PhD Program in the Graduate Field of City and Regional Planning

City and regional planning is an interdisciplinary field of study focused on understanding and creating places where people live and work across the world. While some of our doctoral recipients choose to work for policy think-tanks, international organizations and research institutes, others work in high-level government jobs and several enter academia. Those who choose to stay in academia typically teach in planning programs that are largely focused on creating professional planners who work in a range of organizations (government and nonprofit) to envision, plan and manage urban, suburban and rural communities in different parts of the world. Our students therefore, have differing career goals, which is reflected in the construction of our assessment metrics.

Learning Objectives/Goals for a doctoral recipient in the graduate field of City and Regional Planning.
Please note that phrases in **bold** are shorthand for a particular learning goal and are used in the measures spreadsheet.

When a student completes her PhD, she will do so in a **timely manner** and she will be able to:

**Proficiency Goals**
1. Make an **original and substantial contribution to the field**, producing publishable scholarship as suited to future career goals
2. Demonstrate an **in-depth knowledge of theory and advanced research** skills appropriate to her research interests and if appropriate, an established concentration within the field of academic planning
3. Demonstrate the ability to **communicate research findings effectively** in written, visual and spoken presentations to a variety of professional audiences as based on career goals
4. Demonstrate **effective skills for teaching** undergraduates and graduate students entering the profession of planning, if academic planning is a career goal
5. Demonstrate the ability to **work independently and incorporate feedback** received on her work in various settings

**Aspirational Goal**
6. Demonstrate the ability to **uphold professional and ethical standards** in the field of city and regional planning including but not limited to the ways in which it has been established at the Department of City and Regional Planning at Cornell. This includes an appreciation for
   - unity of theory and professional practice
   - intellectual and practical questions of equality and justice in diverse settings
   - sustainable and contextually appropriate action

**Measures of Evidence**, and suggestions for closing the accountability loop are available in metrics tables