Planning Program at MSU is a Nationally Accredited

The Planning program at Missouri State University received national accreditation in 2004 and was re-accredited until December 31, 2012. Accreditation is a system intended for recognizing programs for a level of performance, integrity, and quality which entitles them to the confidence of the institution and the public they serve. The Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) is a specialized accrediting body serving planning schools in North America. The PAB is a cooperative undertaking sponsored jointly by three organizations: the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, the American Institute of Certified Planners, and the American Planning Association. Accreditation is granted through a planning program's self-study process and validating reports by a site visit team. The standards by which a program is assessed encourage quality education for the preparation of the planning profession’s future practitioners, Planning at MSU is currently one of only 14 PAB fully accredited baccalaureate programs in the United States, one of only 6 west of the Mississippi River, and the first and only fully accredited program in the state of Missouri.

The Bachelor of Science in Planning has existed at MSU since 1972. MSU is a metropolitan institution located in the third largest city in the state of Missouri and within a region that is undergoing rapid development. Committed to addressing the needs of communities and completing public work, the University has a state-wide mission in public affairs. The planning program is dedicated to providing professional education to meet the planning needs of the state and the nation. The Planning program prepares planners within two professional tracks - 1) Community and Regional Planning, 2) Tourism Planning and Development.

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