



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

THESIS, MASTERS REPORT OR SPECIALIZATION PAPER OPTIONS

During the final semester of study, students will be required to choose one of the following options :

- 1) Comprehensive exam and specialization paper in area of expertise;
- 2) Master's Report (2 credit hours); or
- 3) Thesis (6 credit hours) with oral defense of the research.

Specialization Paper/Comprehensive Exam Option

One credit hour of PLAN 880 Topics in Planning is awarded for completion of the specialization option. No credit is given for the Comprehensive Examination per graduate school guidelines. Students will be expected to discuss their specialization paper with their designated committee at the completion of the Comprehensive Exam session.

Work on the specialization paper/Master's Report/Thesis usually begins in the third semester to ensure timely completion. Students have the option to enroll in PLAN 898 Thesis Proposal Writing for 3 credit hours if the thesis route to completion is selected.