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## About the Division of Regional & City Planning at OU

- Are you interested in positive social, economic, and environmental change?
- What about the growth and development of urban area?
- Do you want to work with people from wide backgrounds to develop a better community?
- Are you challenged by complex problems and excited about finding solutions?
- Do you think about the future and what could be rather than what is?

The Graduate Program in Regional and City Planning at the University of Oklahoma offers:

- Close contact with experienced faculty;
- A curriculum that emphasizes skill development, with training in the latest technologies;
- A well-equipped lab with an extensive library of GIS and transportation modeling software;
- Many opportunities to gain experience by working with local agencies;
- Flexibility to design a curriculum suited to a student's interests;
- Concentrations that are in high demand in the modern planning discipline;
- Dual Degree options with other disciplines such as Public Administration and Law.

Regional and City Planning education at the University of Oklahoma emphasizes interdisciplinary approaches to land use planning. The Division of Regional and City Planning trains students to integrate concepts from Architecture, the social and environmental sciences, engineering and business into comprehensive development plans. A variety of concentrations prepare students for exciting careers in the public and private sectors, and in large and small communities.

## **Regional & City Planning Mission**

The mission of the Division of Regional and City Planning (RCPL) is to advance the art and practice of planning through educating students for lifelong professional practice and through expanding the knowledge on which practice is based.

Critical features that distinguish and shape RCPL's approach to planning education, research, and service to Oklahoma and society include the program's

Singular focus on the professional masters degree.

Well-established reputation, dating to its founding in 1947.

Alumni, many of whom have achieved national prominence.

Small size, which allows close working relationships among students and faculty.

Curricular flexibility, which accommodates individual student and faculty interests.

Multi-disciplinary perspective, fostered by its location within the College of Architecture and by its connections to the social sciences and engineering.

Commitment to applying planning theory, principles, and practice to address urban and regional issues in Oklahoma and environs.

## **Information Worth Noting**

The quality of OU's graduates is measured annually through a survey of employers. The majority of those employers surveyed found OU graduates to be well prepared for careers in the profession.

More than 80% of our students are employed in planning or affiliated professions within 6 months of graduation.

The cost of education in Oklahoma is competitive. Students pay approximately \$8000 per year in tuition and fees.

AICP passage rates are on par with the State average.

## Notable Facts

- Three past Presidents of the American Planning Association are graduates of the University of Oklahoma Regional & City Planning program.
- Our city planning graduates have received prestigious appointments such as U.S. Presidential Management Interns.
- Founded in 1947, the Regional and City Planning program at the University of Oklahoma is one of the oldest in the U.S.
- Program faculty have Ph.D.s from institutions such as the University of Washington, the Ohio State University, Florida State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology and Texas A&M University. RCPL faculty are committed to preparing their students for careers as leaders in planning.
- Alumni Joseph Lee Rodgers, Jr. (1949), James Duncan (1963), Ron Short (1967), Bruce McClendon (1972), Jack Crowley (1972), and Cynthia Hoyle (1981) have been inducted as Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP).
- Alumni have held important positions in national and regional planning organizations, such as Mike Southard as Southern (Region III) AICP commissioner.
- RCPL alumni have served as planning directors in some of the nation's most important cities including Austin, Boulder, Fort Worth, Las Vegas, San Jose, Oklahoma City, and Phoenix, and regional entities in Palm Beach, Albuquerque, Tulsa, and Chicago.
- Alumni have been appointed to significant academic positions such as Dean of Environmental Design at the University of Georgia.
- RCPL regularly invites prominent practitioners to meet with students and share their expertise and experiences. Over the last few years speakers include Carol Barrett, FAICP, Planning Manager at San Gabriel, CA; Jonathan Barnett, FAICP, Principle of Wallace, Roberts, Todd, LLC; V. Gail Easley, FAICP, President, The Gail Easley Company; and Mike McAnelly, FAICP, Carter-Burgess (now Jacobs, Inc) and former member (2005-2009) of the APA Board of Directors.

- RCPL continues to have a strong presence in working with Oklahoma's communities recently completing Comprehensive Plans for cities such as Enid, Mustang, Tuttle, Geary, Noble, Perkins, and Newcastle.
- RCPL faculty have generated over \$1,600,000 and grant work in the last three years with partners such as Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) providing applied learning opportunities and financial assistance for students.
- RCPL has a long tradition of integrating education and practice by involving practitioners in teaching and other activities. Currently, Fernando Costa, FAICP, Assistant City Manager of Ft. Worth and current Chairperson of the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) is RCPL's Professor of the Practice and teaches courses in Planning Management.
- Alumni have won national planning awards. Most recently Vicki Dugger of the Oregon Downtown Development Association earned the American Planning Association National Outstanding Planning Award for a Project/Program/Tool: Main Street...when a highway runs through it: A Handbook for Oregon Communities.