

**Department of Urban and Regional Planning  
School of Architecture and Planning  
University at Buffalo**

**Master's in Urban Planning Curriculum  
(Effective 2009)**

**Required Courses (28-31 credits - depending on thesis units)**

**Core (18 credits)**

- PD 501 Evolution of Urban Structure
- PD 508 Race, Class, and Gender
- PD 510 Planning Concepts and Controversies
- PD 512 Research Methods for Planners
- PD 538 Economic Concepts
- PD 573 Land Use and Physical Planning

**Studio (6 credits) \***

- PD 581 Laboratory Practicum or
- PD 580 Laboratory Practicum Dual (only for M.Arch./M.U.P. degree majors)

**Departmental Colloquium (1 credit)**

- PD 691 Colloquium I

**Professional Project or Thesis (3-6 credits)**

- PD 697 Master's Project Preparation (3) \*
- PD 699 Master's Thesis Preparation (3-6, with no more than 3 credits per semester)

**General Electives (21-24 credits – depending on total required courses completed)**

- enables students to pursue specializations, complete a second studio, take an independent study, do an internship, or take additional courses within or outside the department. Study outside of the department is limited to two courses (normally six credits).

**M.U.P. Curriculum Total: 52 credits**

**\*NOTE:** PD 697 Masters Project is a capstone course which should be taken in a MUP student's final semester. PD 697 Masters Project **cannot be taken concurrently** with PD 581 Studio.

**Suggested Program for Fall entrants (number of credit hours shown in parentheses)**

**Semester 1 (Fall):**

- PD 501 Planning History and Urban Structure (3)
- PD 512 Research Methods for Planners (3)
- PD 691 Colloquium I (1)
- PD 573 Land Use and Physical Planning (3)
- PD xxx Elective (3)

**Total: 13 credits**

**Semester 2 (Spring):**

- PD 508 Race, Class, and Gender (3)
- PD 510 Planning Concepts and Controversies (3)
- PD 538 Economic Concepts (3)
- PD xxx Elective (3)
- PD xxx Elective (3)

**Total: 12-15 credits**

**Summer Session:**

- PD 581 Possible International Studio (6)

**Semester 3 (Fall):**

- PD 581 Studio (6)
- PD xxx Elective (3)
- PD xxx Elective(3)
- PD xxx Elective (3)
- PD 699 Master's Thesis Preparation (3) (recommended for thesis students)

**Total: 12-15 credits**

**Semester 4 (Spring):**

- PD 699 Master's Thesis (3) or PD 697 Master's Project (3) Preparation
- PD xxx Elective (3)
- PD xxx Elective (3)
- PD xxx Elective (3)

**Total: 12 credits**

**Minimum Grand Total: 52 credits**

**\*NOTE:** It may be possible for students to take some "First Fall Semester" core courses in the "Second Fall Semester."

**Suggested Program for Spring entrants (number of credit hours shown in parentheses)**

**Semester 1 (Spring):**

- PD 508 Race, Class, and Gender (3)
  - PD 510 Planning Concepts and Controversies (3)
  - PD 538 Economic Concepts (3)
  - PD xxx Elective (3)
  - PD xxx Elective (3)
- Total: 12-15 credits**

**Summer Session:**

- PD 581 Possible International Studio (6)

**Semester 2 (Fall):**

- PD 501 Planning History and Urban Structure (3)
  - PD 512 Research Methods for Planners (3)
  - PD 573 Land Use and Physical Planning (3)
  - PD 581 Studio (6)
  - PD 691 Colloquium I (1)
- Total: 13-16 credits**

**Semester 3 (Spring):**

- PD xxx Elective (3)
  - PD xxx Elective (3)
  - PD xxx Elective (3)
  - PD xxx Elective (3)
  - PD 699 Master's Thesis (3) (recommended for thesis students)
- Total: 12-15 credits**

**Semester 4 (Fall):**

- PD xxx Elective (3)
  - PD xxx Elective(3)
  - PD xxx Elective (3)
  - PD 699 Master's Thesis (3) or PD 697 Master's Project Preparation (3)
- Total: 12 credits**

**Minimum Grand Total: 52 credits**

**\*NOTE:** It may be possible for students to take some "First Fall and Spring Semester" core courses in the "Second Fall and Spring Semester."