



Masters of Regional & Community Planning
Kansas State University

“Design Your Own” Specialization Track

Students who have demonstrated a prior professional career or who have an academic interest in a specific planning related profession may negotiate other specializations in planning, using tracks and other external courses within the university. Independent specializations require formal coordination with one or more programs or Colleges, and require coordination between the students, major professor, and external committee members. Proposals for a non-traditional or non-advertised specialization interest must be submitted to the RCP faculty for approval. The minimum credit hours associated with this “design your own” track is 12 credit hours above the designated 35 credit hour planning “core”. Either a Masters Report or Thesis in this particular option may be required by the faculty as a demonstration of proficiency in the selected and approved specialization area.

Some courses in the core and specialization curricula may be waived by the faculty based upon a case by case review of the student’s

upper-division undergraduate work, prior graduate work, and professional practice. Waiver is not a routine occurrence, however, and it does not reduce the total credit hours of coursework required for the MRCP degree. Requests for course waivers based on prior experience or training is the responsibility of the student, forwarding such to the program director.