



**Masters of Regional & Community Planning  
Kansas State University**

**MRCP Electives and Additional Program Information  
Non-Baccalaureate MRCP Program  
Updated Fall 2007**

While there are many available choices that are acceptable in progressing through the MRCP program, the electives more targeted to the planning profession are identified below, and are not all inclusive. Depending on individual preferences as to potential direction you wish to take in the planning profession, or specialization that you wish to acquire, modifications may be appropriate. Further, there is no guarantee that the courses listed will be available at a time when your schedule of required courses permits your taking of the courses. Nor is it required that you necessarily take a specific category of electives at the designated semester on the curriculum schedule, giving you a great deal of flexibility in developing your program of study. The important aspect of the MRCP curriculum is that you obtain a well rounded education targeted towards the professional planning program while enjoying and sampling other electives per your own interests. With that in mind, we will help you develop a program for the next several years which will prepare you for entering the city/community/urban planning profession and the attainment of the Master of Regional and Community Planning degree. If you have any questions regarding course selections, you are advised to see your academic advisor or a planning faculty member for assistance.

(Suggested Electives for consideration shown in **Bold Underlined** Font)

**Acceptable Humanities Electives (12 credit hours required)**

1. **Fine Arts (Optional)**

MUSIC 100: Music Fundamentals (3) (UGE)  
MUSIC 111: Concert Choir (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 114: Pep Band (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 115: Marching Band (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 116: Concert Band (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 117: Symphony Band (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 120: Chamber Singers (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 121: Collegiate Chorale (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 125: K-State Singers (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 130: Symphony Orchestra (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 131: Theater Orchestra (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 135: Men's Glee Club (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 140: Women's Glee Club (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 160: Music Listening Laboratory (2) (UGE)  
MUSIC 245: Introduction to American Music (3) (UGE)  
MUSIC 250: Introduction to Music (3) (UGE)  
MUSIC 400: Concert Choir (0-1) Audition Req'd  
MUSIC 402-416: Music Performance ... Auditions Req'd  
MUSIC 420: History of Jazz (3)  
MUSIC 424: Jazz in Kansas City and the Southwest (2-3)

2. **Philosophy – (optional)**

PHILO 105: Introduction to Critical Thinking (3)  
PHILO 110: Introduction to Formal Logic (3) (UGE)  
PHILO 130: Introduction to Ethics (3) (UGE)  
**PHILO 135: Introduction to Political and Social Philosophy (3) (UGE)**  
**PHILO 595: Environmental Ethics (3)**

3. **Literature / Communications – (one course required)**

ENGL 516: Written Communication for the Sciences (3)  
SPCH 311: Business and Professional Speaking (3) (UGE)  
**SPCH 326: Small Group Discussion Methods (3) (UGE)**  
SPCH 470: Rhetoric of Community Building (3)  
MC 110: Mass Communication in Society (3) (UGE)  
MC 112: Web Communication in Society (3)  
MC 180: Fundamentals of Public Relations (3)

AGCOM 712: Environmental Communication (3)  
EDLST 212: Intro to Leadership Concepts (2)  
EDLST 350: Culture and Context in Leadership (3)  
EDLST 405: Leadership in Practice (2)  
AMETH 560: Dealing with Diversity  
FSHS 751: Conflict Resolution (3)  
**LAR 310: Design Graphics and Visual Thinking (3)**  
**Modern Languages** (Any language course is acceptable ... **Spanish** is preferred)

4. **Design (One CE course required, others optional)**

**ART (Optional)**

ART 100: 2 Dimensional Design (3) (UGE)  
ART 190: Drawing 1 (3) (UGE)  
ART 200: 3 Dimensional Design (3)  
ART 201: Visual Communication Foundation (2)  
ART 205: Graphic Design Studio 1 (3)  
ART 210: Drawing II (3)  
ART 295: Photography in Art I (3)  
ART 400: Computer Imaging (3)  
ART 575: Graphic Design: The Digital Environment (3)

**Environmental Design (optional unless student entry is through ENVD)**

**ENVD 201: Environmental Design Studio I (4)**  
ENVD 202: Environmental Design Studio II (4)  
ENVD 203: Survey of the Design Professions (1)  
ENVD 205: Graphics I (2)

**Architecture (optional)**

ARCH 656: Preservation Documentation (3)  
ARCH 657: Preservation Principles (3)  
ARCH 803: Environmental Aesthetics (3)  
ARCH 815: Theory of Design (3)  
**ARCH 820: Environment and Behavior (3)**  
**ARCH 730/831: Environment and Aging (3)**  
ARCH 840: Building Related Health and Safety  
ARCH 880: Development Analysis (3)  
Any Architecture Design Studio

