

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND LAW (LCPL)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Architecture

abstract

The University of Maryland School of Law on the Baltimore campus (UMB) will accept up to 9 credits of MCP coursework towards the JD degree, and the Urban Studies and Planning Program will accept up to 9 credits of JD coursework towards the MCP degree. This means that students who complete both programs can save up to 18 credits. Applicants must apply to each program separately and be accepted by both programs. Only grades of B or better may be transferred. Credits from the MCP program can be transferred to the Law program only if they are taken while the student is enrolled in the Law program and vice versa. This means that students cannot take advantage of the transfer of credits if they have already completed either of the programs.

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

ADMISSIONS

General Requirements

- Statement of Purpose
- 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 PDF Upload (optional)
- Writing Samples (optional, up to 3)
- Must apply to the M.C.P. and law programs separately and be accepted by both programs

Applicants for the dual degree in Community Planning/Juris Doctor should use following four-letter code on the online application: LCPL

For more information about the law program, visit The University of Maryland School of Law (<https://www.law.umaryland.edu/>). For the statement of purpose, in addition to the stated requirements, students should discuss specific interest in pursuing a concurrent dual degree within two programs. The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is required and must be submitted directly to the Maryland School of Law.

Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	January 9, 2026
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	January 9, 2026

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: www.arch.umd.edu/ursp/dual-degrees-ursp/ (<http://www.arch.umd.edu/ursp/dual-degrees-ursp/>)

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Community Planning and Law, Master of Community Planning and Juris Doctorate (dual degree) (M.C.P. and J.D.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/community-planning-law-lcpl/community-planning-law-dual-degree-mcp-jd/>)