

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
FORM C
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Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Graduate Degree Program
Name of New or Existing Program (Dual Degree) MCRP/MALAS
Select Category Degree Degree Type Masters
Select Action Revision

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

[Proposed MCRP Course of Study for 15-16 Catalog.pdf](#)

Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

The following changes are proposed to the MCRP component of the MCRP/MALAS dual degree requirements in response to recommendations made during the most recent MCRP accreditation site visit, which occurred in January 2014. The Planning Accreditation Board recommended that the MCRP program reduce the total number of credit hours for its stand-alone graduate degree from 50 to 48. They also recommended the requirement of a spatial analysis component to the curriculum, which is explained in the attached document "Proposed MCRP Course of Study." These changes are being proposed to assist students in completing their degrees in a reasonable amount of time and to allow students more time to focus on their exit requirement, the thesis or professional project, during their third semester in the Program, which is the semester in which CRP 521 was typically completed. MCRP students will have more control over their academic opportunities by replacing a studio requirement with two competency requirements, where students will have the option of completing internships or projects, and completing spatial analysis courses or other work to demonstrate competency in the two proposed areas in consultation with their faculty advisor. The proposed changes include: 1) the deletion of the requirement in the MCRP Core of CRP 521, Advanced Planning Studio(5CH), to be replaced by demonstrated capacity in two competency areas as outlined in the attached document "Proposed MCRP Course of Study"; 2) the addition of 3CH to the electives total for the MCRP degree. This results in a net reduction from 50CH to 48CH for the MCRP stand-alone degree. These changes will affect other programs, as the MCRP Program has dual degree offerings with Latin American Studies, Public Administration, and Water Resources. SPECIAL NOTE: while the MCRP stand-alone degree will change from a 50CH degree to a 48CH degree, the MCRP/MALAS dual degree will retain its current credit hour total of 54CH for the dual degree. This will be accomplished by adding 5 credit hours of graduate elective course work to be taken in either the CRP or LAS programs, to go along with the deletion of the requirement of CRP 521 (5CH). Attached in this form are: 1) "Proposed MCRP Course of Study" (for the stand-alone degree), 2) "Proposed LAS section of Catalog for MALAS/MCRP" (for the dual degree), and 3) the CRP faculty load/budget justification.

[Proposed LAS section of Catalog.pdf](#)

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

[Faculty load and budg justification for MCRP 102314.pdf](#)

Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Proposed new MCRP "Course of Study and Degree Completion" catalog section, to appear in 2015-2016 catalog. Please note: in this document, changes and explanations of changes are highlighted in orange.

Course of Study and Degree Completion

The M.C.R.P. degree program is a two-year course of study for which a minimum of 48 credit hours is required. This program requires four parts for the completion of this degree: 48 credit hours of course work as indicated in the program of study; the Graduate Review; demonstrated competency in two areas described below; and a thesis or professional project to be presented in public.

Students enrolled in this program are allowed to take up to 12 credit hours at the graduate level in other UNM programs.

Incoming graduate students are required to have taken statistics and economics as prerequisites for this program. If a student has not taken these courses, they may take them simultaneously with their first semester of graduate course work in the program, and must have the prerequisites completed before beginning their second semester in the program.

Required Graduate Courses

Core Course Requirements		Credit Hours
CRP 500	Planning Theory and Process	4
CRP 510	Planning Communication Workshop	2
CRP 511	Analytical Methods for Planning	4
<i>(Note: deletion of the requirement of CRP 521 (5CH), which previously was here-no associated Form A, as this studio will remain in the catalog)</i>		
CRP 545	Land Use Controls	3
-or-		
CRP 580	Community Growth and Land Use Planning	3
Total credit hours to meet Core Course Requirements		13

Concentrations Course Requirements

- Students are required to select an area of concentration in Community Development, Natural Resources and Environmental Planning, or Physical Planning and Design.

- Students are required to take a concentration Foundations course (3 credit hours) and a second methods course (3 credit hours) from a cluster of course options in their concentration area.
- Total of 6 credit hours of Concentrations Requirements.

Elective Course Requirements

- Students must take 21 credit hours of approved elective course work.
- Total of 21 credit hours of Electives

Exit Course Requirements

	Credit Hours
CRP 588 Professional Project/Thesis Preparation Seminar Plan I	2
CRP 599 Master's Thesis -or- Plan II	6
CRP 589 Professional Project Total of 8 credit hours to meet Exit Requirements	6

A total of 48 credit hours are required for completion of the M.C.R.P. Degree

The Graduate Review

The Graduate Review should take place at the student's request after the completion of 12 credit hours of graduate study but must take place before the student can enroll in the thesis/professional project preparation course. A faculty committee consisting of the student's advisor and one other CRP faculty member reviews the student's prior academic records, proposed Program of Studies, evidence of courses focused in a concentration, a Student Self-Assessment filled out by the student, and the thesis or professional project proposal. Assessment of the student's performance in the program to date and proposals for future work guide the committee's recommendations for the student's remaining efforts to complete the M.C.R.P. degree and the approval of the Program of Studies Form.

