regional and State Government
- Non-Profit/Non-Government Organization
- Private Firm

For more information on the Master of Regional Planning Program in Urban and Regional Planning, contact Catherine Lawson, Department Chair and MRP Program Director at lawsonc@albany.edu or visit albany.edu/gp/masters_regional_planning.php

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