

Master of City Planning/Master of Urban Spatial Analytics

The MCP/MUSA is a joint degree program sponsored by PennDesign and the School of Arts and Sciences. The aim of this two-and-one-half year program is to train leaders who can blend the professional concerns of city and regional planning with techniques of urban spatial analysis, the application of geographic information systems (GIS), and statistics to urban issues and decision making. Students apply to PennDesign for MCP and the College of General Studies for MUSA through each school's specified admission process.

In order for a student to receive both degrees, he or she must complete the independent degree requirements of each program.

Students must complete 19 course units for the Masters of City Planning (MCP) degree. Of these, ten course units are core requirements and must be taken in the MCP Program and 5 course units are courses taken in their area of concentration, selected from a list designated by the Department. Students are also required to complete four course units in the MUSA program in consultation with their MCP and MUSA program advisors.

Students must complete 9 course units for the MUSA degree. Of these four are required courses in analytics and methods, two are electives in urban content courses and one is a capstone course. Master of City Planning students must complete a non-credit bearing internship, usually undertaken in the summer. MUSA students may but are not required to employ the city planning internship placement as a basis for their capstone course.