Program History Timeline:

1923  Department of Landscape Architecture was established in the School of Agriculture under C.P. Halligan as Department Head.

1939  Courses in Urban Planning were introduced and offered by the Landscape Architecture Department. Charles W. Barr promoted Urban Planning as a part of the Landscape curriculum. This was the first time the word "urban" was used as a part of an academic curriculum.

1946  The Department of Landscape Architecture expanded its offerings to include a four-year undergraduate major in Urban Planning. The name was changed to the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, under Harold Lautner, Department Head and D. Newton Glick, Chairman of Landscape Studies. The Master in Urban Planning degree was established later in the same year.

1958  The Department of Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning was transferred to the College of Business and Public Service and the name changed to the Department of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture.

1962  The Department of Urban Planning & Landscape Architecture was transferred to the new College of Social Science and its name and status changed to the School of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture under Myles Boylan as Director.

1973  Carl Goldschmidt was appointed Director of the School of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture. Keith Honey became Program Chairperson for the Urban Planning Program.

1976  Roger Hamlin became Program Chairperson for the Urban Planning Program.

1977  The Library, which evolved for over a decade, was formalized and dedicated as the Charles W. Barr Planning and Design Library.

1986  The Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture Programs became a part of a multi-unit department including Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture and Geography inside the College of Social Science. Roger Hamlin became Director of the Urban Planning Program (coordinator 1986-92).

1989  The Schun Hagiwara and the Malcolm Drummond Endowed Scholarship were established.

1990  Successful URP Program Accreditation Visit

1991  The Distinguished Professional Practitioner Endowment Fund was established.

1993  The Program’s name and its degrees were changed to Urban and Regional Planning.

1993  The Jack Horniman Special Enrichment Endowment in Urban and Regional Planning was established.

1995  The Carl Goldschmidt International Studies Fellowship was established.

1996  June Manning Thomas became Director of the Urban and Regional Planning Program.
2000  The Charles W. Barr Urban Planning Enrichment Endowment Fund was established.
2000  The William Rowden Memorial Scholarship Fund was established.
2000  Successful URP Program Accreditation Visit
2001  Eric J. Strauss was hired as Director of the Urban & Regional Planning Program.
2002  The Timothy J. Hernandez Scholarship Fund was established.
2004  The URP became a founding unit of the new School of Planning, Design & Construction (SPDC). SPDC jointly administered by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) and College of Social Sciences (SSC). Robert Von Bernuth became SPDC Director
2005  Successful URP Program Accreditation Visit
2006  Mark Wilson was appointed Director of the Urban and Regional Planning Program.
2007  Charles W. Barr Planning and Design Library collection moved to the Main University Library.
2007  Scott Witter was appointed Director of the School of Planning, Design and Construction, and Mark Wilson as Associate Director.
2007  Officiated move from the URP Building to the Human Ecology Building
2007  Program Director position eliminated. Governance by SPDC Committees instituted
2011  URP Masters degree reduced from 48 to 39 credits program. No change in two year program duration.
2012  URP Program Accreditation on probation status
2012  Administrative changes to the School of Planning Design and Construction were initiated.
2012  Pat Crawford appointed as Associate Director for SPDC
2012  Zenia Kotval was appointed Program Leader of the Urban and Regional Planning Program. Program autonomy was enhanced. Major changes in curriculum and governance were initiated.
2013  Transcriptable Ph.D. Degree in SPDC created.
2013  URP Masters curricular change to 43 credits initiated. Switch in 400/800 courses initiated. Alumni relations re-established. Plan for Diversity initiated. Professional Scholar in Residence program initiated.
2013  Accreditation self study report underway.
2014  Deans recognize new administrative structure and increased autonomy formalized.