City Planning
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Welcome to the Department of City Planning at the University of Manitoba and the Master of City Planning (MCP) program!

City Planning is one of four departments in the Faculty of Architecture. The Faculty also includes the departments of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture—each of which offers a professionally accredited master’s program. The Faculty also has an undergraduate program in Environmental Design. These programs are based in the John A. Russell (JAR) and Architecture II (Arch 2) buildings, and the undergraduate program has studio space in the Faculty of Education, all on the Fort Garry campus.

This handbook outlines what you need to know as you begin the Master of City Planning program. It describes the program itself, including course requirements, and provides useful information on resources available at the University of Manitoba. It also offers some suggestions for learning more about planning and planning debates here in Winnipeg and more broadly. For those of you who are new to Winnipeg, the handbook provides information about the city and what to expect when you move here.
School Stuff

The Professors, Faculty and Staff

Your professors, and those in other departments, have a range of academic backgrounds; they can offer opinions, ideas and insight from a variety of perspectives. There are five full-time professors in the department, and a number of adjunct and sessional instructors. This means your classes will be taught by a mix of professors and planning practitioners. Everyone is approachable and more than happy to offer advice or information.

You will be assigned an Academic Advisor, who will help you navigate the programs. As one of the full time faculty in the Department, your Advisor will be able to answer questions you may have about the program. If you have questions and cannot find the answer either on the website or with your Advisor, you could also check with the Graduate Student Advisor, whose office is in the Office of the Dean (201 Russell).

Classes

Yes, even though you are a graduate student, you will have a regular class schedule. Unlike your undergraduate days, you will be expected to attend every class and actively participate in the discussions. Studio classes are designed to allow for the incorporation of elements of design, research, and applied skills. Be prepared for some collaborative assignments and projects with both your classmates and practicing planners.

The City Planning program offers students the choice of two streams to complete the degree—one concludes with a Capstone Project, the other a Thesis. The Capstone option requires students to complete 51 credit hours of course work, including a 6-credit Capstone project. The topic of the Capstone project is up to you, and will be developed into a professional final report in consultation with the course instructor, your advisor, and an external advisor.

The Thesis option is for students who are interested in completing a more theoretically-oriented final project. Thesis students will complete 39 hours of course work, plus the thesis, which is not assigned credit hours.

Studio group at work (image: S. Cooper)
Program Course Requirements

A combination of required, option and elective classes forms the coursework for the Master of City Planning degree (see Table 1).

Core Courses
The program is centred around studio courses, where you will work on hands-on, real world projects. You will take three studio courses as part of the program, each focusing on different planning contexts and issues. The studios require a combination of group and independent work, and will provide you with an opportunity to acquire and practice a variety of planning skills and techniques. In addition, there are five required core courses. These are taught in a seminar format, and provide key theoretical and practical skills required by planners.

Option, Elective and Auxiliary Courses
Within the typical curriculum students are required to take at least two option courses from a roster that is revised periodically (currently the choices include ARCG 7080 Transportation and Urban Form, CITY 7070 Housing and Urban Revitalization, CITY 7460 Urban Ecology and Environmental Planning, and EVLU 4018 Principles of Urban Design). If students would like to take more of the option courses, they may be counted as electives.

Students in the Capstone stream are required to take two electives. Though many possible elective choices are offered and taught within the Faculty of Architecture, students may enrol in approved graduate level courses or senior level (3000 or 4000) undergraduate courses in other faculties (or at other institutions, including other universities in Western Canada). Decisions about which electives are most appropriate should be made in consultation with your academic advisor, the Department Head, and/or Graduate Advisor, who may also have suggestions about other classes. Students in the Thesis stream are not required to take electives.

Students may also take up to 12 credit hours of auxiliary courses (courses beyond the 51/39 credit hours required to graduate). These courses are included in your program tuition fees.

