COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE (M.A.)

https://carsey.unh.edu/program/ma/master-community-development-policy-practice

Description

The Online MA in Community Development Policy and Practice program (MCD) prepares you for a career in community and economic development. While earning this online, cohort-based community development degree, you will tackle real-world situations through a capstone community project and engage with leading experts and academics in a program designed for working professionals just like you. Through coursework and experiential opportunities, you will learn practitioner-focused and community-centered approaches and strategies in development finance, policy analysis, organizational development and project management for participatory and impactful change. **Professionals with five or more years of relevant work experience can enroll in the 12-month Executive MCD program with reduced degree requirements (30 credits vs. 36 credits for the MCD program) and lower tuition cost.**

- The MCD program is fully online and is ideal for working professionals
- Gain effective community development skills and tools through an applied four-term capstone project in your community which can be done with your organization as part of your work
- Connect with respected field experts across disciplines, including faculty and peers
- Start in the fall, spring, or summer and graduate in as little as 12 months (Executive MCD) or 14 months (MCD)
- The MCD program consists of 12 courses (36 credits)
- The GRE is not required to apply to this degree program

Program Delivery & Location: Core academic courses for the MCD degree are offered online with choices for taking elective courses online or in person on UNH campuses. Students who choose to participate in the Washington DC Colloquium experience will join students from other Carsey programs for a week in Washington, DC. And, students are free to carry out their capstone projects in their chosen community.

Requirements

Students enrolled in the Carsey School's MA in Community Development Policy and Practice program (MCD) are required to complete a **36-credit** program, consisting of 12 courses including a four-term capstone project:

- **Five (5) CORE** Curriculum Courses
- **Four (4) EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING** Curriculum Courses
- **Three (3) ELECTIVE** Courses

These provide the applied foundational community and economic development skills in strategy, practice, and analysis for a successful career in community development. In this program, students will examine each of the core interdisciplinary areas within the cross-cutting lenses of public policy, data collection, and analysis as students directly apply what they learn in the classroom through a capstone project centered on community engagement for sustainable development. Further

opportunities for depth and specialization are provided through a variety of elective courses which vary each year as well as the opportunity to conduct independent studies to delve deeper into a specific aspect of a student's community or capstone project.

Code	Title	Credits
CORE Curriculum Courses (5 Courses)		
DPP 801	Integrative Approaches to Development Policy and Practice	3
DPP 802	Economic Analysis for Development	3
DPP 805	Fiscal Management for Development Organizations	3
DPP 806	Organizational Management and Leadership	3
DPP 808	Policy Seminar	3
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING Curriculum Courses (4 Courses) [1]		
DPP 980	Introduction to Community Development Projects	3
DPP 981	Project Design and Planning	3
DPP 982	Project Implementation and Monitoring	3
DPP 983	Project Evaluation	3
ELECTIVE Courses (3 Courses) [2]		
Three (3) MCD-Approved ELECTIVE Courses		9
Total Credits		**36**

[1] With full faculty support, students carry out a four-term capstone project in their communities by completing actionable assignments throughout the series of four (4) applied project courses.

[2] A variety of MCD elective courses and other Carsey graduate courses are offered each term (ELECTIVES). This includes the MCD Independent Study course (DPP 990) taken under the guidance of an MCD faculty member. Students wishing to pursue elective courses outside of the MCD program should consult with their Graduate Academic Advisor for guidance and approval.

Degree Plan

MCD Sample Degree Plan (36 Credits): *Fall Start*

First Year

Fall		Credits
Term 1		
DPP 801	Integrative Approaches to Development Policy and Practice	3
DPP 980	Introduction to Community Development Projects [1]	3
Term 2		
DPP 806	Organizational Management and Leadership	3
DPP 981	Project Design and Planning [1]	3
	Credits	**12**
Spring		
Term 3		
DPP 802	Economic Analysis for Development	3
DPP 982	Project Implementation and Monitoring [1]	3
Term 4		
DPP 805	Fiscal Management for Development Organizations	3
DPP 983	Project Evaluation [1]	3
	Credits	**12**

Summer

Term 5

DPP 808	Policy Seminar	3
MCD-Approved Elective Course [2]		3
	Credits	**6**

Second Year

Fall

Term 1

MCD-Approved Elective Course [2]		3
MCD-Approved Elective Course [2]		3
	Credits	**6**
	Total Credits	**36**

MCD Sample Degree Plan: *Spring Start*

First Year

Spring		**Credits**
Term 3		
DPP 802	Economic Analysis for Development	3
MCD-Approved Elective Course [2]		3
Term 4		
DPP 805	Fiscal Management for Development Organizations	3
MCD-Approved Elective Course [2]		3
	Credits	**12**

Fall

Term 1		
DPP 801	Integrative Approaches to Development Policy and Practice	3
DPP 980	Introduction to Community Development Projects [1]	3
Term 2		
DPP 806	Organizational Management and Leadership	3
DPP 981	Project Design and Planning [1]	3
	Credits	**12**

Second Year

Spring

Term 3		
DPP 982	Project Implementation and Monitoring [1]	3
Term 4		
DPP 983	Project Evaluation [1]	3
	Credits	**6**

Summer

Term 5		
DPP 808	Policy Seminar	3
MCD-Approved Elective Course [2]		3
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Accelerated Master's

This graduate program is approved to be taken on an accelerated basis in articulation with certain undergraduate degree programs.

