



City and Regional Planning Minor

City and Regional planning in Michigan and the nation is a dynamic and growing area of employment that is concerned with optimal and sustainable land use. Professionally trained planners strive to create better living environments for all by planning and designing smart and integrated land use systems. This process is sometimes undertaken with the assistance of public, academic, private, and community organizations.

Career Opportunities

A minor in City and Regional Planning provides career opportunities in public, private, and nonprofit planning organizations and agencies. A minor in City and Regional Planning can also amplify or be a strong adjunct to a major in Public Administration, Civil Engineering, Finance, Business, Urban Sociology and Social Work. Agencies such as public (village, city, township, and county) planning offices, district planning offices, state transportation departments (MDOT), county road commissions, park and recreation organizations, neighborhood associations, federal offices, private architecture and planning establishments, utility companies, and many other types of organizations employ graduates with formal training in planning.

Students who minor in City and Regional Planning are required to complete a minimum of 24 credits from the courses below.

Required Courses (15 credits):

- GPY 309 – Introduction to City and Regional Planning (3 cr.)
- GPY 310 – Land Use Planning (3 cr.)
- GPY 312/ENS 312 – City and Regional Environmental Planning (3 cr.)
- GPY 314 – Land Use and Planning Law (3 cr.)
- GPY 316 – Introduction to Transportation Planning (3 cr.)

Electives – choose at least 9 credits from the following:

- GPY 307 – Introduction to Computer Mapping/GIS (3 cr.)
- GPY 324 – Urbanization (3 cr.)
- GPY 365 – GIS for Economic and Business Decision Making (3 cr.)
- GPY 385 – Economic Geography of the US (3 cr.)
- GPY 410/ENS 410 – Landscape Analysis (3 cr.)

Students who are also majoring in Geography and Planning may choose electives from the following:

- ECO 345 – Environmental and Resource Economics (3 cr.)
- ECO 435 – Urban Economics (3 cr.)
- ECO 436 – Real Estate Economics (3 cr.)
- PA 307 – Local Politics and Administration (3 cr.)
- SOC 351 – Urban Sociology (3 cr.)

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor or an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center early in your career.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

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