

The University of Michigan Law School
Dual Degree Program

**Law & Urban and Regional Planning
JD/MUP**

The Law School and the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, through its Urban and Regional Planning Program, offer a dual degree program that enables qualified students to pursue concurrent work in Law and Urban and Regional Planning. This work leads to the Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Urban Planning (MUP) degrees. Students can complete all requirements for both degrees in eight terms of enrollment.

This dual degree program is for students who want to focus on concerns that intersect both Law and Urban and Regional Planning. Areas of interest include community development, real estate development, land use planning and regulation, environmental planning and regulation, and legislative work related to housing, land use, economic development, taxation, transportation, immigration, and other topics.

Students admitted to the JD/MUP combined program are required to take the complete sequence of first-year courses in one school during the first year of enrollment, and the complete sequence of first-year courses in the other school during the second year of enrollment. Each school will apply its own deferred admissions standard to students who elect to begin the program at the other school. At the outset, students are encouraged to work closely with an academic advisor.

Basic Requirements for the JD

Students entering the Law School must complete the required first-year law curriculum.

The JD requires a minimum total of 82 credits, earned between Law School courses and courses through the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning within the Rackham School of Graduate Studies. Students must earn at least 70 credits toward the JD through courses taken in the Law School.

Law students are required to complete a course in professional responsibility, transnational law, and an upper-class writing requirement.

Twelve (12) credit hours may be taken from the satisfaction of requirements for the MUP. Instructions for requesting Law School credit for non-law courses are posted on the CTools site for dual degree students.

Basic Requirements for the MUP

The MUP requires a minimum of 48 credit hours, including core courses. At least 30 credit hours must come from URP courses.

Fifteen (15) credit hours may be satisfied by appropriate courses taken in the Law School.

Additional Requirements

Applicants must gain separate and independent admission to both schools. Applicants should contact the Law School Admissions and the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning Program offices for application and admission information. The applicant's LSAT score may be used in place of the GRE.*

Students must satisfy the degree requirements of each school, and should consult with advisors in each school for the precise graduation requirements for each degree and for information about course offerings. Students should not expect any Law School courses beyond first-year courses to be offered in the summer term. Students will not receive credit toward the JD for non-law coursework taken prior to matriculation at the Law School. Students should consult with the advisor at the companion school concerning credit toward the MUP for Law coursework.

During the third and fourth years of the program, students are permitted to elect courses in both schools. Students generally are not restricted in their selection of courses in each school beyond the first year in Law School and the core curriculum in the Urban Planning Program. Tuition will be assessed at either the Law School or the Graduate School rate, whichever is higher, when courses toward both degrees are taken in one term.

At the beginning of their final year of study in the combined program, students should consult with their Rackham academic advisor and the Law School Registrar regarding forms that need to be completed prior to graduation. Also at this time, students should submit a Dual/Joint Degree Election Form (<http://www.rackham.umich.edu/downloads/oard/forms/dualjoint6010.pdf>) for approval from both the Law School and the Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning. Students should review the completed sample forms on the CTools page prior to filling out the form. Students may also consult with the Office of Student Affairs if there are any questions regarding completion of this form.

The combined degree is not open to those who have already earned either the JD or the MUP. Students who are registered in the first or second year at the Law School or the first year of the Urban and Regional Planning Program may apply for admission to the dual degree program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Law School Admissions application materials:

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* Information contained herein is valid as of 8/17/09 and is subject to change. Contact with the appropriate admissions office is advised.