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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 Introduction to Organizational Development 3 cr.
 MCD 5100 The Role of Diversity & Multiculturalism in Community Development 2 cr.
 MCD 5120 Environmental, Social and 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 5180 Urban Design Issues
 ARCH 5290 Real Estate Development Practicum
 ARCH 5970 Urban Public Policy & Politics
 ARCH 5980 Revitalizing the Core: Historic Preservation
 ARCH 5980 Introduction to Urban Design & Development
 ARCH 5980 Social Justice in Design
 SEC 5240 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

CAPSTONE PROJECT (6 cr.):

MCD 5900 Capstone Preparation 3 cr.
 MCD 5950 Capstone Project 3 cr.

For further information, please write, call or e-mail:

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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.

For more financial aid information, please write, call or e-mail:

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Admission Recommendation

Name of Applicant _____ Social Security Number _____

Applicant: This form is to be given to three people who are able to comment on your qualifications for graduate study. They may be professors, employers, or supervisors.

My preference regarding confidentiality of this recommendation is as follows:

_____ I wish to have access to this letter of recommendation; it will not be confidential and will be incorporated into my application for graduate study.

_____ I waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation and request it be incorporated as confidential material into my application for graduate study.

(Signature)

(Date)

Note to Recommender: The person named above is applying for admission to the graduate program indicated and has requested that your evaluation be included as part of the information in which the faculty will base its decision. Under THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT of 1974, this applicant (if admitted and enrolled) will have access to the information provided unless the statement above has waived the right to such access.

Please indicate how long and how well you have known the applicant, and tell what you can of the person's aptitude, emotional adjustment, oral/written expression, personal appearance, and potential for success. Accordingly, our students must exhibit a high level of emotional and social maturity. If you are aware of any weakness in this applicant's social or emotional adjustment that might hamper his/her function within this field, specify this below. Please feel free to use both sides of this form, or an extra sheet, if necessary.

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Return recommendation to:

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