### Landscape Architecture (optional)

#### LAR 704: Environmental Landscape Planning and Design (5)

Any LAR Design Studio

### Interior Architecture/Interior Design (optional)

IAPD 520: Design Graphics Workshop (3)

ID 410: Housing and its Environment (3)

ID 710: Housing and Facilities Management (3)

#### ID 725: Community Housing Assessment (3)

Any IAPD Design Studio

### *Acceptable Statistics Electives (3 credit hours required)*

1. Statistics (One course in Statistics is required ... any statistics course with a STAT prefix is acceptable except STAT 110 ... recommended courses are listed below:)

#### STAT 325: Introduction to Statistics (3) (UGE)

STAT 350: Business and Economic Statistics (3) (UGE)

#### STAT 702: Statistical Methods for Social Sciences (3)

STAT 705: Regression and Correlation Analysis (2)

STAT 710: Sample Survey Methods (2)

### *Acceptable Planning Electives*

All courses with a PLAN prefix (except PLAN 715 if PLAN 315 has been completed) are acceptable as planning electives. Courses above the 600 level may be taken for Graduate Credit and applied towards the 48 credit hour requirement for the MRCP degree following acceptance into the MRCP graduate program. Courses with a PLAN prefix above 800 may not be taken prior to being accepted into the seventh semester of the graduate program. Application to the MRCP graduate program will occur during the sixth semester.

PLAN 715: Planning Principles and Process (3)

Cannot be taken if PLAN 315 has been completed

PLAN 717: Seminar in Grant Preparation (2)

PLAN 731: Solid Waste Planning and Management (1-3)

#### PLAN 740: Small Community and Rural Area Planning (3)

#### PLAN 765: Growth Management (3)

### *Acceptable Social Science Electives (21 total credit hours required)*

1. Economics – a minimum of one course chosen from the following list:

#### ECON 110: Principles of Macroeconomics (3) (UGE)

ECON 120: Principles of Microeconomics (3) (UGE)

ECON 527: Environmental Economics (3) (UGE)  
**ECON 532: Fiscal Operation of State and Local Government (3)**  
**ECON 555: Urban and Regional Economics (3)**  
ECON 633: Public Finance (3)  
AGEC 525: Natural Resource and Environmental Economics (3)

2. **Geography / Resources – a minimum of one course chosen from the following list:**

GEOG 100: World Regional Geography (3) (UGE)  
**GEOG 200: Human Geography (3)**  
GEOG 221: Environmental Geography I (4) (UGE)  
**GEOG 300: Geography of Tourism (3) (UGE)**  
GEOG 321: Environmental Geography II (4) (UGE)  
GEOG 440: Geography of Natural Resources (3) (UGE)  
**GEOG 450: Geography of Economic Behavior (3)**  
GEOG 535: Fundamentals of Climatology (3) (UGE)  
GEOG 700: Quantitative Analysis in Geography (3)  
GEOG 702: Computer Mapping and Geographic Visualization (3)  
GEOG 705: Remote Sensing of the Environment (3)  
GEOG 708: Geographic Information Systems II (3)  
**GEOG 720: Geography of Land Use (3)**  
GEOG 725: Geography of Water Resources (3)  
GEOG 750: Urban Geography (3)  
**GEOG 760: Human Impact on the Environment (3)**  
GEOG 765: Geography of Natural Hazards (3)  
GEOG 770: Perception of the Environment (3)  
RRES 440: Outdoor Recreation Policy (3)  
RRES 575: Management of Water Resources for Leisure (3)  
RRES 580: Park Operations and Facilities Management (3)  
**RRES 635: Methods of Environmental Interpretation (3)**  
RRES 640: Advanced Environmental Interpretation (3)  
FOR 285: Forest Resource Management (3)  
FOR 375: Introduction to Natural Resource Management (3) (UGE)  
AGRON 335: Environmental Quality (3) (UGE)

3. **History – a minimum of one courses chosen from the following list:**

HIST 101: Western Civilization: The Rise of Europe (3)  
HIST 102: Western Civilization: The Modern Era (3)  
HIST 251: History of the United States to 1877 (3)  
HIST 252: History of the United States since 1877 (3)

**HIST 511: Environmental History (UGE)**

ENVD 250: History of the Designed Environment I (3)

ENVD 251: History of the Designed Environment II (3)