Graduate Colloquium

Attendance at colloquium, held monthly during the term, is required. Content includes presentations by guest speakers and workshops relevant to job searches and professional development. Students in their second year present and discuss their experiences with internships that they had over the previous summer. This will give you an idea of what to expect as you progress through the program, plus ideas of where you may want to pursue an internship and what to choose for your Capstone project or Thesis. Faculty members organize Colloquium in collaboration with the students (who elect a Colloquium representative).
Table 1. City Planning Program Requirements

**Studios (18 Credit Hours)**

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<td>Planning Design 1 Studio (Neighbourhood)</td>
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*All students must take:*

**Plus 2 of the following 3 choices:**

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<td>Planning Design II Studio (Regional)</td>
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<td>Planning Design III Studio (Urban Design)</td>
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<td>Planning Design IV Studio (Indigenous Communities)</td>
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**Core Courses (15 credit hours)**

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<td>Planning Research Methods</td>
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<td>Planning Theory</td>
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<td>Law &amp; Local Government</td>
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<td>Urban Development</td>
<td>CITY 7340</td>
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<td>Professional Planning Practice</td>
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**Option Courses (6 credit hours)**

*All students must take 2 of the following:*

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<td>Housing &amp; Urban Revitalization</td>
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<td>Urban Ecology and Environmental Planning</td>
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<td>Principles of Urban Design</td>
<td>EVLU 4018</td>
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**Electives (required for Capstone stream - 6 credit hours)**

*Two courses, determined in consultation with faculty advisor, but may include:*

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<td>Child-friendly Cities</td>
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<td>Healthy Cities</td>
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<td>Indigenous Peoples and Community Planning*</td>
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<td>Sustainable Community Design</td>
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**Major Degree Project**

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<td>Capstone Project</td>
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<td>Thesis**</td>
<td>GRAD 7000</td>
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**Total Program Credit Hours**

| Capstone Stream                             | 51           |
| Thesis Stream                               | 39           |


** See Thesis Guide for department requirements for individual thesis projects.
Seminars and Guest Lectures

The Faculty of Architecture hosts many guest lectures throughout the academic year, including the annual Atmosphere Symposium (early February). Guest speakers come from across North America and the world to present their creative and scholarly work and research. Similar events are hosted at the University of Winnipeg and other locations in the city. While attendance at these sessions is by no means mandatory, it is highly recommended, as these sessions will give you new ideas and inroads for your research. The Department of City Planning also has an excellent relationship with practicing planners in Winnipeg and throughout Manitoba. These planners often participate in the MCP program as lecturers, guests, and mentors.

Internships

In the summer between the first and second year in the program, most students do an internship to gain practical planning experience. The internships are usually paid summer jobs in a planning context, whether with a private company, a non-profit, a municipality, or a provincial office. While many students stay in Winnipeg, others may return to their home communities if there are opportunities there. During your internship, you are expected to reflect on the work you are doing and skills you are practicing, to be ready to present your experiences working in the planning field to M1 students at Colloquium the following year.

Exchanges

The Department of City Planning periodically participates in student exchanges with similar departments in universities and colleges around the world. Some of the recent study programs have included exchanges to the United States, China, France, Germany, and Portugal. Self-developed exchanges have also been accommodated. Students study overseas for one or two terms while retaining their status as a University of Manitoba student. The department also hosts foreign students on a reciprocal basis. If you are interested in participating in an exchange program talk to your faculty advisor and/or the Department Head.

M1 Studio (image: A. Macaulay)
The Studio Space

Each department within the Faculty of Architecture has studio space where students are able to do their project-based work together. However, many students use the studios as their primary work spaces for all course work—as a base, it fosters a sense of community. Studios are also spaces for informal departmental meetings and gatherings. Most studio courses, including first year in City Planning, will be based in newly refurbished rooms 111 and 121b Architecture II. The larger of the two, 121b, will be the home of Studio 1, and will host Colloquium and other events throughout the year. It also includes desk space for students working on Capstone and Thesis projects. The Urban Design Studio will be based on the third floor of the John A. Russell Building (JAR).

Building Access

There is a security card-lock system at the entrances of the JAR and Arch 2 buildings at exterior access points as well as on doors that connect to the campus tunnel system. Physical Plant staff set up in the lobby of JAR each fall to enable access through your student cards. If you miss this opportunity you can visit the Physical Plant offices near Freedman Crescent and King’s Drive.

The Computer Lab (CADLab)

The Faculty of Architecture has its own computer lab and print shop, in the basement of the Architecture II Building. CADLab is equipped with up to date computer equipment and programs. The computers are available to all Faculty of Architecture students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The computers have all of the programs required for class and studio work. In addition, the facilities have scanning, printing, plotting, and animation equipment. The computer facilities are monitored by Teaching Assistants who are available during the days and some evenings. The hours of the print shop can be found here.

