

ARCHITECTURE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING (ARCP)

Graduate Degree Program
School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

Abstract

The dual degree combines course work from the Architecture and Urban Studies and Planning programs to enable a student to complete both the Master of Architecture (<https://arch.umd.edu/programs/graduate-programs/master-architecture-march/>) and Master of Community Planning (<https://arch.umd.edu/programs/graduate-programs/master-community-planning-mcp/>) degrees with fewer credits than it would take to complete the two separately.

Students of the dual-degree program acquire specialized knowledge tailored to understanding the urban environment from several perspectives. Students learn how social, economic and political forces have led to the development of human habitats. The emphasis on urban design in the dual-degree program yields an education that is particularly applicable for persons interested in the revitalization of metropolitan areas and their center cities.

Applicants for the dual degree in Architecture and Community Planning should use the following four-letter code on the online application: ARCP

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Website: <http://www.arch.umd.edu>

Courses: ARCH (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/arch/>) URSP (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/ursp/>)

ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose (*students should discuss specific interest in pursuing a concurrent dual degree within two programs*)
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Portfolio (https://arch.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2026-04/Portfolio_Requirements_Grad_Admission.pdf)
- Writing Sample (optional)
- Must be admitted by both programs to pursue dual degree

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	January 16, 2026	N/A	
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	January 16, 2026	N/A	

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: [arch.umd.edu \(https://arch.umd.edu/\)](https://arch.umd.edu/)

Application Process: [gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying \(https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/\)](https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying)

REQUIREMENTS

- Architecture and Community Planning, Master of Architecture and Master of Community Planning (dual degree) (M.Arch. and M.C.P.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/architecture-community-planning-arcp/architecture-community-planning-dual-degree-march-mcp/>)