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Dear Incoming M1 Students,

We are very much looking forward to having you join our City Planning (CP) program in September. The academic year ahead promises many interesting activities and plenty of opportunities for development. Your class is one of great diversity, with tremendous potential for considerable mutually-beneficial peer-learning. We are looking forward to working with you all over the next couple of years. We will have plenty of opportunities to get to know each other in the coming months. My office is located 410 Architecture 2 and I am always happy to talk about your interests.

We have learned a lot about uncertainty over the last couple of years, so while the University is anticipating in-person teaching the coming year, we will remain prepared for other possibilities. For now, the information here assumes in-person activities – although we will be prepared for other possibilities.

This promises to be an exciting year for the Department, with some excellent new and returning community partners for our studio courses. We are currently developing projects that we will undertake, but they will include work with an inner-city neighbourhood, the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, downtown revitalization, and several First Nations.

Our program offers a choice between a capstone and a thesis option for students' individual research projects. We expect most students will be enrolled in the capstone stream within which they will undertake research in a structured course over two terms. A few students will complete the program through the thesis stream that will allow the development of more in-depth, individually directed work. For more information about the two streams, please see: <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/programs/cityplanning/programs.html>.

Tobi Hawkins, the Student Graduate Advisor, will be sending each of you a separate email soon about your **Faculty Advisor**. Once your advisor is assigned, please schedule a meeting with them to review your course registration, to deal with immediate concerns, and to start getting to know one another. Your advisor will help you navigate the program. Be prepared to discuss your research plans, funding possibilities and other related matters.

We will open the year with orientation activities. The University *officially* opens for the Fall term on **Tuesday, September 5th**. You will receive more details later about the orientation program, however, please be prepared to work hard, and full time in this first week. We will design some activities that will allow you to get to know your classmates, other students already in the program and faculty members better. Current students are keen to meet you, and we are discussing ways that they can help acquaint

you with the program, Winnipeg and Manitoba.

Your classes will begin in earnest the week of September 12th. Although the University's Aurora system already shows a class schedule, please check back over the summer – the sequence of courses may change. In the first year, though, you will take: CITY 7020 Planning Research Methods, CITY 7030 Planning Theory, CITY 7340 Urban Development; two studio courses; and three option or elective courses. You should determine which options and electives to take in consultation with your advisor, to help inform the development of your particular interests. We are requiring that you take at least two of five *option* courses during your program. These currently include CITY 7070 Housing and Urban Revitalization, CITY 7460 Urban Ecology and Environmental Planning, EVLU 4006 Indigenous Peoples and Community Planning, EVLU 4018 Principles of Urban Design, and ARCG 7080 Transportation & Urban Form. For most of you, in the Capstone Stream you will also have two electives, and these courses may be any that meet the requirements of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (with the approval of your advisor). Students in the recent past have taken elective courses across the University of Manitoba, but also from other institutions, even in other cities. For reference, please see the course sequence attachment included here)

A City Planning Graduate Colloquium will also run once a month (dates to be determined). Over the course of the year, the Colloquium provides feedback and reports on internship experiences, workshops designed to help you find your own internships and future jobs as well as panel discussions about issues relevant to the planning profession. There is also a lunchtime and evening speaker series that all graduate students are expected to attend. In a typical year, City Planning will host two or three evening lectures – but speakers invited by other programs will also be of interest. We are working on the program for the coming year.

You should review the rest of this letter in conjunction with a visit to the following website: <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/programs/cityplanning/index.html>. Please note that the website is in the process of being updated, but you will find copies or links to:

- Department of City Planning 2022-2023 Listing of Courses ([Program and Registration Page](#))
- Course Sequence ([Progression Chart](#))
- Aurora Web Registration System Information <http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/registration/steps/index.html>
- [MPPI Mentorship Program](#)
- Scholarship Data Base <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/award/awardsdatabase.html>.

Aurora Web Registration Information: You are required to register by web registration **no later than September 21st** and you also must pay your fees by **October 5th** or be charged late fees. Information on web access can be found at: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/registration/index.html>. Tobi Hawkins can also offer any other assistance you may require with registration. Make sure you introduce yourself to her, and keep her contact coordinates on hand: email: Tobi.Hawkins@umanitoba.ca; tel. 204 474-6578; Fax 204 474-7532; Room 201N Russell.

For your information, the Academic Calendar and Catalogue is available online at the University of Manitoba website at: <http://crscalprod1.cc.umanitoba.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx>.

Please note the Department of City Planning is part of the **Faculty** of Architecture, which is not to be confused with the **Department** of Architecture. Your registration is actually in the **Faculty of Graduate Studies** – which handles all graduate students at the University.

University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students (UMAPS). You will meet members of the UMAPS executive during orientation. The organization represents students' interest within the Department, sitting on Department Council and providing representatives to some important committees. It also has a position on MPPI Council, acts as a liaison with other student organizations on campus and across the country, and organizes social events. The co-Chairs for 2021/22 are Abigail McLaren (wegeram@myumanitoba.ca) and Julia Antonyshyn (antonysj@myumanitoba.ca).

Financial Assistance Options: Many students tend to have this subject on their minds. This information is intended to provide some perspective and some guidance on options. The most time-sensitive information relates to Teaching Assistant openings, usually posted in early summer, for positions in the Fall and Winter Terms. Visit this website regularly if you are interested in this option: [Recruitment \(umanitoba.ca\)](http://umanitoba.ca).

Recommended References for Incoming Students: Each faculty member has recommended two sources as a starting place to allow you to get to know some of their interests. They are as follows (many of which can be found online):

Rae Bridgman: *Plan Canada, special 100 years edition.* <https://www.kelmanonline.com/httpdocs/files/CIP/plancanadaspring2019/>

Cities Alive - Designing for Urban Childhoods. <https://www.arup.com/perspectives/publications/research/section/cities-alive-designing-for-urban-childhoods>

Sarah Cooper: Pasternak, Shiri and King, Hayden. 2019. *Land Back: A Yellowhead Institute Red Paper.* Yellowhead Institute.

Dorries, Heather, Robert Henry, David Hugill, Tyler McCreary and Julie Tomiak. (2019). *Settler City Limits: Indigenous resurgence and the urban prairie west.* Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press.

Orly Linovski: Higashide, Steve: "Better Buses, Better Cities" <https://islandpress.org/books/better-buses-better-cities>

Ryan Martinson: "Equity and Mobility" (pg. 24 – 35) <https://issuu.com/cite7/docs/tt40.2-summer2018/24>

Richard Milgrom: Harvey, David (2012). *Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution.* London: Verso.

Lynch, Kevin (1981). *Good City Form.* Cambridge MA, The MIT Press.

David van Vliet: Hodge, Gerald, David Gordon & Pamela Shaw (2020). *Planning Canadian Communities (Seventh Edition).* Nelson College Indigenous: Toronto.

Roseland, Mark (2012) *Toward Sustainable Communities Resources for Citizens and Their Governments* (4th Edition). Gabriola Island, BC, New Society Publishers

MPPI Mentorship Program: You are encouraged to become a student member of the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute: <http://www.mppi.mb.ca>. You can apply on-line, under 'Membership': <http://www.mppi.mb.ca/overview.asp>. One of the services you will be able to access is the Mentorship program: <http://www.mppi.mb.ca/u-of-m-student-mentorship.asp>.

For breaking news on the program, our own Department website should be worth an occasional visit: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/cityplanning>. You may also be interested in following the Department of City Planning Facebook page.

I look forward to meeting you all soon. Enjoy your summer!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R Milgrom", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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