The CADLab also has equipment available for loan, including HD video cameras, cameras, laptops, and even spare cables should you lose yours. As all items are purchased through the graduate Tech Fee, equipment loans are free of charge for students in the Faculty.

The Libraries

The University of Manitoba has several libraries. The largest is the Dafoe Library, which serves the campus community at large. However, most of the University’s planning and architecture related works are found in the Architecture/Fine Arts Library, which is located on the main floor of the John A. Russell Building. In addition to a wide variety of books and volumes, the library subscribes to many Canadian, American, and International planning journals. While the libraries still have hard copies of many important journals, many are now available online.

Warehouse

*Warehouse* is an annual publication of the Faculty of Architecture. It consists primarily of student work submitted from all programs within the Faculty. Submissions consist of studio
projects, short articles, and artwork. City Planning students are encouraged to submit their work. The Warehouse office is located in JAR, near the third floor City Planning studio space.

**International Students**

An extra-special welcome to those who are moving to Canada to start the Master of City Planning program! The International Centre at the University of Manitoba is the place to go if you have questions about your visa, study permit, or post-graduation work permit. It offers a special orientation for international students before school starts. It also offers a variety of programs, including a leadership program and a language exchange program, and hosts social events a few times a semester where you can meet other international students.

**What to Bring**

**A Computer**

**Computer Purchase Specifications**

For update specifications or recommendations please visit the CADLab website. See Laptop Specifications under the For Students section. There are both general specifications and some specific to City Planning students. It is highly recommended that you refer to these specifications in choosing a computer.

NOTE: ArcGIS software is only available for Windows. This does not preclude students from purchasing an Apple computer. Intel-based Apple computers have the ability, with special software such as VMWare or Bootcamp, to run Windows and Windows-based applications such as ArcGIS. Partitioning your hard drive may be required. All students are responsible for installing and configuring all software on their own laptop. CADLab and the Faculty of Architecture provide only very basic assistance with troubleshooting student-owned equipment.

If you require additional information, please contact the Faculty of Architecture CADLab at 204-474-7482 or cadlab@arch.umanitoba.ca.

**Computer Programs**

You will be given a crash course on some of the following programs during your Studio 1 course. However, you should take as much time outside of class as possible to familiarize yourself and practice with these programs. It will save hours of time and frustration on your assignments. There are many training videos and websites to assist students in learning these programs.
Program
Adobe Creative Cloud InDesign
Adobe Creative Cloud Illustrator
Adobe Creative Cloud Photoshop
Sketchup*
AutoCAD or VectorWorks*
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft PowerPoint
Microsoft Word
ARC GIS*

Purpose
Desktop Publisher
Vector-based drawing
Imagery and some graphics
Simple to use 3D modeling software
Diagrams and Mapping
Spreadsheet and Graphing
Presentations
Documents
Geographic Information System software

*free student versions may be available

World class dining on ice at The Forks
(image: Travel Manitoba, flickr.com, 2.0 Generic (CC BY-NC-ND 2.0))
Other Stuff

In addition to the standard school supplies (laptop, pens, pencils, notebooks), the following tools are essential.

Winter Clothes and Gear
Winnipeg winters can be quite cold, particularly with the wind-chill factor. A good winter coat, along with a hat, mittens, and a scarf, are invaluable additions to your wardrobe. Warm winter boots are also essential. Long underwear can make a chilly day much more bearable. But don’t forget your sunglasses. Winnipeg winters can be very bright and sunny!

Winnipeggers are increasingly embracing winter! The Red River Mutual Trail (based out of The Forks) is great for walking and skating. The annual international design competition for warming huts has received a lot of media attention in recent years. There are many places to skate, curl, cross-country ski, and snowshoe in, and around, Winnipeg. Bring your skates, skis, and/or snowshoes!

Camera
Photography is a standard method of recording information and documenting projects in the studio courses. There is a wide range of body/lenses options, brands and prices. Some students have found a decent quality digital camera to be a good investment, but a smart phone will do in a pinch. Some high quality digital SLR cameras are available on short-term loan from the CADLab.

Sketchbook/Journal and Drawing Supplies
Studio work often involves hands-on drawing, sketching, reflective writing and note taking. A sketchbook/journal is handy to record any spur-of-the-moment drawings, ideas or insights. Sketchbooks/journals and art supplies are available at the University of Manitoba Bookstore or at other art supply stores around Winnipeg.

