MASTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Master of Community Development

The University of Detroit Mercy's graduate program in Community Development takes a one-of-a-kind approach to the theory and practice of building sustainable communities.

The Master of Community Development (MCD) is a unique, interdisciplinary program, integrating human, organizational, economic, and physical development into its core curriculum. Housed in the School of Architecture, the MCD offers concentration course work through all Colleges and Schools within UDM.

Graduates of the MCD will become leaders in the field of Community Development and will be recognized as experts in sustainable community development in the public, private, corporate, not-for-profit and institutional sectors.

The Master of Community Development is a 36-credit-hour program. Full-time and part-time students are welcome to apply. The core curriculum will be taught in an evening, weekend or other intensive format geared toward working adults.

Part-time students can expect to graduate after two to three years. Concentration electives offered in UDM Schools and Colleges provide an opportunity for students to attend full time.

Departments contributing courses and course content to the Master of Community Development program are:

• Architecture
• Business Administration
• Civil Engineering
• Computer Information Systems
• Counseling & Addiction Studies
• Education
• Economics
• Psychology
• Religious Studies
• Security Administration

Why Choose UDM's MCD Program?

The Master of Community Development program is the only program to offer these distinctive features:

The MCD program is a one-of-a-kind program, not found anywhere else in the United States. Other degree programs concentrate on just one aspect or characteristic of community development, while UDM's integrated program emphasizes a comprehensive approach.

The MCD program is an innovative educational model designed to support the career needs of a broad range of individuals working in the community development field.

The MCD program integrates the human, organizational, physical and economic aspects of community development for a holistic approach in developing viable communities.

The MCD program incorporates input from professionals in community development resulting in a program that combines theory with practical application.

The MCD program utilizes faculty expertise from across academic units to provide a broad, interdisciplinary foundation for creating livable communities.

The MCD program, located in the center of Detroit, focuses on the development of marginalized communities within an urban context. It provides local activists an easily accessible program to address Detroit's social and physical condition.

The MCD program is designed for part-time students who work full time. However, the course curriculum also allows students to attend full time to complete the program more quickly.

The MCD program prepares graduates for a variety of leadership roles in community development, including municipal government, non-profit organizations, social services agencies, and real estate development.

Admission Requirements

Applicants applying to the Master of Community Development program should have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in a bachelor's or master's degree program from an accredited institution. To be considered for admission, a candidate must complete the graduate application for evaluation by MCD faculty. The application consists of:
• Submitting transcripts from an accredited institution in a bachelor's or master's program.
• Submitting a letter of interest which includes ranking order of interest in MCD concentrations.
• Submitting a current resume, illustrating excellence and accomplishment in academic, extra curricular, service and/or professional endeavors.
• Submitting two letters of recommendation from employers and/or faculty.
• Submitting test scores (GRE, GMAT, TOEFL etc.) is not mandatory, but will be considered.

• Additionally, a group interview, facilitated by two MCD faculty/administration members, may be required to determine the applicant's contribution to a unique learning environment.
• Additionally, an essay exam may be required to determine English language and writing skills.

Degree Requirements

The program requires 36 credits of planned study. The MCD curriculum has five elements: an intensive introduction, a core curriculum, 3 skills workshops, a series of concentration courses, and a two-semester capstone experience. "Introduction to Community Development" provides an overview of the four concentrations, while the remaining core curriculum explores more complex issues in contemporary community development, including diversity, social justice, regional and global issues and trends.

For course descriptions, see http://www.udmercy.edu/mcd/curriculum.htm

INTRODUCTION (2 cr.):
MCD 5010   Introduction to Community Development   2 cr.

CORE CURRICULUM (19 cr.):
MCD 5020	Introduction to Economic Development	3 cr.
MCD 5040	Introduction to Human Development	3 cr.
MCD 5060	Introduction to Physical Development	3 cr.
MCD 5080	Intro. to Organizational Development	3 cr.
MCD 5100	The Role of Diversity & Multiculturalism in Community Development	2 cr.
MCD 5120	Environmental, Social & Economic Justice	2 cr.
MCD 5140	Regional Development & Sustainability	2 cr.
MCD 5200	Skills Workshops	1 cr.

CONCENTRATIONS (9 cr.):
Economic Development
ECN 5100   Economic Analysis
ECN 5220   The Economics of Cities in Metropolitan Areas
ECN 5450   Economics of the Public Sector
ECN 5790   Economic Development
MBA 5160   Foundations of Marketing
MBA 5620   Entrepreneurship
RELS 5430   Ethics & Economic Theories

Human Development
CNS 5320   Counseling Special Populations
EDU 5140   Society and Education
EDU 5820   School/Community Relations
HLH 5320   Health Promotion & Risk Reduction
HLH 5700   Health Care Delivery & Policy Issues
PYC 5020   Lifespan Development
RELS 5480   Justice: Contemporary Issues & Theories

Organizational Development
MBA 5210   Personal Development & Social Responsibility
MBA 5250   Organizational Process and Leadership
MBA 5680   Diversity in Management and Marketing
MBA 5850   Organizational Development and Change
PYC 5700   Issues in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

PYC 5740   Training and Development
PYC 5760   Multicultural Issues & Race Relations in Work

Physical Development
ARCH 5920   Theory of Urban Form
MCD 5290   Architect/Community Developer as Real Estate Developer
MCD 5720   Historic Preservation
MCD 5730   Making Detroit: History and Mystery
SEC 5240   Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

CAPSTONE PROJECT (6 cr.):
MCD 5900	Capstone I	3 cr.
MCD 5950	Capstone II	3 cr.

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International Students: Please contact the Office of Admissions at 800-635-5020 or admissions@udmercy.edu.

Financial Aid
Graduate stipends are available for students in the MCD program. Students who are research or teaching assistants can expect to receive additional stipend funding.

Students are also encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The UDM federal school code is 002323. It is highly recommended that students apply for financial aid at the beginning of the admissions process.

* The MCD program qualifies for the State of Michigan "No Worker Left Behind" Program.

Financial Aid Office: (313) 993-3350