General Accelerated Master's policy, note that some programs have additional requirements (e.g. higher grade expectations) compared to the policy.

Please see the Graduate School website and contact the department directly for more information.

Accelerated Master's Progam Eligible: Yes-MCD Only (not applicable for the Executive MCD program)

The 36-credit **Community Development Policy and Practice (M.A.)** program (MCD) allows eligible undergraduate seniors to enroll in graduate level courses which can fulfill requirements for both their undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Students can apply to the Accelerated Master's MCD program during their junior or senior year. Please review details on eligibility requirements for admission.

Eligible students who are admitted to the Accelerated Master's MCD program may complete up to 12 credits (four 3-credit courses) at the 800-level during their undergraduate senior year (unless otherwise indicated below), Credit earned counts toward both the undergraduate program and graduate degree.

The 36-credit Community Development Policy and Practice (M.A.) program (MCD) is approved to be taken on an accelerated basis in articulation with the below undergraduate programs.

The graduate 800-level courses listed below have been approved to be completed in the undergraduate senior year and earn credit toward both the undergraduate programs listed below and the Community Development Policy and Practice (M.A.) degree program.

Accelerated Master's students should always consult with their Graduate Academic Advisor for course selection guidance.

College of Health and Human Services

Code	Title	Credits
Recreation Management & Policy: Outdoor Leadership and Management Option (B.S.)		
Recreation Management & Policy: Program and Event Management Option (B.S.)		
Recreation Management & Policy: Therapeutic Recreation Option (B.S.)		
Students may select up to four (4) 800-level courses (12 credits total) from the following:		
Community Development Policy and Practice (M.A.) courses:		
DPP 801	Integrative Approaches to Development Policy and Practice	
DPP 802	Economic Analysis for Development	

DPP 805	Fiscal Management for Development Organizations	
DPP 806	Organizational Management and Leadership	
Global Conflict & Human Security (M.S.) courses:		
GCHS 810	Conflict & Human Security	
GCHS 820	Global Governance	
GCHS 830	International Development & Human Security	
GCHS 840	Sustainable Development: Gender-Environment Nexus	
GCHS 850	Peace and Human Security in the Post-Atrocity State	
Public Administration (M.P.A.) courses:		
PA 800	Foundations and Theories of Public Administration	
PA 802	Grant-writing for Public and Non-profit Sectors	
PA 809	Organization and Management in Public and Non-profit Sectors	
PA 812	Leadership Theory and Practice	
PA 818	Non-Profit Management	
PA 819	Managing Conflict and Change in Nonprofit and Public Organizations	
PA 820	Strategic Communications for Public and Non-profit Sectors	
PA 821	Effective Change Management in Nonprofit and Public Organizations	
Public Policy (M.P.P.) courses:		
PPOL 806	Fundamentals of Policy Analysis	
PPOL 810	Policy Across Borders	
PPOL 812	Strategies for Policy Impact	
PPOL 822	Media Strategy and Skills	
PPOL 897	Advanced Special Topics	
Recreation Management and Policy (M.S.) courses:		
RMP 811	Recreation Resource Management	
RMP 820	Adaptive Sport Facilitation for Recreation Therapy and Related Professions	
RMP 824	Research, Evaluation, and Data-Driven Decisions	
RMP 840	Therapeutic Recreation Service Delivery in Community Settings	
RMP 868	Theories and Philosophies of Youth Development	
RMP 872	Law and Public Policy in Leisure Services	
RMP 876	Human Dimensions of Natural Environments	

College of Professional Studies - Online

Code	Title	Credits
Business and Technology		
Accounting and Finance (B.S.)		
Applied Studies: Management (B.S.)		
Business Management: Accounting Option (B.S.)		
Business Management: Economic Science Option (B.S.)		
Business Management: Emergency Management Strategy and Planning Option (B.S.)		
Business Management: Finance Option (B.S.)		
Business Management: Leadership, Change, and Social Responsibility Option (B.S.)		
Business Management: Management Option (B.S.)		
Business Management: Nonprofit Management Option (B.S.)		
Business Management: Organization and Business Administration Option (B.S.)		
Business Management: Project Management Option (B.S.)		
Fire Service Administration (B.S.)		
Human Resource Management (B.S.)		
Operations, Supply Chain, and Logistics Management (B.S.)		
Public Administration (B.S.)		
Technology Management (B.S.)		
Health Care, Human Services, and Behavioral Science		
Applied Psychology: Emergency Management Strategy and Planning Option (B.S.)		
Criminal Justice (B.S.)		
Liberal Arts, Communications, and General Education		
Individualized Studies: Management (B.S.)		
Professional Communication: Business and Strategic Communication Option (B.S.)		
Professional Communication: Interpersonal and Organizational Communication Option (B.S.)		
Professional Communication: Visual Communication and Social Media Option (B.S.)		
The approved 800-level courses below will count as electives in the undergraduate program.		
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Community Development Policy and Practice (M.A.) courses:		
DPP 801	Integrative Approaches to Development Policy and Practice	
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DPP 805	Fiscal Management for Development Organizations	

DPP 806	Organizational Management and Leadership	
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PPOL 897	Advanced Special Topics	

Student Learning Outcomes

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- Develop interdisciplinary knowledge and skills to integrate theory, policy, data collection, and analysis.
- Acquire an understanding of complex development issues and problems.
- Apply learning to real-world situations.
- Effectively communicate findings to various audiences both verbally and in writing.