

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

Master's in Urban Planning Curriculum

Required Courses (22-25 credits - depending on thesis units)

Core (12 credits)

- PD 501 Evolution of Urban Structure
- PD 510 Planning Concepts and Controversies
- PD 512 Research Methods for Planners
- PD 513 Quantitative Methods for Planners

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)

Elective Courses (27-30 credits – depending on total required courses completed)

Foundational Electives (minimum of 3 required; 9 credits)

- *economics*: PD 538 Economic Concepts
- *law and legal systems*: PD 567 Planning Law
- *physical and spatial relations*: PD 573 Land Use and Physical Planning
- *political process/public policy*: PD 535 Urban Management and Governance
- *race/class/gender*: PD 508 Race, Class, Gender and the City

General Electives (18-21 credits)

- 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).

***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.

M.U.P. Curriculum Total: 52 credits

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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 xxx Elective (optional foundational elective) (3)
 - PD xxx Elective (optional specialization course or general elective) (3)
- Total: 13 credits**

Semester 2 (Spring):

- PD 510 Planning Concepts and Controversies (3)
 - PD 513 Quantitative Methods for Planners (3)
 - PD xxx Elective (optional foundational elective) (3)
 - PD xxx Elective (optional specialization course or general 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 (optional foundational elective) (3)
 - PD xxx Elective (optional specialization course or general elective) (3)
 - PD 699 Master's Thesis Preparation (3) (optional)
- Total: 12-15 credits**

Semester 4 (Spring):

- PD 699 Master's Thesis (3) or PD 697 Master's Project Preparation (3)
 - PD xxx Elective (optional foundational elective) (3)
 - PD xxx Elective (optional specialization course or general elective) (3)
 - PD xxx Elective (3)
- Total: 12 credits**

Minimum Grand Total: 52 credits

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

Semester 1 (Spring):

- PD 510 Planning Concepts and Controversies (3)
- PD xxx Elective (optional foundational elective) (3)
- PD xxx Elective (optional foundational elective) (3)
- PD xxx Elective (optional specialization course or general elective) (3)
- PD xxx Elective (3)
- Total: 12-15 credits**

Summer Session:

- PD 581 Possible International Studio (6)

Semester 2 (Fall):

- PD 501 Evolution of Urban Structure (3)
- PD 512 Research Methods for Planners (3)
- PD 581 Studio (6)
- PD 691 Colloquium I (1)
- Total: 13 credits**

Semester 3 (Spring):

- PD 513 Quantitative Methods for Planners (3)
- PD xxx Elective (optional foundational elective) (3)
- PD xxx Elective (optional specialization course or general elective) (3)
- PD xxx Elective (optional specialization course or general elective) (3)
- PD 699 Master's Thesis Preparation (3) (optional)
- Total: 12-15 credits**

Semester 4 (Fall):

- PD 699 Master's Thesis (3) or PD 697 Master's Project Preparation (3)
- PD xxx Elective (optional foundational elective) (3)
- PD xxx Elective (optional specialization course or general elective) (3)
- PD xxx Elective (3)
- Total: 12 credits**