**ARCH 301: Appreciation of Architecture (3)**

**(cannot be taken if ENVD 250, 251 or ARCH 350 has been completed)**

ARCH 350: History of the Designed Environment III (3)

ARCH 870: History of American Architecture and Allied Design I (3) (UGE)

ARCH 871: History of American Architecture and Allied Design II (3)

LAR 433: History and Theory of Landscape Architecture (3)

ART 195: Survey of Art History I (3) (UGE)

ART 196: Survey of Art History II (3) (UGE)

4. **Political Science – a minimum of one course chosen from the following list:**

**POLSC 110: Introduction to Political Science (3)**

POLSC 325: United States Politics (3) (UGE)

POLSC 377: Introduction to Public Policy (3)

**POLSC 507: Introduction to Public Administration (3)**

**POLSC 618: Urban Politics (3)**

**POLSC 620: State and Local Government (3)**

POLSC 710: Policy Analysis and Evaluation (3)

5. **Sociology / Architecture – a minimum of one course chosen from the following list:**

**SOCIO 211: Introduction to Sociology (3) (UGE)**

SOCIO 363: Global Problems (3) (UGE)

**SOCIO 432: Community Organization and Leadership (3)**

**SOCIO 531: Urban Sociology (3)**

SOCIO 533: Rural Sociology (3) (UGE)

**SOCIO 535: Population Dynamics (3)**

SOCIO 536: Environmental Sociology (3)

SOCIO 670: Diversity and Social Interaction in the Workplace (3)

ARCH 325: Environmental Design and Society (3)

**Acceptable Natural Sciences Electives**

1. **Life Sciences (with lab)**

BIOL 198: Principles of Biology (4) (UGE)

BIOL 210: General Botany (4)

CHM 110: General Chemistry (3) (UGE) plus CHM 111

CHM 111: General Chemistry Lab (1) (UGE)

CHM 210: Chemistry I (4) (UGE) plus CHM 211  
CHM 211: Chemistry I Recitation (1)  
CHM 220: Chemical Principles I (3) UGE plus CHM 230  
CHM 230: Chemistry II (4) (UGE)  
**GEOL 100: Earth in Action (3) (UGE) plus GEOL 103**  
**PHYS 101: The Physical World I (3) (UGE) plus PHYS 103**  
PHYS 113: General Physics I (4)  
PHYS 114: General Physics II (4)  
PHYS 115: Descriptive Physics (5)  
PHYS 213: Engineering Physics I (5)  
PHYS 214: Engineering Physics II (5)

2. **Other**

GEOL 100: Earth in Action (3) (UGE)  
GEOL 103: Geology Laboratory (1) (UGE)  
GEOL 105: Oceanography (3) (UGE)  
GEOL 115: Environmental Geology (3) (UGE)  
**GEOL 125: Natural Disasters (3) (UGE)**  
**GEOL 506: Geology and Environment (3) (UGE)**  
**BIOL 303: Ecology of Environmental Problems (3)**  
**BIOL 529: Fundamentals of Ecology (3)**  
PHYS 103: The Physical World I Laboratory (1)  
PHYS 191: Descriptive Astronomy (3)

**General Notes:**

\*At least 18 credit hours of the undergraduate electives must be university general education (UGE) elective credits, of which at least 6 must be in courses numbered 300 or above. Of these 18 UGE credits, 3 must be taken within the College of Architecture, Planning and Design. None, however, can be in the student's major field. No more than 2 UGE courses may be taken in a single discipline. UGE courses must be taken at K-State. Transfer credits may reduce the number of lower level UGE courses required ... see sliding scale at <http://www.k-state.edu/uge/aboutuge/policies.htm#transcredit>. Students who participate in study abroad programs approved by K-State will meet UGE credit at the 300 level upon successful completion of the program.

There are numerous other elective courses offered in the various colleges which support the planning professions and are acceptable as electives on an interest and case by case basis, with the approval of the planning faculty.

During the Sixth Semester, the student will apply for graduate school admission in the Master's of Regional and Community Planning program, and the seventh through tenth semesters in the Non-Baccalaureate MRCP program will be similar to that of the Post Baccalaureate MRCP program described below, with the following exceptions. Students who have taken PLAN 315 (Introduction to Planning) will not be required to take the PLAN 715 (Planning Principles and Process), and the Non-Baccalaureate students will have additional elective courses to include on their programs of study, for a minimum of 14-15 credit hours per semester. (Post-Baccalaureate MRCP students will average 12 credit hours per semester.)