Digital File Storage
City Planning assignments often take up a lot of storage space, so if you are using the campus computers and/or sharing information with others, invest in large capacity USB drive/memory stick. Many studio groups use Dropbox and Google Drive for file sharing. You should invest in an external drive for frequent and regular backups of your computer.

Walking Shoes
Course work (and orientation) often includes field trips and walking tours. A good pair of shoes will save your feet from pain and fatigue. As noted above, we recommend that you invest in other clothing that is suitable for Winnipeg weather (+30°C summer to –30°C winter).
Getting to and from Campus

Winnipeg Transit

There are many Winnipeg Transit connections from the University to the rest of the city. Information, including schedules and fares, can be found on the Winnipeg Transit website, which includes a handy route planning app. You can also find cellphone apps that will tell you when the next bus is coming, and help you plan your routes.

To pay for rides, purchase and add money to a Peggo farecard online, or at any 7-Eleven or Shoppers Drug Mart stores, or Answers in University Centre.

If you are a full-time student, a U-Pass is included with your tuition fees. The U-Pass allows you unlimited rides on Winnipeg Transit during the semester in which you are enrolled.

Biking

Those who choose to bike to school should have a secure bike lock, as there are no bike locks on campus. There is, however, a secure bike area and bike repair station located on the west side of the parkade. The Office of Sustainability at the University of Manitoba has produced this video on how to bike to campus from Pembina Highway.

Driving

Students who wish to drive to and park on campus are required to purchase a pass from parking services.

Where to Live

On-Campus Accommodation

Most graduate students who want to live on campus choose to live in the Mauro Student Residence, as it is geared towards more independent living.

Other on-campus locations include the college residences: University College, St. John’s College and St. Andrew’s College. University College has a floor for professional/graduate students, with programs and activities geared towards more senior students.

All on-campus residences have a mandatory room and board plan. Contact 1-800-859-8737 or visit Student Residences for more information.
Off Campus Accommodation

Winnipeg offers a wide variety of living accommodations. The university is located adjacent to residential neighbourhoods, where some homes have rooms that are rented out to students. There are also many apartments and houses to rent in these areas.

Many students prefer to live closer to the city centre in neighbourhoods such as Osborne Village, Corydon Village, West Broadway, Broadway-Assiniboine, or Downtown. These areas are all easily accessible to the university through rapid transit connections, are quite walkable and have many amenities.

The University maintains an off-campus residence office located in room 101, 120 Dafoe Road and can be reached at 204-474-6404 or toll free 1-800-859-8737. Listings can also be reached remotely on the Off-Campus Housing website and there are a number of websites that also advertise available rentals (e.g. Kijiji, PadMapper). If you need temporary housing while you find a long-term place, there are some hostels and hotels that offer extended stays.

Osborne Village (image: Travel Manitoba, flickr.com, 2.0 Generic (CC BY-NC-ND 2.0))

Resources

On-Campus

University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students (UMAPS)
The University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students is responsible for conducting the student affairs for the Department of City Planning. This includes academic and faculty
representation and social events. UMAPS has representation on the Graduate Students Association (GSA), and the Manitoba Professional Planning Institute’s (MPPI) council. For information or general inquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact your co-chairs.

**Graduate Student’s Association (GSA)**
The GSA represents all graduate students on campus and its principle focus is ensuring that the needs of graduate students are met. The GSA has representation on the University of Manitoba Student Union’s (UMSU) council and with University Administration. The GSA office is located in Room 221 University Centre and may be contacted at 204-474-9181 or gsa@umgsa.org.

**Toastmasters**
One of the most useful tools that a planner can have is oral communication and presentation skills. As a planner, you must be prepared to present your views to both the public and private sectors and the general public. These skills don’t always come naturally, but can be built with time and practice. Toastmasters is an international non-profit organization designed to improve the speaking, listening and thinking skills of its members.

**Campus Copy Centre**
Located on the first floor of University Centre, this copy shop offers copying and binding services at a very affordable rate.

**Active Living Centre**
Opened in early 2015, the ALC is U of M’s state of the art recreation, active living and wellness centre, complete with full gym, indoor running track, climbing wall and access to the many other recreation facilities on campus. Access is included in your student fees.

