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Additional Graduate Application Information

Master of Urban Planning

The School of Architecture and Planning offers a 52-credit Master of Urban Planning (MUP) degree, typically completed over two years of full-time study. The degree is fully accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, with current accreditation effective to January 1, 2008. The program provides students with the knowledge, skills, and experience to become a professional planner. Students who hold a Bachelor's degree in any field may apply to the MUP program.

The program features a core curriculum, foundational and general electives, a planning studio, departmental colloquium and a culminating thesis or professional project. Students may also choose to focus their studies in the following areas: Community Development and Urban Management; Economic and International Development; Environmental Planning; GIS and Planning Technologies; and Urban Design.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

The School of Architecture and Planning offers two dual degree programs for Master's candidates. These programs enable students to earn two degrees simultaneously, often in less time than if taken sequentially. **In each case, applicants must apply separately and concurrently to the two departments involved and must be accepted by both.**

Master of Architecture/Master of Urban Planning

The expanding field of architecture has increased the demand for the dual Master of Architecture/Master of Urban Planning degree. This dual degree offers a unique opportunity for students to pursue graduate education for professional certification in both fields. Students seeking dual degrees take joint studios offered by the Architecture and Planning faculty. In these studios, graduate students from both architecture and planning engage in projects using regional cities and towns as learning laboratory sites. Students develop proposals for change in collaboration with the constituencies of the learning laboratory sites. In the process, students learn about planning, architecture, and intervention in an integrated fashion.

Students who hold a four-year pre-professional degree in architecture are eligible to enroll in a three year program leading to the Master of Urban Planning (MUP) and Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degrees. Students who hold a Bachelor's degree in an unrelated field are eligible to enroll in a four and one-half year program leading to the Master of Urban Planning (MUP) and Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degrees.

Master of Urban Planning/JD in Law

Law and Urban Planning intersect in numerous ways academically and professionally. Common ground includes issues of land development, property, regulatory systems (such as zoning, environmental controls, and other municipal, state, or federal regulations), community development, environmental law and policy, housing, and business development.

The JD/MUP dual degree program, offered jointly by the UB Law School and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning in the School of Architecture and Planning, trains professionals with expertise in both the legal and planning facets of local, state, federal, and international policy and practice. The program prepares students for a variety of professional roles in public service, private law firms, planning consulting firms, and public legal practice.

By permitting some elective courses to count toward both degrees, the JD/MUP program enables students to complete the two degrees in four years rather than the five years required to complete the programs separately. The program offers considerable curricular flexibility enabling students to custom design a dual professional degree matching their interests and career aspirations.