COMMUNITY PLANNING (CMPL)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Architecture

Abstract
The Urban Studies and Planning Program offers graduate study leading to the Master of Community Planning (MCP) degree. (The School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, in which the MCP program is located, offers a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Design — see URPD for details). The MCP Program is accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Dual Masters degrees in Planning and Architecture, Planning and Historic Preservation, and Planning and Landscape Architecture are offered. There is a transfer of credit agreement with the School of Law on the Baltimore campus as part of a joint JD and MCP program. There is also a cooperative program with the PhD program in Policy Sciences at the UMBC campus. Entering students have diverse academic backgrounds, such as architecture, fine arts, English, history, business, geography, sociology, economics, and political science. The Program’s faculty specialize in metropolitan and regional planning, housing, transportation planning, environmental and land use planning, social policy, quantitative planning methods, urban design, and economic development planning. Employment opportunities remain strong for graduates in a highly competitive field. The Baltimore-Washington metropolitan region offers diverse employment potential in urban planning and program management in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Financial Assistance
Aside from student loans through the university, MCP students are eligible to apply for graduate assistantships with URSP and the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education. MCP applicants who are also Peace Corps veterans are eligible to apply for the Shriver Peaceworker fellowship program that is administered by the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Please note that competition is high for these financial awards. The program also maintains a list of internships, and many of our students work in part- or full-time jobs while completing the program. Program classes are scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to accommodate our working students.

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Requirements
• Community Planning, Master of Community Planning (M.C.P) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/community-planning-cmpl/community-planning-mcp)

Facilities and Special Resources
The University of Maryland is an excellent location for the pursuit of community planning, and graduate students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities. The university is eight miles from the incomparable library and research facilities of Washington, D.C. In the nation's capital, UMCP graduate students have access to, among other resources, the Library of Congress, the specialized collections of professional associations and international organizations, and agencies...
at all levels of government. The College Park campus is a 45-minute
drive from Baltimore City, whose planning programs have gained national
attention. At least two planning studio courses are offered each year, in
either Baltimore, the Washington metropolitan area, or an international
setting. Baltimore city and Washington, D.C. are ideal laboratories for
students interested in research on urban issues and planning.

Urban Studies and Planning is one of five graduate degree programs in
the University's School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation. The
School administers the National Center for Smart Growth Research and
Education, which involves faculty and graduate students from several
campus units in: multi-disciplinary research on the fiscal, environmental
and social impacts of alternative development patterns; evaluation
of growth management strategies (with a focus on Maryland's Smart
Growth programs); technical assistance to state agencies and local
jurisdictions; and training programs for federal program managers and
state and local officials.

Faculty

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