



College of Agriculture  
and Natural Resources  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

# School of Planning, Design and Construction

## BY THE NUMBERS

**500+**  
undergrad  
students

**67**  
graduate  
students

**95%**  
student job  
placement

**51**  
faculty  
members

**7,957**  
alumni

## ABOUT

Jointly administered by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Social Science, the school uniquely unites four accredited disciplines to foster synergistic learning and collaboration:

- construction management
- interior design
- landscape architecture
- urban and regional planning.

We provide our students with the opportunity to learn about and work on real-world, cross-discipline projects and activities. Our nationally recognized, world-renowned faculty members cross-collaborate on pressing built environment issues, delivering timely and crucial sustainable research and outreach.

## PROGRAMS

**Undergraduate:** Bachelor's degrees in construction management, interior design, landscape architecture, and urban and regional planning.

**Graduate:** Master's degrees offered in construction management, environmental design, or urban and regional planning. Ph.D. offered in planning, design and construction.

## STUDENTS

Graduates are employed in government planning, city planning, economic development groups and transportation. Roughly one third are employed in the private sector by real estate development and marketing firms.

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

There are various ways to support our faculty and students, including:

- Endowment of a chair
- Undergraduate student scholarships
- Graduate fellowships and teaching assistants

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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

**LEARN:** A desire for lifelong enrichment marks a true Spartan. A wide variety of programs are available in person and online for continues learning.

**GET TOGETHER:** On campus and throughout the world there are many opportunities for Spartans to connect with one another.

**GIVE BACK:** Spartans make a difference. Join our ranks of Spartans who are enhancing the MSU experience for students, faculty and staff.

**TRADITIONS:** There are many ways for alumni and fans to show their support of the university.

**FIND OUT MORE:** [canr.msu.edu/alumniengagement](https://canr.msu.edu/alumniengagement)

## STAY CONNECTED

**UPDATE** your information: [alumni.msu.edu/update](https://alumni.msu.edu/update).

**EMAIL:** Sign-up to receive the CANR Alumni newsletter: [canr.msu.edu/alumninewsletter](https://canr.msu.edu/alumninewsletter).

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## RESEARCH

Research focuses on:

- Sustainable development to ensure that our future built environments are created with sustainability and in harmony with the natural environment while maintaining social equity and economic vitality.
- Specific subjects include affordable housing, domicology, low-impact development, sustainable construction materials and methods, urban resiliency and urban redevelopment.
- How built environments affect people's behavior and thus the health outcomes address topics such as active living, bikeability and walkability, obesity resulting from poorly developed built environments, and better built environment to accommodate an aging population and people with disabilities.
- Research on developing multimodal transportation that is harmonic with the built environment to protect and preserve natural resources investigates how the built environment should be shaped or reshaped to accommodate various modes of transportation such as pedestrian, bicycle, scooter, car, etc. Specific subjects include autonomous vehicles (future), active transportation, multimodal transportation, complete streets, etc.

## OUTREACH

Faculty historically work on a wide array of outreach and engagement programs within communities, with professional organizations, in concert with elected and appointed officials, and with the general public. Research underpins these outreach efforts, and students are active participants in these learning opportunities, which provide them with real-world experience. The National Charrette Institute, a training, outreach and research program within SPDC, helps people work together by building capacity for collaboration.