COMMUNITY PLANNING AND HEALTH EQUITY (CPHL)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Architecture/Public Health

ABSTRACT

A core element central to both community planning and public health is the built environment, which includes human-designed and built surroundings that provide the settings for all aspects of human life, ranging from buildings and homes to parks and recreation facilities. A well-planned community includes aspects of public health, while the public's health requires healthy facilities and a built environment that supports and promotes healthy living.

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.

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ADMISSIONS

The Master of Community Planning and MPH in Health Equity dual degree program accepts standard-path applications through the Graduate School Application Portal (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/apply-now/#:~:text=Standard%20Path%20%2D%20Graduate%20School%20Application%20Portal); do not submit a SOPHAS application.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of purpose and objectives, including career and educational goals, professional experience, and areas of interest and how the dual degree program will help you achieve your career goals
- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Samples (optional, up to 2)
- Portfolio PDF Upload (optional)
- Must be recommended for admission by both programs to pursue a dual degree.

There are no restrictions on applicants' previous fields of study, and we indeed encourage academic heterogeneity in all respects.

Note for applicants with foreign credentials:
Evidence of English Language proficiency is required if the applicant does not hold a degree from a U.S. institution or from one of the English-speaking countries listed on the Graduate School website (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	March 5, 2027
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	March 5, 2027

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Application Process: http://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/apply-now (http://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/apply-now/)
SPH Admissions FAQ: https://sph.umd.edu/graduate-application-faqs (https://sph.umd.edu/graduate-application-faqs/)
Program page: http://arch.umd.edu/programs/graduate-programs/interdisciplinary-dual-degrees/community-planning-public-health-eight-concentration (http://arch.umd.edu/programs/graduate-programs/

interdisciplinary-dual-degrees/community-planning-public-health-eight-concentrations/)

REQUIREMENTS

- Community Planning and Health Equity, Master of Community Planning and Master of Public Health, (dual degree) (M.C.P. and M.P.H.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/community-planning-health-equity-cphl/community-planning-health-equity-mcp-mph/)