**Migizii Agamik**
Migizii Agamik is the home for the Indigenous Student Centre on Campus. It offers a variety of resources for Indigenous students on campus, including study space, cultural resources (including Elders on campus), and regular speakers and events.

**Health and well being**
Being a grad student can be stressful! And if you just moved to Winnipeg, you may need to find healthcare resources. The University Health Service—a medical clinic with doctors and nurses—and the Counselling Centre are both located right in University Centre.

**Off-Campus**

**Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)**
CIP is the national professional body of planners in Canada; there are also provincial and territorial institutes and associations. CIP actively lobbies for policy at the national level, ensuring representation of the planning profession within the government and in public initiatives. CIP also encourages the expansion of innovative tools and methods for practicing planners, and the provision of low-cost services to all members.
You are strongly encouraged to take out a Student membership—via MPPI [www.mppi.mb.ca](http://www.mppi.mb.ca). This membership will allow you to apply for annual CIP student scholarships and CIP academic excellence awards. You will also receive other member benefits, including online issues of *Plan Canada*, in the ‘member zone’ area of the CIP website.

Canadian Institute of Planners  
116 Albert Street, Suite 801  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5G3  
p 613-237-PLAN (7526)  
geeneral@cip-icu.ca

**Professional Standards Board (PSB)**  
The [Professional Standards Board](http://www.cip-icu.ca) (PSB) is responsible for administering the standards under which planners must work, and assuring the accreditation of planning schools. It also manages the certification process for Registered Professional Planners.

Professional Standards Board  
2800–14th Avenue, Suite 210  
Markham, ON L3R 0E4  
p 647-317-6924

**Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI)**  
MPPI is the provincial governing body for all planners in Manitoba. It is responsible for handling membership applications and services, as well as promoting the Code of Conduct and ensuring that the University of Manitoba’s planning program maintains its accreditation with the Professional Standards Board (PSB).

MPPI hosts regular events for planners in Manitoba, including some specifically for students. In recent years, MPPI has reached out to students in the City Planning program by creating a mentoring program. This program links current students to practicing planners who serve as professional advisors to the students. MPPI and the Department of City Planning often co-sponsor events and awards.

Manitoba Professional Planners Institute  
2nd Floor 137 Bannatyne Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0R3  
p 943-3637

**Planners’ Network**  
The [Planners’ Network](http://www.cip-icu.ca) is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic systems.

**The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)**  
The [ACSP](http://www.cip-icu.ca) website has a wealth of information on awards and scholarships, job opportunities, conferences and additional resources that you may find useful.
The City of Winnipeg Planning, Property and Development Department
This is the department at the City of Winnipeg responsible for providing property, planning and development services to the general public. This is an invaluable source of information for studio work. The offices are found at 30 Fort Street in the Fort Garry Place Plaza.

Province of Manitoba: Department of Municipal Relations & Department of Families
The Department of Municipal Relations & Department of Families are just two provincial departments that may be of interest to city planning students. The information they provide and policies they develop can be valuable to studio and other courses. Students may also be interested in pursuing internships through the Provincial STEP program at both of these departments. Many program alums are employed by these departments.

Funding and Financial Resources

Funding Your Education
A variety of awards and scholarships are available to incoming and current students at the University of Manitoba. Most awards and scholarships have minimum GPA requirements; some may have additional criteria. Bursaries and need-based funding is also available. See the Graduate College and the Awards Database for more information.

Travel Funding for Presenting at Conferences
City Planning students have had success in obtaining travel funding from the sources listed below. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for funding from all sources.
GSA (Graduate Students Association)

Value
Maximum $750 per calendar year

- $750.00 for those giving presentations at conferences outside North America
- $600.00 for those attending conferences outside North America
- $500.00 for those giving presentations in North America
- $400.00 for those attending conferences in North America
- $200.00 for those giving presentations in their province of residence
- $150.00 for those attending conferences in their province of residence
- $100.00 for those giving presentations in their city of residence
- $75.00 for those attending conferences in their city of residence

Deadline(s)
Application must be submitted after (within 4 months) attending the conference, at least 2 days prior to the monthly Finance Committee meeting. See website for dates.

