

Community Development, MCD

Master of Community Development, Degree Program Requirements

The degree requires a minimum of 36 semester credit hours. The core of the program consists of 18 credit hours of courses required of all students. A list of pre-approved courses is provided, from which the student may select the remaining 18 credit hours. Only 6 credit hours of alternative graduate courses may be selected from offerings of other degree programs on campus, with departmental approval.

Major Requirements		18
Select courses from the following:		
CODE 5301	Introduction to Community Development	
CODE 5305	Community Dev Studio	
CODE 5307	Community Development Financing	
CODE 5308	Demography and GIS	
CODE 5321	Negotiation, Mediation and Facilitation	
CODE 5334	Community Research ¹	
CODE 5360	Land Development and Planning in Declining Communities ¹	
Electives		18
Select classes from the following:		
CODE 5310	Cultural Heritage Preservation	
CODE 5312	Historic Preservation	
CODE 5320	Introduction to Community Leadership ²	
CODE 5330	Community Political Structure	
CODE 5331	Community Management and Leadership	
CODE 5332	Community Analysis	
CODE 5336	Community Physical Structure	
CODE 5351	Grant Development	
CODE 5352	Campaigns and Gifts	
CODE 5354	Research for Capital and Grant Development	
CODE 5360	Land Development and Planning in Declining Communities ²	
CODE 5361	Land Development and Use Control Strategies	
CODE 5375	International Community Development Policies and Practices	
CODE 5380	Principles of Real Estate I	
CODE 5381	Principle of Real Estate II	
CODE 5382	Law of Agency	
CODE 5383	Law of Contract	
CODE 5640	Internship	
CODE 5384	Promulgated Contract Forms	
CODE 5385	Real Estate Finance	
Total Hours		36

¹ Students interested in pursuing an internship can take CODE 5640 in place of CODE 5334 and CODE 5360 with departmental approval.

² For a broad based understanding of the field of community development, the following are recommended. However, students can select from any of the electives listed.

Master of Community Development, Degree Sequence

First Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours	Summer	Hours
CODE 5301		3 CODE 5305		3 Elective IV	3
CODE 5308		3 CODE 5321		3 Elective V	3
Elective I		3 CODE 5334		3	

Elective II	3 Elective III	3	
Total	12 Total	12 Total	6

Total Hours: 30

Second Year

Fall - Semester 1

Hours

CODE 5307			3
Elective IV			3
Total			6

Total Hours: 6

Name	Unit
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Total Semester Credit Hours: 36

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>), include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and can be either primary or complementary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

MCD Community Development

Degree Skills

1. Strategic development and mass communication skills (industry and community)
2. Project management in the areas of real estate, finance and community projects
3. Understanding of community engagement research principles

Concentration Skills

1. Ability to conduct feasibility studies
2. Applied research skills
3. Grant writing and management

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Skills

1. Community engagement
2. Community projects
3. Data-driven outcomes