

**The MCRP/MArch Dual Degree Program:
For the Joint Completion of Requirements for the
Master of Architecture (MArch) Degree
and
Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) Degree
University of Nebraska–Lincoln**

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This dual degree program is based upon the strength of interrelationships between the professions of Architecture and Community and Regional Planning. Historically, there has been a strong tradition of interdisciplinary crossover in the types of problems addressed by architects and planners. In fact, many practitioners provide individually, or as member of interdisciplinary teams and firms, professional services in both fields.

In recognizing the reality of these continually expanding interdisciplinary professional responsibilities and opportunities, this dual degree program provides a means of completing requirements for the Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) and the Master of Architecture (MArch) degrees in a three-year course sequence. Individually, they are each two-year programs.

I. MCRP/MArch Dual Degree Program Policies and Procedures

- A. Participants entering this program for joint completion of degree requirements for the MCRP and MArch degrees will have completed the UNL Bachelor of Science in Design or equivalent degree program.
- B. Participants will have satisfied all entrance requirements for each of the two master's degree programs.
- C. A first-year student in either the MArch or MCRP degree program may declare interest in the dual degree program and submit an application to the other degree program, but no later than the first year of enrollment in either of the separate degree programs. No student may enter the dual degree program after having completed more than two full semesters in either the MArch or the MCRP degree program.
- D. The dual degree program requires completion of a joint Architecture and Community and Regional Planning thesis/project during the student's final year of the dual degree program.

1. Approval of dual degree thesis/project

In the spring semester prior to the student's final year in the dual degree program, the student must obtain approval of his or her thesis/project from his or her faculty advisory/examining committee (see item I.D.3. below). A written proposal must be submitted to the faculty advisory/examining committee.

2. Credit hours for dual degree thesis/project

A total of 12 credit hours are to be completed for the dual degree thesis/project, consisting of 6 credit hours in Community and Regional Planning and 6 credit hours in Architecture. These credit hours are further designated as follows:

- a. In the MCRP program, the project will consist of 6 credit hours of CRPL 898 "Professional Project," typically 3 credit hours in fall semester and 3 credit hours in spring semester.
- b. In the MArch program, the student may propose either of two options:

The thesis/project will consist of 6 credit hours of ARCH 815 and ARCH 816 "Design Thesis" (3 credit hours each in fall and spring semesters).

—or—

The student may propose enrolling in one of the graduate design research studios in both fall and spring semesters for 3 credit hours each semester, consisting of 6 credit hours of ARCH 815 and ARCH 816. The studio project defined by the faculty member teaching the fall semester studio would form a partial framework for the student's dual degree project. The student will be expected to enroll in the studio taught by the same Architecture faculty member in both semesters and will be expected to pursue the same project throughout both semesters. The student may be allowed less in-class time for the studios if registered for three credit hours, but the professor teaching the design research studios also may require the student to enroll in two credit hours of independent study each semester to establish equity in the level of enrollment among all students in the studios.

- c. The student's proposed distribution of credit hours for the thesis/project must be determined in consultation of his or her advisory committee (see item I.D.3. below), which must approve the proposed distribution.

3. Faculty advisory/examining committee for dual degree thesis/project

In addition to requirements stipulated by the University of Nebraska Graduate College, the faculty advisory/examining committee for the joint thesis/project shall consist of four members, including one co-chair from the Architecture Program, one co-chair from the Community and Regional Planning Program, and at least three of the four members from the College of Architecture.

For students who choose to enroll in Architecture graduate design research studios for the dual degree project, the professor teaching the design research studio shall serve as the Architecture co-chair of the student's faculty advisory/examining committee.

It is recommended, but not required, that the advisory/examining committee should also have one non-faculty, non-voting, practicing professional or client representative selected by the student, but subject to approval by the co-chairs of the advisory/examining committee.

- E. Students participating in this dual degree program will be awarded the MCRP and MArch degrees simultaneously upon successful completion of the project/thesis and all other course requirements.

II. MCRP/MArch Dual Degree Course Requirements

A. Courses completed at the undergraduate level as part of the Bachelor of Science in Design degree:

(Prerequisites for MCRP degree program:)

1. Statistics 3 credit hours
(Examples include: MATH 180; ECON215; or EDPS 459; or equivalent)

2. Economics 3 credit hours
(Examples include: ECON210; ECON211; or equivalent)

3. Social Science 3 credit hours
(Examples include: SOCI101; SOCI242; or equivalent)

B. Courses completed at the graduate level:

1. Architecture:

ARCH 810 MArch Design Research Studio	5 cr
ARCH 811 MArch Design Research Studio	5 cr
ARCH 880 Professional Practice	3 cr
ARCH History/Theory Elective	3 cr
ARCH Technical Elective	1 cr
ARCH Technical Elective	1 cr
ARCH Professional Elective	3 cr
ARCH Professional Elective	3 cr
ARCH Professional Elective	3 cr
ARCH Professional Elective	3 cr
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ARCH Professional Elective	<u>3 cr</u>

Total Architecture credit hours: **36 cr**

2. Community and Regional Planning:

CRPL 800 Introduction to Planning	3 cr
CRPL 802 Planning Theory	3 cr
CRPL 804 Legal Aspects of Planning	3 cr
CRPL 810 Qualitative Techniques	3 cr
CRPL 830 Planning with GIS	3 cr
CRPL 840 Planning Methods and Analysis	3 cr
CRPL 900 Professional Planning Practice	3 cr
CRPL 990 Planning Studio	3 cr
CRPL Elective	<u>3 cr</u>

Total Community and Regional Planning credit hours **27 cr**

3. Joint Architecture/Community and Regional Planning project/thesis:

ARCH 815 Design Thesis	3 cr
ARCH 816 Design Thesis	3 cr
CRPL 898 Professional Project	3 cr
CRPL 898 Professional Project	<u>3 cr</u>

Total joint credit hours:
Architecture and Community and Regional Planning **12 cr**

Total credit hours for dual degree program 75 cr

C. Flow chart for courses in MCRP/MArch Dual Degree Program: (attached)

		PROJECTIVE DESIGN RESEARCH					
		M1		M2		M3	
		Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
DISCIPLINE			HISTORY/THEORY ELEC 3	ARCH 880 PRACTICE 3			
DESIGN		ARCH 810 M.ARCH DESIGN RESEARCH STUDIO 5	ARCH 811 M.ARCH DESIGN RESEARCH STUDIO 5			ARCH 815 M.ARCH THESIS / DRs 3 CRPL 898 PROFESSIONAL PROJECT 3	ARCH 816 M.ARCH THESIS / DRs 3 CRPL 898 PROFESSIONAL PROJECT 3
SPECIALIZATION				ARCH PROF. ELECTIVE 3	ARCH PROF. ELECTIVE 3	ARCH PROF. ELECTIVE 3	ARCH PROF. ELECTIVE 3
TECHNIQUE		TECH. ELECTIVE 1	TECH. ELECTIVE 1		ARCH PROF. ELECTIVE 3		ARCH PROF. ELECTIVE 3
PLANNING		CRPL 800 INTRO TO CRP 3	CRPL 802 PLANNING THEORY 3	CRPL 900 PRO PLAN PRACTICE 3	CRPL 804 LEGAL ASPECTS 3	CRPL 990 PLANNING STUDIO 3	
		CRPL 840 PLANNING METHODS 3	CRPL 810 QUALITATIVE TECHS 3	CRPL 830 PLANNING WITH GIS 3	CRPL ELECTIVE 3		
		12	15	12	12	12	12
		M1		M2		M3	