Requirements
- Application form
- Supporting documents:
  - Proof of Conference Registration and Payment
  - Copy of Conference Badge
  - Proof of Presentation
  - Currency Conversion to Canadian dollars (for international conferences)
  - Proof of Inter-City Travel, and Proof of Payment for Inter-City Travel
  - Proof of Payment for Accommodation
  - Proof of Payment for Printing Costs
  - Proof of Payment for Travel Visa/Travel Insurance

Application
Available at the GSA Office

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Value
- $750 for conference travel in North America, which includes Canada, USA and Mexico (conference has to be outside Winnipeg)
- $1000 for international conference travel

Deadline
Prior to departing to attend the conference or up to one month after the last day of the conference.

Requirement
- Full time graduate students
- Minimum GPA: 3.5 in each of the last two years of study (or equivalent)
• May not receive funding more than once at the Masters level
• Applicants must be the first author
• Confirmation that the paper has been accepted
• A 1-page abstract of the paper or poster being presented
• Waiver form
• Letter of support from the Department Head

**Application**
[Apply here.](#)

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**Department of City Planning**

**Value**

$100 minimum if presenting or exhibiting, to serve as leverage for other funding applications.

**Deadline**

In advance of event, in communication with the Department Head, to establish specific amount.

**Requirement**

- Letter of intent: how the experience will contribute to your graduate education
- Evidence of abstract/proposal submission, and acceptance/invitation by event organizers.

**Disbursement**

Upon proof of presentation/participation at conference (travel, accommodation or registration receipts) and accompanying brief report—a paragraph or two—on event. Submit claim to Department of City Planning Head on the basis of previously established amount of contribution.
Application
Talk to the Department Head.

Faculty of Architecture: Dean’s Office
Value
Subject to budget availability (often amounts to matching the Department of City Planning contribution, when funds are available).

Deadline
In advance of event, in communication with the Dean’s Office, to establish specific amount that may be anticipated (if any).

Requirement
• Evidence of presentation submission (abstract/proposal) and acceptance/invitation
• Budget outline—projected expenses and funding sources.

Disbursement
Upon proof of presentation/participation at conference (travel, accommodation or registration receipts), and accompanying brief report—a paragraph or two—on the event. Submit claim to the Dean, Faculty of Architecture, in care of/to the attention of Michele Brown, on basis of any previously determined available amount.

Application
Speak with the Dean’s Office.

Planning on the Internet

Canadian Institute of Planners
The homepage of the Canadian Institute of Planners, “the voice of Canada’s planning community” (CIP 2018). See p.12 for more info.

Manitoba Professional Planners Institute
The Manitoba chapter of the Canadian Institute of Planners. See p.13 for more info.

The American Planning Association (APA)
Offers a plethora of planning information, as well as links to other planning sites.

Cyburbia
A comprehensive directory of resources related to planning, architecture, and the built environment.

Canadian Urban Institute
The Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in urban areas in Canada and internationally.
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities brings together representatives from all municipalities in Canada. It provides resources for local municipalities, and works with the federal government to address municipal needs and priorities.

International Society of City and Regional Planners
A global association of professional planners, with a focus on international planning issues.

PLANetizen
This is a public-interest information exchange for the urban planning and development community. Provides a daily, one-stop source for urban planning news, job opportunities, commentary and events.

Planners Network
Planners Network has been a voice for progressive professionals and activists concerned with urban planning and social and environmental justice. What all Planners Networkers have in common is a commitment to work toward greater equity and fundamental change in how decisions are made in our global society. Although dormant, there is a Manitoba chapter.

Professional Standards Board
The Professional Standards Board is the body that accredits planners and planning schools in Canada. The website provides a variety of resources on the process of becoming a credentialed planner, including forms and the professional exam.

Council for Canadian Urbanism
The Council for Canadian Urbanism connects planners and other urbanist professionals to share information and build connections about urban development and place-making within Canada, and to promote a distinctly Canadian urban form and development process.

Where to Go and What to Do in Winnipeg

At the University of Manitoba
There is lots of stuff going on at UofM all the time:

- Most departments have regular speakers throughout the year. Each department has its own listing, so it can take some digging to find out what’s happening when. For example, Native Studies posts its events on its Facebook page.
- The Faculty of Architecture student associations host a Ditchball Tournament each winter. Never heard of Ditchball? It’s a made-in-Manitoba sport!
- The Graduate Students Association hosts regular social events
- The Bisons sports teams play hockey, volleyball, basketball, football, and more
Neighbourhoods

Exchange District
This is an historic downtown neighbourhood with buildings dating from the turn of the 20th century. Of note are Old Market Square which often sees live entertainment in the summer months, and several Winnipeg institutions including the Kings Head Pub, Parlour Coffee and Deer + Almond.

