

CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING, MCP: PUBLIC & PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

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.

Students in the Public & Private Development concentration will learn the planning, design, entrepreneurial, and financing principles of developing for-profit and community-oriented housing and commercial development projects; how to put together development proposals and plans that meet the needs of tenants, the marketplace, and the community; how to develop projects that are economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable; and how private developers can work in partnership with cities and towns, redevelopment agencies, non-profits, and community groups to create affordable housing and public-private development partnerships. These same skills and abilities will be widely valued outside the United States, especially in growing areas of Asia and South America.

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

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
City & Regional Planning Requirements		
<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 7010	Planning Studio (or other CPLN 70x0 Studio)	2
<i>Spatial Analysis Requirement</i>		
CPLN 5030	Modeling Geographical Objects	1
<i>Electives</i>		
Select 3 CPLN Electives (CPLN courses or with FMCP attribute) (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/fmcp/)		3
Select 3 General Electives (must be 5000-level or higher)		3
Public-Private Development Requirements		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
CPLN 5400	Introduction to Property Development	1
CPLN 6410	Progressive Development	1

CPLN 6420	Downtown Development	1
<i>Concentration Electives</i>		
Select one of the following:		1
CPLN 6430	Design and Development	
CPLN 6440	Housing Policy	
CPLN 6200	Techniques of Urban Economic Development	
CPLN 5040	Site Planning	
Other PPD-related course with permission of advisor		
Total Course Units		18

Plan of Study

Standard Course of Study

First Year		Course Units
Fall		
CPLN 5000	Introduction to City Planning: History, Theory and Practice	1
CPLN 5010	Quantitative Planning Analysis Methods	1
CPLN 5030	Modeling Geographical Objects	1
CPLN 5400	Introduction to Property Development	1
		Course Units 4.00
Spring		
CPLN 6000	Studio I	2
Concentration Requirement ¹		1
Choose 2 Electives ^{1,2}		2
		Course Units 5.00
Second Year		
Fall		
CPLN 7010	Planning Studio (or other 70x0 Planning Studio)	2
CPLN 5020	Urban Economics and Public Finance (or Elective at 5000-level or higher) ³	1
Concentration Requirement ¹		1
Choose 1 Elective ^{1,2}		1
		Course Units 5.00

Spring

CPLN 5090	Law of Planning and Urban Development (or Elective at 5000-level or higher) ³	1
Concentration Requirement ¹		1
Choose 2 Electives ^{1, 2}		2
	Course Units	4.00
	Total Course Units	18.00

¹ The scheduling of concentration courses and general electives is flexible and can be taken in the order that best works for the student. Note that some requirements are only offered in Fall or Spring and registration should be planned accordingly.

² Electives must be 5000-level or higher. Undergraduate courses do not count towards CPLN degree requirements. Only 3 non-CPLN courses may be counted towards the degree; students must have 15 CUs under the CPLN subject heading.

³ Students must take either CPLN 5020 (only offered in the Fall) or CPLN 5090 (only offered in the Spring). In the term when not registered for this requirement, register for a general elective.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
