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/](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 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.

Application Process

To start an application, visit the admissions website at: 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:

Marie O’Brien, Admissions Assistant
admissions@policy.rutgers.edu - (848) 932-2722