Master of City Design

Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program admission criteria:

- **Baccalaureate Field** Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Studies, Urban Planning, and other creative fields. Relevant professional experience of two or more years strongly recommended.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** None required for admission.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - **TOEFL iBT** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21, **OR**,
  - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, **OR**,
  - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required.
- **Personal Statement** Required. The statement must address the applicant's educational and career goals and previous pertinent work, volunteer, and/or academic experience.
- **Other Requirements** Applicants must submit a portfolio comprising their most important and representative visual arts, design, research, and/or professional work such as an essay, academic paper or policy report, newspaper article, photographs, handmade sketches, computer generated graphics, design proposal, or project of which they are the sole author or designer. This material may be of an academic, professional, or personal nature, and must be submitted in a PDF format and include a description of the project as well as supporting documentation, which may include images or a video. Applicants must submit a resume as well.
- **Deadlines** The number of students admitted is limited. Admissions are selective and competitive. Fall semester start only. Early submissions are encouraged in order to receive fullest consideration. The application deadline for this program is earlier than the Graduate College deadline; application deadlines for this program are listed on the Graduate College website.

Degree Requirements

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 36.
- **Coursework**

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
CD 503	Urban Spatial Analysis & Visualization	
CD 504	Theories of Urban Design	
CD 511	Urban Edge Studio	
CD 512	Great Cities Studio	
CD 522	Chicago Charette I	
CD 523	Chicago Charette II	
UPP 508	Global Urbanization and Planning	
Selective courses		

Select any course from the following list with advisor's approval:

UPP 550	Spatial Planning: Theoretical Foundations
UPP 594	Topics in Urban Planning and Policy
UPP 565	Transportation: Special Topics
UPP 542	Metropolitan Housing Planning
UPP 543	Planning for Healthy Cities
UPP 535	Economic Development: Special Topics
UPP 544	Urban Revitailization and Gentrification
UPP 525	Globalization and International Planning: Special Topics
UPP 553	Land Use Law
UPP 558	Land Use Regulation and Planning
UPP 533	Development Finance Analysis
UPP 564	Public Transit Management

- A minimum 3.00/4.00 GPA is required in all work taken in the major field, and in all work accepted by the university.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Coursework-Only Options:** Coursework only. No other options available.