Chinatown
Located north of the Exchange District on King Street, this area has a selection of Chinese restaurants, groceries and shops.

Osborne Village
A small section of Osborne Street located in between the Assiniboine River and Winnipeg’s Confusion Corner (the junction of Pembina Highway, Corydon Avenue, McMillan Avenue, and Osborne Street), Osborne Village has a wide range of coffee shops, pubs, bars, shops, and restaurants. The neighbourhood is also full of rental properties, is well-connected to both Downtown and the University via the rapid transit station, and includes many amenities such as grocery stores and recreation complexes.

Corydon Avenue
Located just south-west of Osborne Village, Corydon Avenue features a selection of cafés, pubs, restaurants and boutiques. It is referred to as Little Italy because there was once a large number of Italian establishments in the area.

The Forks
Located at the junction of the Assiniboine and Red Rivers. Historically an Indigenous meeting and trading site, The Forks now houses an enclosed marketplace with many unique shops and restaurants as well as museums, theatres, and a variety of walking, jogging and skating pathways along the two rivers.
St. Boniface
Located east of downtown and The Forks, St. Boniface was originally settled by Métis and French Canadians. St. Boniface is home to a thriving francophone community, the largest in Canada outside of Québec. Provencher Boulevard has many shops, restaurants and cafés.

Arts and Culture

Black Hole Theatre
The University of Manitoba’s own theatre company, with work produced by and featuring University of Manitoba theatre students. For information contact the box office at 204-474-6880 or the website.

Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR)
Opened in 2014, the CMHR is the first national museum to be built in nearly 50 years and the first outside of the National Capital Region. Dedicated to the evolution, celebration and future of human rights, the museum features interactive exhibits, guided tours and breathtaking architecture.

Contemporary Dancers
Canada’s oldest modern dance company.

Centre culturel franco-manitobain
Promotes a vibrant French culture through live musical entertainment, art gallery, exclusive gift boutique, restaurant-bar-terrace, workshops, school programming and summer camp.
Gas Station Arts Centre (GSAC)
Situated in Osborne Village, the GSAC is a hub for local urban arts activity in Winnipeg. Shows of all kinds appear throughout the year including several during the Winnipeg Fringe Festival and the Winnipeg Comedy Festival.

Graffiti Gallery
Located in South Point Douglas, the Graffiti Gallery promotes and supports a variety of youth arts, including hip hop art, graffiti art and street art.

Manitoba Museum and Planetarium
A visit to the Manitoba Museum is recommended for students arriving from out of town. The displays provide a good introduction to the lands and the peoples of Manitoba. The adjacent Planetarium runs a series of events and multi-media shows for the stargazers.

Prairie Dog Central
Charming steam train and five turn of the century coaches travels 45 km on a two-and-a-half hour train excursion.

Prairie Theatre Exchange
A community-based theatre that includes performances of Manitoban and Canadian plays, acting and theatre classes, and a traveling program that goes into schools and local communities across Manitoba.

Rainbow Stage
Operating in August in beautiful Kildonan Park, this is Canada’s oldest continuously running outdoor musical theatre venue.

Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre - Main Stage and Warehouse Theatres
The MTC Main Stage and Warehouse Theatres presents an exciting variety of live theatre throughout the year.

Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB)
One of Canada’s cultural treasures presents a four-performance season in Winnipeg annually. The RWB also presents Ballet in the Park during the summer (at the Lyric Theatre in Assiniboine Park).

The Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG)
Known throughout Canada for its sculptures, paintings and exhibitions, the Art Gallery is located in an iconic building on Memorial Boulevard.

Urban Shaman
An Aboriginal artist-run art gallery and program in the Exchange District, Urban Shaman presents works by a wide variety of Indigenous artists. Admission is free.
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO)

The WSO presents the best in orchestral music and world-class guest soloists. Classical masterworks, pops, concerts for children, families, the new Music Festival, and an array of specials.

