

# CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING: HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MCP

The Master of City Planning core curriculum encompasses the basic skills and knowledge required of all planners regardless of their specialization, and is a hallmark of our cutting-edge and practical approach to educating city planners. Students who complete the core will understand the legal and historical basis of city planning; they will know how to use a wide variety of population and economic data to understand local communities; and they will understand the form and arrangement of cities and metropolitan areas around the world. Most important, they will understand which planning approaches work best in which contexts and circumstances.

The Housing, Community and Economic Development concentration focuses on how planners and policy leaders influence the social and economic factors shaping metropolitan economies and urban neighborhoods, particularly low-wealth communities and communities of color. It prepares graduates for positions in housing, community and economic development finance, neighborhood revitalization, workforce development, center city re-development, and public sector management of urban and regional economic development. Housing, Community and Economic Development is a four-credit concentration.

**For more information:** <https://www.design.upenn.edu/city-regional-planning/graduate/program> (<https://www.design.upenn.edu/city-regional-planning/graduate/program/>)

## Curriculum

A total of 18 course units are required for graduation. 15 course units must be in City Planning (CPLN) courses.

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>City &amp; Regional Planning Requirements</b>		
<i>Core Requirements</i>		
CPLN 5000	Introduction to City Planning: History, Theory and Practice	1
CPLN 5010	Quantitative Planning Analysis Methods	1
CPLN 5020	Urban Economics and Public Finance	1
or CPLN 5090	Law of Planning and Urban Development	
CPLN 6000	Studio I	2
CPLN Planning Studio		2
<i>Spatial Analysis Requirement</i>		
CPLN 5030	Modeling Geographical Objects	1
<i>General Electives</i>		
	Select 6 course units	6
<b>Housing, Community and Economic Development Requirements</b>		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
CPLN 5200	Introduction to Housing, Community and Economic Development	1

CPLN 7200	Housing, Community and Economic Development Practicum	1
<i>Theory/Methods Courses</i>		
Select one of the following:		
CPLN 6200	Techniques of Urban Economic Development	1
CPLN 6270	Social Impact in Practice	
CPLN 5400	Introduction to Property Development	
<i>Concentration Electives</i>		
Select one of the following:		
CPLN 6210	Metropolitan Food System	1
CPLN 6230	The Carceral State	
CPLN 6240	Race, Poverty and Place	
CPLN 6280	Migration and Development	
CPLN 6290	Housing, Community & Economic Development Topics Class	
CPLN 6420	Downtown Development	
Other HCE-related course with permission of advisor		
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>18</b>

## Internship Requirement

Because a planning education extends beyond the classroom, all MCP students are required to complete a planning internship, usually between their first and second years. Internships may be paid or unpaid, for at least six weeks. Internships can be completed at any government agency or commission, private consulting firm, or non-profit or advocacy organization involved in planning practice, or research.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.