Combined Programs

The School of Planning and Public Affairs participates in several combined degree programs, in which students work toward an MS in urban and regional planning at the same time they work toward another degree. Combined degree programs enable students to earn both degrees in less time than it would take to earn the two degrees separately.

Undergraduate Degree/MS

Students working on an undergraduate degree program in the Tippie College of Business or the Colleges of Education, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Public Health who are interested in earning the MS in urban and regional planning may apply to a combined undergraduate degree/MS graduate degree program. The Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) program enables students to begin work on the MS as they complete their baccalaureate degree. Combined degree programs enable students to earn both degrees in less time than it would take to earn the two degrees separately.

Separate application to each degree program is required. Applicants must be admitted to both programs before they may be admitted to the combined degree program. For more information, visit Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) on the Graduate College website.

Graduate Degrees/MS

See “Two Master's Degrees” under Master's Degrees in the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website for information on earning concurrent master's degrees. The following combined degree programs are available.

- JD/MS; see Juris Doctor, JD (College of Law) in the catalog.
- MS in civil and environmental engineering with a sustainable water development subprogram/MS; see the MS in civil and environmental engineering (College of Engineering) in the catalog.
- MS in occupational and environmental health/MS; see the MS in occupational and environmental health (College of Public Health) in the catalog.
- MSW/MS; see the Master of Social Work, MSW (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) in the catalog.
- MA in educational policy and leadership studies with a higher education and student affairs subprogram; see the MA in educational policy and leadership studies (College of Education) in the catalog.

Requirements for each combined degree program can vary. The minimum requirements for the urban and regional planning part of any combined degree include completion of at least 35 s.h. in School of Planning and Public Affairs courses (prefix URP), the core and capstone courses, 9 s.h. of a concentration, and the master's degree final examination. In the case of two master's degrees, all programs require at least 60 s.h. of credit.

Students who wish to enter a combined degree program must apply to the two degree programs separately; they must be admitted to both programs before they may be admitted to the combined program. Other combined degrees may be possible. Contact the admissions coordinator at the School of Planning and Public Affairs for more information about combined degree programs.