Parks and the Great Outdoors

Assiniboine Park

Assiniboine Park is Winnipeg’s largest city park and features great jogging and walking trails, a Zoo, the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, the Lyric Theatre (for outdoor summer concerts and classic movie screenings) and the English Gardens.

Polar Bears at the Zoo in Assiniboine Park (image: R. Linsdell, flickr.com, 2.0 Generic (CC BY 2.0))

Assiniboine Forest

Located south of Assiniboine Park, this 283 hectare (700 acre) forest of aspen and oak is one of the largest urban nature parks in Canada. The forest is home to more than 39 species of mammals.

FortWhyte Alive

FortWhyte is a nature centre in south-west Winnipeg. A good place for bird-watching, canoeing and kayaking, and just wandering the grounds and looking for bison and deer. Admission is free if you walk, bike or take public transit to get there!
Kildonan Park
This 99-acre park bordering the Red River is renowned for its beautiful trees and gardens, rolling lawns, Rainbow Stage (for summer performance of musicals), Olympic-size outdoor swimming pool, witch’s hut and public boat dock. Some cross country ski trails are groomed in the park and adjacent golf course in January and February.

Bird’s Hill Park
Located about a half-hour’s drive north of Winnipeg, Bird’s Hill Park has hiking and biking trails, camping and a small lake and beach. It’s also only about a two-hour bike ride from Winnipeg, most of which is along active transportation trails!

Cross-Country Skiing
Windsor Park (in Winnipeg) and Beaudry Provincial Park (just west of the city) offer cross-country ski, as does Kildonan Park (above).

Festivals and Celebrations

Manito Ahbee Festival
A celebration of Indigenous arts, culture and music, Manito Ahbee is most famous for its International Pow Wow, but also includes a number of other events and attractions. It takes place each May.

First Fridays in the Exchange
The first Friday of each month, art galleries and shops in the Exchange District stay open into the evening. There might be music, guest speakers, or a chance to meet the artists—it’s different every month.

Winnipeg Jazz Festival
Features the hottest jazz and blues performers from around the world at both free and ticketed events in the second half of June.

Le Cercle Molière
Theatre en français! Canada’s oldest active theatre company produces at least four plays a year.

Le Festival du Voyageur
Visitors experience the “joie de vivre” of one of Canada’s top winter festivals, held every February in historic St. Boniface, Winnipeg’s “French Quarter”.
The Winnipeg International Children’s Festival
Features music, dance, puppetry shows and hands-on displays with local, national and international artists. The festival is hosted every year in early June at the Forks.

Winnipeg Folk Festival
Held in July at Bird’s Hill Provincial Park, the Folk Festival is an internationally-acclaimed celebration of people and music, featuring over 80 acts, seven daytime stages, evening main stage, family area, craft village and food area. Public transit to the Park is available throughout the Festival from several central locations.

Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival
Presented by the Manitoba Theatre Centre, 11 days of noon to midnight theatre performances in the Exchange District at the end of July.

Folklorama
Canada’s Cultural Celebration, Folklorama is a two-week festival held the first and second weeks of August. Pavilions representing cultures from around the world share their traditions through scrumptious cuisine, entertainment, and exhibits.

Local Sport Teams

Winnipeg Jets
Winnipeg’s NHL team is back in the Bell MTS Place! Season tickets can be hard to find, but tickets for some games can be had!
**Manitoba Moose**
Can’t find tickets for the Jets? Their **AHL Affiliate** team is your next best bet. See some of the NHL’s rising stars. Group packages are also available!

**Winnipeg Blue Bombers**
Winnipeg’s Canadian **Football** League (CFL) team plays in the new Investors Group Field, located at the University of Manitoba.

**Winnipeg Goldeyes**
Professional Northern League **goldeyes.com**/Baseball from late May through early September at the CanWest Global Park, adjacent to The Forks and Downtown.

**Movie Theatres**
For information on what’s playing, go to [www.winnipegmovies.com](http://www.winnipegmovies.com).

- Cinematheque (Artspace Building, Old Market Square, Exchange District) – independent cinema
- Cineplex Odeon McGillivray and VIP
- Grant Park (Mall) Theatres
- Kildonan Park (Mall) Theatres
- Silver City—at Polo Park Mall
- Silver City—at St. Vital Mall
- Towne Cinema 8—discount cinema (Exchange District)
- Cinema City Northgate—ultra-discount cinema (1399 McPhillips Street)