

## JOINT 6-YEAR BUP/MCP DEGREE OPTION

### Bachelor of Urban Planning (BUP) Master of Community Planning (MCP)

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Urban Planning program are encouraged to apply for the joint 6-year Bachelor of Urban Planning/Master of Community Planning option (BUP/MCP). Students completing the BUP/MCP program will be awarded both the Bachelor of Urban Planning and Master of Community Planning degrees. The BUP/MCP option permits an accelerated professional planning education for students with both a solid academic record and strong interest in profession planning practice.

Students admitted to the BUP/MCP option will be enrolled in first year graduate courses during their last year of undergraduate study. These courses are substituted for the 5th-year undergraduate degree requirements. Students will take the Capstone workshop: Managing the Urban Environment in Developing Countries in the 5th year in lieu of the usual BUP undergraduate Capstone requirement. Upon completion of the 5th year requirements, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Urban Planning degree and formally admitted to the graduate program. Award of the MCP degree at the end of the 6th year requires completion of all remaining MCP requirements, including the Internship and either a Thesis or MCP Capstone project. Students who do not fulfill the requirements will be withdrawn from the option and will be required to complete any remaining requirements for the BUP degree, including the Capstone project.

Bachelor of Urban Planning students who have completed all program requirements for entry into the junior year (4th year of study) may apply for the joint degree option. To be admitted, undergraduate students must:

1. Complete all BUP program requirements for classification as a senior (the 5th year of study);
2. Complete the University graduate application;
3. Complete the SOP graduate application form;
4. Complete the Graduate Record examination;
5. Submit two confidential letters of recommendation from SOP faculty members;
6. Submit an official current transcript;
7. Complete no less than four (4) full Division of Professional Practice (co-op) work quarters or three (3) prior to admission to the joint degree option, and
8. Maintain not less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA during the 1st year in the option.

***Students accepted into the option will not be considered, nor matriculated as, graduate students until they have completed all requirements for the BUP degree.*** Joint BUP/MCP option students enrolled in their 5th-year of study are eligible to receive normal undergraduate financial aid; they may not receive a University Graduate Scholarship (UGS) or Graduate Assistantship. They may apply for such graduate financial aid for their 6th and final year of study.

Undergraduate planning students who are considering the BUP/MCP program should discuss their interest with the MCP Program Director.

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