

Juris Doctor/Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development

INTRODUCTION

The JD-MUPDD program allows full-time students to earn advanced degrees in both Law (JD) and Urban Planning in four years, rather than the five years required of students completing each degree separately. The dual-degree program prepares students for careers in law firms; municipal, county, regional, and state planning and economic development agencies; and private sector planning or real estate development firms.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The JD-MUPDD program is designed to enhance the professional training and employment opportunities of students by equipping graduates to compete more effectively in the job market of the 21st century. The Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is in its 110th year and is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. Graduates include many of the state's most prominent attorneys, judges, and public officials. The Levin College of Urban Affairs, which houses the MUPDD program, is ranked in the top ten schools of Public Affairs by U.S. News and World Report. The planning program is fully accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB). MUPDD faculty are active in the American Planning Association (APA),

the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), the American Institute of Architects, the Urban Land Institute, and the Ohio Planning Conference (OPC). Planning faculty have served as President of the APA and AICP, Chair of the APA's Planning & Law Division, and on the OPC board.



RESEARCH

JD-MUPDD students have numerous opportunities to participate in legal research and gain experience through legal assistance to local agencies and organizations through work with the Law & Public Policy Clinic, the Environmental Law Clinic, the Housing Law Clinic and the Urban Development Law Clinic. MUPDD faculty have wide-ranging research interests, including community development, conflict resolution, economic development, historic preservation, housing, land use, neighborhood development, environmental systems, and real estate and have published in the leading journals in these fields.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

JD requirements are fulfilled by completion of 80 credit hours in the College of Law and the transfer of ten credit hours from MUPDD courses. MUPDD requirements are fulfilled by completion of 40 credit hours in the MUPDD Program and the transfer of eight credit hours from Law courses. Students normally spend their first year in the College of Law, their second year in the Levin College, and split the third and fourth years between the two colleges.

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For program information contact:

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