

# ASACR 6

Office of the President  
May 1, 2018

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:  
COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Science (MS) degree in Urban and Environmental Design (UED), within the College of Design, beginning in the Fall 2018 Semester.

Background: Urban design is a growing field dedicated to the analysis and design of tangible features within cities and towns. Currently, there are no urban design programs in Kentucky, and while University of Louisville offers a graduate degree in urban planning, the two fields are complementary but distinct.

As such, the proposed MS in Urban and Environmental Design program will prepare students for positions in city planning departments and design firms. Both the cities of Louisville and Lexington have expressed interest in the creation of the UED program. Design firms specializing in architecture and landscape architecture continue to pursue projects at the urban scale, and many professional offices in Kentucky have supported the idea of the UED program in order to expand the knowledge and training of employees. UED graduates with additional requisite work experience will be eligible to sit for the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) exam and the AICP Certified Urban Design (AICPCUD) exam.

This program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 30-day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_