



**MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING / MASTER OF LAW  
DUAL DEGREE CURRICULUM**

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The dual master's program in Community Planning and Law allows students to pursue the Master of Community Planning through University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland Carey School of Law J.D. program on the Baltimore campus (UCB). The dual degree enables students to complete the MCP and the JD in a shorter period of time than if they earned one degree first and then enrolled in the other degree program, as shown below.

The current MCP degree requires the completion of 48 credit hours, while the current JD degree requires 85 credit hours. This means that completing both degrees separately (one after the other) would typically require 133 credit hours. By participating in the dual degree program, the credit hour requirements would instead be 115 credit hours.

The reduction in total credits from 133 to 115 credits for the JD and MCP is achieved by counting courses towards both programs. 9 credits of the current JD program would be satisfied by counting URSP courses as transfer credits. 9 credits of MCP courses count as graduate level non-law elective courses for the UCB JD. Additionally, 9 credits of UCB law courses count as electives for the purposes of the Master of Community Planning. This means that students pursuing both programs who enroll in the dual degree course may save up to 18 credits. This amount of double-counting for the proposed MCP/JD program is possible because of the complementary missions of the two underlying degrees.

Interested applicants must apply to each program separately and be accepted by both programs. Only grades of B or better may be transferred. Credits from the MCP program can be transferred to the Law program only if they are taken while the student is enrolled in the Law program and vice versa. This means that students cannot take advantage of the transfer of credits if they have already completed either of the programs.



**REQUIRED COURSEWORK**

JD Requirements	Credits	MCP Requirements	Credits
<b>At least 53 credit hours in School of Law program offerings</b> <u>Required Courses</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Legal Research 1</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Civil Procedure, <b>or</b> Introduction to Civil Procedure (2 credits) <b>and</b> Civil Procedure II (3), <b>or</b> Civil Procedure: Litigation Process (3 credits) <b>and</b> Civil Procedure: Jurisdiction and Judgments (2) (5)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Law I: Governance 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (4 credits), <b>or</b> Introduction to Contracts (2 credits) and Contracts II (3) (4)/(5)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Legal Research 1</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Legal Analysis and Writing 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Legal Profession (2 or 3 credits) <b>or</b> Legal Profession Seminar (3) (2)/(3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Property 4</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Torts (4 credits), <b>or</b> Introduction to Torts (2) and Torts II (3) (4)/(5)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written and Oral Advocacy 2</li> </ul>	53	<b>30 Credits in core courses in city and regional planning knowledge and skills development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> URSP 600 Research Design 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> URSP 601 Research Methods 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> URSP 603 Land Use Planning 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> URSP 604 Planning Process 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> URSP 605 Planning History and Theory 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> URSP 606 Microeconomics 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> URSP 673Community Social Planning <b>or</b> URSP 688Z-Planning and Design in the Multicultural Metropolis 3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> URSP 708 Community Planning Studio 6</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> URSP 709 Field Instruction (Internship) 3</li> </ul>	
<b>Up to 9 credits in non-law courses* (MCP Course Credits)</b>	-9	<b>18 Credits in Specialization / Elective Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 9 Credits in Specialization Courses 18 (9)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>9 Elective Credits - (Satisfied by UCB Law courses)</b> -9</li> </ul>	
<b>Other UCB Law / Transfer Credits</b>	23		
Total Credits for UCB JD Program	85	Total Credits for MCP Program	48
<b>Total UCB Credits taken</b>	76	<b>Total MCP Credits taken</b>	39
<b>Total Credits Required for Dual MCP/JD degree</b>			<b>115</b>
<p>*A student admitted with advanced standing or who otherwise is permitted to apply credits earned at another college or university toward degree requirements at Maryland, may not transfer more than 32 such credits (credits transfer, grades do not), <b>and no more than 9 of these 32 credits may be graduate level non-law courses.</b> Further information: <a href="#">UCB School of Law Credits, Courses and Completion Timeframe</a></p>			



### **COURSE SCHEDULING**

Classes offered in any given semester are determined by student demand and available resources. Students should speak to their mentor to ensure that planned programs of study are feasible given projected class offerings. University guidelines mandate that all students (full time and part time) complete the degree within five years. University guidelines also mandate that the student must be registered for at least one credit in the semester the degree is to be awarded: [Graduate School Registration Policies Link](#).

### **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

A complete listing of courses offered by the URSP program can be found at: <https://www.arch.umd.edu/ursp/courses>