

## DUAL DEGREE BETWEEN MASTER OF PUBLIC INFORMATICS (MPI) AND MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (MPP) OR MASTER OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING (MCRP)

### MPI/MPP

The 48-credit Master of Public Policy (MPP) and the 36-credit Master of Public Informatics (MPI) can be combined into a 60-credit MPP/MPI dual degree option. To complete the option, students must be separately accepted to each degree pathway.

The MPP degree requires a set of core, concentration and elective courses. The list of core, concentration, and elective courses for the MPP degree may be found at:

<https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/graduate/public-policy/mpp/>

Dual degree students starting in the MPP must complete 12 MPI-eligible credits beyond their 48-credit requirement for the MPP, totaling 60 credits. Furthermore, all students must make certain in their **course of study** they include the following courses:

- 34:816:502 Theory & Practice of Public Informatics
- 34:816:633 Big Data Analytics
- 34:970:590 Graphical Communication for Planners or equivalent
- 34:970:659 Advanced Graphical Communication for Planners or equivalent
- 34:970:591 Intro to GIS for Planning or equivalent
- 34:970:592 Topics in GIS

The MPI degree requires 30 credits of core courses and 6 credits of electives. Dual degree students starting in the MPI must complete 24 MPP-eligible credits beyond their 36-credit requirement for the MPI degree, totaling 60 credits. Furthermore, all students must make certain in their **course of study** they include the following courses and satisfy requirements:

- 34:833:510 Public Policy Formation
- 34:833:543 Economics for Public Policy
- One management course
- One finance or budgeting course
- 34:833:673 Applied Field Experience
- Take the policy research practicums within core (instead of planning studios)
- Additional MPP eligible elective courses as appropriate and needed
- Declare a policy concentration

Students following these flight plans will be awarded degrees consecutively, at the time the requirements for each degree are completed. It is important to note that there are multiple, possible flight plans and each should be directed/guided by a combination of faculty advisor, program director and student services staff.

## MPI/MPP SAMPLE FLIGHT PLAN

### **Semester 1**

PP 34:833:510 Public Policy Formation

PP 34:833:530 Research Design

PI 34:816:502 Theory & Practice of Public Informatics

PI 34:970:590 Graphical Communication for Planners

### **Semester 2**

PP 34:833:543 Economics and Public Policy

PP 34:833:521 Basic Quantitative Methods

PI 34:816:633 Big Data Analytics

PP Concentration Requirement

### **Semester 3**

PP 34:833:525 Advanced Multivariate Methods

PP Concentration Requirement

PP Concentration Requirement

PI 34:970:591 Intro to GIS

### **Semester 4**

PP 34:833:640 Policy Practicum

PP 34:833:641 Policy Practicum

PP Management / Finance Requirement

PI 34:970:592 Topics in GIS

### **Semester 5**

PP Management / Finance Requirement

PP 34:833:673 Applied Field Experience

PI 34:970:659 Advanced Graphical Communication for Planners

PP Elective

## MPI/MCRP

The 48-credit Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) and the 36-credit Master of Public Informatics (MPI) can be combined into a 60-credit MCRP/MPI dual degree option. To complete the option, students must be separately accepted to each degree pathway.

The MPP degree requires a set of core, concentration and elective courses. The list of core, concentration, and elective courses for the MCRP degree may be found at:

<https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/graduate/uppd/mcrp/>

Dual degree students starting in the MCRP must complete 12 MPI-eligible credits beyond their 48-credit requirement for the MCRP, totaling 60 credits. Furthermore, all students must make certain in their **course of study** they include the following courses:

- 34:816:502 Theory & Practice of Public Informatics
- 34:816:633 Big Data Analytics
- 34:970:590 Graphical Communication for Planners or equivalent
- 34:970:659 Advanced Graphical Communication for Planners or equivalent
- 34:970:591 Intro to GIS for Planning or equivalent
- 34:970:592 Topics in GIS

The MPI degree requires 30 credits of core courses and 6 credits of electives. Dual degree students starting in the MPI must complete 24 MCRP-eligible credits beyond their 36-credit requirement for the MPI degree, totaling 60 credits. Furthermore, all students must make certain in their **course of study** they include the following courses and satisfy requirements:

- 34:970:501 History and Theory of Planning
- 34:970:509 Urban Economy and Spatial Patterns
- 34:970:517 Survey of Planning Law Principles
- Take graduate planning studios within core (instead of policy practicums)
- Additional MCRP eligible elective courses as appropriate and needed
- Declare a planning concentration
- Professional Report via 34:970:516 Methods of Planning Analysis

Students following these flight plans will be awarded degrees consecutively, at the time the requirements for each degree are completed. It is important to note that there are multiple, possible flight plans and each should be directed/guided by a combination of faculty advisor, program director and student services staff.

## MPI/MCRP SAMPLE FLIGHT PLAN

### Semester 1

UP 34:970:501 History and Theory of Planning

UP 34:970:515 Basic Quantitative Methods

PI 34:816:502 Theory & Practice of Public Informatics

PI 34:970:590 Graphical Communication for Planners

### Semester 2

UP 34:970:509 Urban Economy and Spatial Patterns

UP 34:970:516 Planning Methods

PI 34:970:591 Intro to GIS

PI 34:816:633 Big Data Analytics

### Semester 3

UP Third Methods Requirement

PI 34:970:659 Advanced Graphical Communication for Planners

UP 34:970:517 Survey of Planning Law Principles

UP Elective

### Semester 4

UP 34:970:510 /511 Studio Requirement

PI 34:970:592 Topics in GIS

UP Concentration Requirement

UP Concentration Requirement

### Semester 5

UP 34:970:510 /511 Studio Requirement

UP Concentration Requirement

UP Concentration Requirement

UP Elective

## HOW TO APPLY

### Application Options

Admission to the dual MPI/MCRP or MPI/MPP degree program is highly selective and requires simultaneous, separate applications to and acceptance by each program. A total of 60 credits must be completed in a minimum of two and a half years of full-time study. Students may take up to 12 credits per semester, and may use the summers or additional part-time semesters to complete the required 60 credits. Part-time study plans are individually arranged to suit students' circumstances.

**Current MCRP and MPP** students wishing to add the dual program relationship to their current degree program should first consult their academic advisor and program director. After doing so, meeting with Courtney Culler, Assistant Director for Graduate Student Services at [courtney.culler@rutgers.edu](mailto:courtney.culler@rutgers.edu) to map out the application process, finish your flight plan and timeline would be your final step. **For new student applicants to the university**, and to discuss the advantages of the dual degree program, please contact Lynn Astorga, Assistant Director for Student Recruitment at (848) 932-2388 or [lastorga@rutgers.edu](mailto:lastorga@rutgers.edu).

### Application Process

To start an application, visit the admissions website at: [gradstudy.rutgers.edu](http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu) and select "Apply Now" on the upper right side of the page. **For current MCRP and MPP** students, apply to the MPI degree program and indicate in your personal statement your intention to pursue the dual option. **For new student applicants to the university**, apply simultaneously to both degrees and again indicate your intention to pursue the dual option in both personal statements.

Applications sometimes require support documents that may not a part of the electronic application. Resume/CV, unofficial transcripts are some examples. Once you have finished your application and have received your RUID, you can [upload documents](#).

or if need be post mail them to:  
Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions  
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey  
56 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8530 USA

Should you have any questions regarding applying to either of the dual MPI programs, feel free to contact our staff below:

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