



# GRADUATE EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY State University of New York

**MASTER OF REGIONAL  
PLANNING PROGRAM IN URBAN  
AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

# Every planner is a visionary.

**F**rom 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**

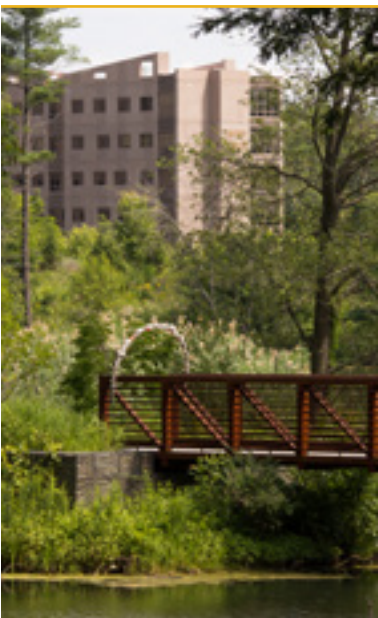


**COMMUNITY PLANNING**



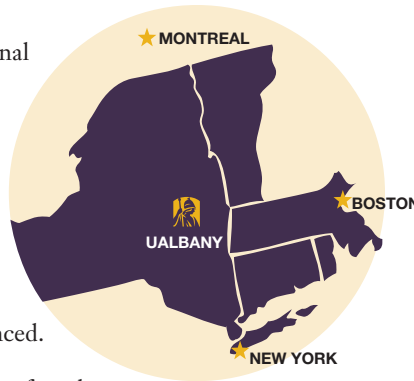
**TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING**

Those seeking to manage the legal needs associated with planning, including land-use, housing, transportation and environmental issues, may wish to consider a Master of Regional Planning and Doctor of Law (MRP/JD). This joint program with Albany Law School requires independent admission from each program and study at both campuses. Learn more at: [http://www.albany.edu/gp/MRPJD\\_geography\\_and\\_planning.php](http://www.albany.edu/gp/MRPJD_geography_and_planning.php).



## 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](mailto:lawsonc@albany.edu) or visit [albany.edu/gp/masters\\_regional\\_planning.php](http://albany.edu/gp/masters_regional_planning.php)

For information on applying to graduate study, contact Graduate Education at [graduate@albany.edu](mailto:graduate@albany.edu) or (518) 442-3980.

## MRP FAST FACTS

**48** | **2**  
CREDITS | YEARS

2016-2017 Tuition  
(two semesters of 12 credits):

**\$12,734**  
IN STATE

**\$24,074**  
OUT OF STATE

**78%** FIRST-YEAR  
RETENTION RATE

**80%** GRADUATE  
WITHIN 4 YEARS  
including full & part-time students

**88%** OF ALUMNI  
SURVEYED  
were satisfied with the program

**70%** OF ALUMNI  
SURVEYED  
believe the program helped them  
obtain their ideal job

 **APPLY ONLINE**

Graduate Education at the University at Albany offers an online step-by-step guide to the application process. This resource provides detailed information for both domestic and international students, and includes forms, deadlines, requirements and fees.

[www.albany.edu/graduate/apply](http://www.albany.edu/graduate/apply)

Student consumer information, including non-discriminatory policies, safety and security, Cleary Act, etc., can be found at <http://www.albany.edu/ir/rtk>