

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
FORM C
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Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Graduate Degree Program
Name of New or Existing Program Master of Community and Regional Planning Program
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 in 14-15 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 degree requirements in response to recommendations made during the most recent accreditation site visit, which occurred in January 2014. The Planning Accreditation Board recommended that the program reduce the total number of credit hours for the 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 degree. Also attached here for comparison is the "Existing catalog MCRP Course of Study." These changes will affect other programs, as the MCRP Program has dual degree offerings with Latin American Studies, Public Administration, and Water Resources. With the deletion of the requirement of CRP 521 (5CH), which students in all of the dual degree programs historically have been required to take, the dual degree programs will have five additional elective credit hours to add to their curriculum if they wish their dual degrees to remain at the same credit hour total. If they wish for their dual degree program credit hour total to be reduced by 2CH, as the MCRP Program alone is doing, then they will have an additional three credit hours of electives to add to their curriculum.

[Existing MCRP Course of Study in 14-15 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 three 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.

---existing "Course of Study and Degree Completion" catalog section in 2014-2015 catalog---

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 50 credit hours is required. This program requires three parts for the completion of this degree: 50 credit hours of course work as indicated in the program of study; the Graduate Review; 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
CRP 521 Advanced Planning Studio	5
CRP 545 Land Use Controls	3
-or-	
CRP 580 Community Growth and Land Use Planning	3
Total credit hours to meet Core Course Requirements	18

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 18 credit hours of approved elective course work.

- Total of 18 credit hours of Electives

Exit Course Requirements

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

A total of 50 credit hours is required for completion of the M.C.R.P. Degree

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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.

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.