

## Public Information for M.S. in Urban Planning

### Student Achievement

*Program goals for student learning in the Master of Science in Urban Planning (MSUP) include:*

1. Competently analyze issues related to the growth and development of cities.
2. Develop plans for such growth and development.
3. Advise policymakers for such growth and development.
4. Demonstrate mastery of original research into planning topics, and develop individual expertise in a particular area.

Graduates of our program will do so with the intent of making cities more just, more equitable, and more prosperous.

For students who graduated in 2016, they reported the following achievements upon exiting:

Exposure to relevant theories	74%
Exposure to practice	56%
Equity issues in planning	80%
Ethics of professional practice	68%
Knowledge in specialization area	80%
Quantitative analysis	56%
Graphic skills	79%

*Note: Percent agree and strongly agree.*

### Tuition and Fees

Tuition and Fees are calculated per semester for full-time status, taking between 12-19 points. The tuition rate for the 2016-2017 Academic Year is \$26,460 per semester.

For a complete list of tuition rates and fees for the 2016-2017 Academic Year, please refer to this page on our website: <https://www.arch.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-assistance>

### Student Retention and Graduation Rates

The retention rate for a master's program is the percentage of first year students who return the next academic year. The graduation rate for a master's program is the percentage of students who graduate within 4 years of enrolling.

Entering Year	Number Enrolled	Retention Rate	Graduated within 4 years	2-Year Graduation Rate
2012-2013	47	100%	100%	100%
2013-2014	55	100%	n/a	98%
2014-2015	55	98%	n/a	98%
2015-2016	41	100%	n/a	n/a

*Note: The two-year graduation rate above is reported for students who enrolled in the 2-year MSUP only and graduated within 2 years.*

Number of degrees awarded in 2015: 54

Number of degrees awarded in 2016: 50

## AICP Exam Pass Rate

To become a certified planner, members of the American Planning Association (APA) must meet certain education and experience requirements and pass the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Exam. The pass rate is the percentage of test takers who pass the examination within 3 years of graduating from a master's program.

Graduation Years	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number taking exam	2	2	3	2
Pass rate	100%	100%	100%	100%

AICP Exam pass rate data are collected by the APA. For a complete list of pass rates for all PAB-accredited institutions see: <http://www.planning.org/certification/passrates/>

## Employment Rate

The Employment Rate measures the percentage of MSUP graduates who obtain planning positions or elect to pursue an advanced degree within one year of graduation.

Graduating class of 2014 (45 students)	75.0%
Graduating class of 2015 (54 students)	77.8%

*Note: limited to graduates whose employment information is known.*

Graduates find positions in a variety of sectors including with the government, private consulting firms and non-profit organizations. Example of titles of these graduates include Planner, Program Manager, Project Manager, Researcher, Analyst, and Community Engagement Coordinator.