

### **MURP Student Achievements**

In Fall 2016, the Virginia Tech, Master of Urban and Regional Planning program (MURP) conducted a biennial survey of alumni about post-degree activities, career placement, and perceptions of the program. We requested information from the previous three years of alumni to establish benchmarks for subsequent years. The eight questions below help us to identify particular areas of strength as well as areas that need improvement. We will be striving for at least 90% of our graduates to have positive opinions (strongly agree or agree) in each of these areas.

MURP Alumni Survey		2014 Grads		2015 Grads		2016 Grads	
		Strongly Agree or Agree	N	Strongly Agree or Agree	N	Strongly Agree or Agree	N
Question							
1.	During the program, I developed skills in assembling and analyzing ideas and information from diverse sources.	86%	7	100%	3	78%	9
2.	During the program, I developed abilities to prepare clear, accurate and compelling text, graphics and maps.	86%	7	100%	3	78%	9
3.	During the program, I developed abilities in analyzing data, both quantitatively and qualitatively.	86%	7	100%	3	89%	9
4.	The program helped me build skills in creating and implementing effective plans.	71%	7	67%	3	44%	9
5.	While in the program I obtained skills in involving stakeholders, engaging the community, and working with diverse communities.	100%	7	33%	3	44%	9
6.	The program gave me an appreciation of key ethical issues in planning and public decision-making.	57%	7	33%	3	33%	9
7.	The program prepared me to understand the economic, social and cultural factors in urban and regional growth and change.	100%	7	100%	3	100%	9
8.	My education prepared me for understanding issues of equity and social justice.	100%	7	33%	3	56%	9

N = number of responses.

### **Virginia Tech Tuition and Fees**

<b>2016-2017 Academic Year</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
In-state:	\$12,466	\$2,066	\$14,532
Out-of-state:	\$25,094	\$2,670	\$27,764

### **Student Enrollment and Graduation Data**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Entering Cohort</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Retention Rate</b>	<b>Graduated within 4 years</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>
2010-2011	32	75%	25	78%
2011-2012	26	77%	21	81%
2012-2013	22	86%	17	77%
2013-2014	14	64%	7	50%*
2014-2015	21	76%	10	48%**
2015-2016	16			

\* 3-year graduation rate, \*\* 2-year graduation rate

Number of Degrees Awarded: 2010:31; 2011:42; 2012:42; 2013:21; 2014:35; 2015:13; 2016:18

### **AICP Exam Pass Rate**

Using data provided by AICP for MURPs graduating between 2009 and 2014, the following table shows that 38 of 40 passed the exam. This is an overall pass rate of 95% and places Virginia Tech among the top schools for AICP Exam pass rates.

<b>Year of Graduation</b>	<b>Number Taking AICP Exam</b>	<b>Percent Pass</b>
2014	5	100%
2013	4	75%
2012	3	100%
2011	14	93%
2010	6	100%
2009	8	100%

### ***Employment Statistics***

<b>Graduates – 2015</b>	13
Responses	3
Response Rate	23%
Employment within One Year of Graduation: Professional Planning Job	33%
Job in Other Field	66%
Pursuing Advanced Degree	0%
<b>Total Employed Within One Year of Graduation</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Graduates – 2014</b>	35
Responses	7
Response Rate	20%
Employment within One Year of Graduation: Professional Planning Job	57%
Job in Other Field	29%
Pursuing Advanced Degree	14%
<b>Total Employed Within One Year of Graduation</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Fall 2016 Alumni Survey