Spatial Analysis and Professional Deliverable Competencies

Students in the MCRP Program must demonstrate competency in the following two areas. Students will have the option of completing internships or projects, and completing spatial analysis courses or other work to demonstrate competency in these areas. This requires faculty consultation to determine coursework or internships that help demonstrate each competency. This will require sign-off from students' advisors.

Competency 1. *Providing a real-time professional deliverable to a client.*

Competency 2. *Using spatial analysis to analyze planning problems and develop planning solutions.*

To fulfill Competency 2 (spatial analysis), students may complete either Introduction to GIS (CRP 583) OR GIS courses from other UNM departments, with faculty advisor approval. Students are responsible for consulting with their advisor regarding the best way to meet this requirement.

Thesis or Professional Project

The thesis/professional project is a formal document prepared in consultation with the student's faculty committee and presented in public. The thesis/professional project committee, which is nominated by the candidate, evaluates the scope of the work, the quality of analysis and the content of the findings and/or recommendations. The committee also evaluates the student's understanding of his or her chosen field of study and area of concentration, as well as strengths in accomplishing graduate studies.

Proposed new Latin American Studies catalog section "M.A. in Latin American Studies/M.C.R.P." to appear in 2015-2016 catalog. Please note: in this document, changes are highlighted in orange.

M.A. in Latin American Studies/M.C.R.P.: The joint master's program in Latin American Studies and Community and Regional Planning is designed for students who are interested in the professional practice of planning in a Latin American context.

The Community and Regional Planning Program at the University of New Mexico is dedicated to planning and advocating for sustainable communities and ecosystems throughout the Southwest region and Latin America. Graduates of this dual degree program possess the knowledge and skills necessary to support planning by diverse human communities throughout the Western Hemisphere. Students in this dual degree program learn to assist Latin American communities to create community-based plans and programs that sustain and enhance their culture, resource base, built environment and economic vitality. The program promotes participatory processes that respond to community identities and development needs.

Prerequisites to the program are competence in either Spanish or Portuguese (at least two years of undergraduate course work or equivalent language training) and basic course work in economics (micro and/or macro) and statistics. Deficit courses in economics and statistics may be made up after admission to the program.

The program requires a minimum of 54 credit hours of graduate credit (compared to 72 credit hours if the two degrees were pursued separately). The required graduate credit hours include: 1) CRP 578, a 3 credit hour bridge seminar; 2) 22 credit hours of thesis and course work in Community and Regional Planning; 3) 24 credit hours of course work in Latin American Studies; and 4) 5 elective credit hours of either CRP or LAS graduate course work. For the 22 credit hours in Community and Regional Planning, students must complete CRP 500, 510, 511, 545 (or 580), 588, and 599. Students also must demonstrate capacity in two Community and Regional Planning competency areas, as determined in consultation with their advisors: 1) *Providing a real-time professional deliverable to a client*, and 2) *Using spatial analysis to analyze planning problems and develop planning solutions.* For the 24 credit hours in Latin American Studies, students must complete LTAM 510 Pro-Seminar in Latin American Studies, a minimum of 9 credit hours in each of two concentrations chosen from the following: Anthropology (with an emphasis in either Archaeology, Ethnology, or Human Evolutionary Ecology), Art History, (with an emphasis in either Pre-Columbian, Colonial, or Modern), Brazilian Literature and Culture, Brazilian Studies, Communication, Urbanism and Community Development, Economics, Gender Studies, History, Human Rights, International Management, Political Science, Religion and Philosophy, Sociology, Southwest Studies, Spanish American Literature, Spanish Linguistics and 3 credit hours of electives. The combination of areas must ensure that the program is interdisciplinary. For example, students selecting Anthropology with an emphasis in Archaeology as one concentration may not select Anthropology with an emphasis in Ethnology as the second concentration. Students also are required to have no more than one interdisciplinary concentration. For example, a student may not choose both Human Rights and Gender Studies. Each candidate is required to prepare a thesis (Plan I). The Master's examination consists of an oral examination at the final presentation of the thesis; this

examination includes coverage of the student's two concentrations in Latin American Studies. The student's Committee on Studies, comprised of at least two faculty members in one concentration and one faculty member from the second concentration, preside over the examination. The Chair of the Committee on Studies must be a faculty member from Community and Regional Planning.

Students must complete a minimum of 6 credit hours in graduate seminars numbered 500 or above (excluding 551 or 552 Problems courses). Students should consult with the Associate Director to determine which courses are considered seminars.

To maintain and improve language proficiency during graduate studies, students under both Plan I and II who are not concentrating in Brazilian Literature and Culture, Spanish American Literature, or Spanish Linguistics are required to take at least one appropriate language course. Students may choose from SPAN 307 or above; PORT 276 or above; or a course in one of Latin America's indigenous languages. If the course is available for graduate credit, it may count as one of the student's elective courses.

The elimination of the studio course (CRP 521) and its replacement with concentration elective credits will alleviate graduate faculty resource constraints and allow for more efficient faculty allocation to undergraduate and graduate teaching. The Form C requires no new coursework, and so will require no additional faculty or support budget.