PLANNERS – AGENTS OF POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE WORLD

Community and regional planners specialize in collaboratively identifying, assessing and implementing solutions to contemporary social, environmental and economic problems in communities, neighbourhoods and cities. Planners use a host of tools – public engagement, analysis, deliberation and communication – to address challenges and aim for high-level goals such as social and environmental justice.

CITIES AND THE PLANNING PROFESSION

81% OF CANADIANS LIVE IN CITIES

6.6 Ha/Capita

ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT OF AVERAGE CANADIAN: FOUR TIMES GREATER THAN THE WORLD AVERAGE OF 1.6

4.8 million

NUMBER OF CANADIANS WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND FOR WHOM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ARE ESSENTIAL
BECOME A COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PLANNER

Transform urban and rural environments for the better by analyzing complex problems and collaboratively proposing solutions. Planners help inform decision makers in both public and private sector organizations, institutions and agencies.

School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) graduates’ successful careers range from international organizations to local non-profits, including public and private sectors and federal, provincial and municipal governments. SCARP’s new Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP), an innovative and flexible program, responds nimbly to our fast-changing urban, regional and global environments. The intensive, professionally-oriented program produces well-rounded, critical and creative agents of change.

The curriculum begins with a strong core sequence tailored to the evolving demands of the profession. Students undertake concentrated study through a sequence of courses customized for their interests and professional aspirations. The program culminates in a studio that integrates theories and methods covered throughout the curriculum into team-based projects with a real or simulated client or community group. Cumulative program requirements provide students with real-world experience and prepare them for entry into a wide variety of planning jobs.

ALLIED DISCIPLINES

Planning faculty and students often work closely with other disciplines including resource management and environmental science, civil engineering, public health, women’s studies, First Nations studies, landscape architecture, architecture, social work and law during research, teaching and professional practice.
DYNAMIC PROJECT-BASED PROGRAM

A variety of learning experiences provide students with tools for applying critical thinking to practical solutions for a wide range of complex urban and regional problems. The program features an internship/work experience and a mentoring program that further student learning and professional preparation. In their second year, students take a studio course that follows a sequential planning process with active engagement, presentations and feedback from community partners, course instructors, faculty and professional experts.

LEADING-EDGE FACULTY

Innovative, creative, highly-regarded faculty serve as educators, mentors and role models. They bring their specialized fields of research and community-based work to the MCRP program.

They also work locally, regionally and internationally to advise communities and governments on planning-related problems and solutions.
A CUSTOMIZED CURRICULUM

The MCRP curriculum begins with a strong core sequence of 18 credits tailored to the evolving demands of the profession. Students can choose either a customized specialization, a specialization in indigenous community planning (ICP), or a specialization in urban design. Beyond the required courses, students can select from a variety of planning and related coursework to complete 12 credits for a customized specialization and an additional eight credits to complete the 48-credit program requirement. ICP and urban design specializations have more required courses and fewer electives than customized specializations.

An intensive 20-month curriculum builds foundational knowledge in key areas, offers numerous possibilities for specialization and applies it all towards an eight-month integrated planning studio.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

True to the nature of the planning profession, SCARP fosters and maintains strong relationships with community partners. Our partners not only contribute to the program by providing students with real-world projects, internships and mentorships, they benefit from the program through the thoughtful and dedicated contributions of faculty and students.
“SCARP has and continues to produce excellent professional planners who populate planning-related and administrative and elected offices throughout Canada and internationally.”

Municipal employer of SCARP graduates

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