Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably will themselves not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will not die.

Daniel Burnham

If anything is certain, it is that change is certain. The world we are planning for today will not exist in this form tomorrow.

Philip Crosby

Any city planning worthy to be called organic must bring some measure of beauty and order into the poorest neighborhood.

Lewis Mumford

As a profession charged with making urban life more beautiful, exciting and creative, and more just, we have had little to say. Our task is to train a future generation of planners to go well beyond us in its ability to prescribe a future urban life.

Paul Davidoff
Master’s Degree in Urban Planning
At Wayne State University

The Master of Urban Planning (MUP) program is a professionally oriented degree that focuses on preparation of planners who will be employed primarily by local governments, planning consultants and community based organizations. The degree is accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board. Students have the opportunity to specialize in Housing and Community Development, Urban Economic Development, or Managing Metropolitan Growth. Through course projects and internships students are able to gain structured practical experience. Student projects conducted as "capstone" courses have been recognized for excellence by the Michigan Society of Planning. The Department's Stilgenbauer GIS Laboratory provides students with state-of-the-art microcomputer workstations with mapping and statistical analysis capabilities.

Requirements
The Master of Urban Planning degree requires the completion of 48 semester hours of graduate course work, the equivalent of two years of full-time study. This is the minimum program length specified by the Planning Accreditation Board. The program is organized in the following categories:

- Core Courses
- Concentration
- Electives
- Capstone

Core Courses (23 credit hours)
The following courses are normally required for all students in the program:

UP 5010 Resources and Communication in Planning
UP 5110 Urban Planning Process
UP 6120 Planning Studies and Methods
UP 6320 Quantitative Techniques I
UP 6510 Urban and Regional Systems
UP 6650 Planning and Development Law
UP 7010 Planning and Decision Theory

Based on demonstrated competency in the subject matter, Core Course requirements may be waived by the student's advisor, with approval by the Chair. Waiver of a specific core course requirement will not reduce the number of hours required to complete the program.

Concentration (9-12 credit hours)
WSU currently offers the following areas of concentration within the Master of Urban Planning degree program:

- Housing and Community Development
- Urban Economic Development
- Managing Metropolitan Growth

Students are required to take three courses in one area of concentration.

Electives (3-8 credit hours)
Electives may include technical support classes or courses drawn from other areas of the curriculum, with the approval of the student's advisor.

Capstone (7-12 credit hours)
Each student is required to complete two capstone courses: a studio/workshop and a final paper, which may be either UP 7999 Master's Essay (3 credits) or UP 8999 Master's Thesis (8 credits). Students are strongly encouraged to choose the essay, and to select a research question pertinent to their area of concentration.