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Institution Submitting Request: University of Utah

Proposed Title: Juris Doctor/Master of City & Metropolitan Planning Dual Degree Program

Currently Approved Title: n/a

School or Division or Location: College of Law; College of Architecture + Planning

Department(s) or Area(s) Location: College of Law; Department of City & Metropolitan Planning

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): Keep current codes for both JD and MCMP

Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs):

Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 07/01/2015

Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: MM/DD/YEAR

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items		
<i>R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar</i>		
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5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphasis*
5.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	(CER P) Certificate of Proficiency*
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**Requires "Section V: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template*

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Signature

Date:

Printed Name:

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

Program Request - Abbreviated Template
University of Utah
JD/MCMP Dual Degree Program
October 13, 2014

Section I: Request

The University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law and the College of Architecture + Planning request permission to establish a dual degree program that enables students to earn Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of City & Metropolitan Planning (MCMP) degrees simultaneously. If approved, the dual degree program will be available beginning Fall Semester 2015.

This dual degree program seeks to take advantage of complementary intellectual benefits from studying law and city and metropolitan planning in a coordinated program. It is not to create a new program. Rather, a student enrolled in the dual degree program will be able to earn both degrees in less time and with fewer overall credit requirements than if that student enrolled in each degree program independently. The program is based on the conclusion that there is complementary intellectual benefit from studying law and metropolitan and city planning in a coordinated program. Both colleges believe that the combination of these two degrees is extremely synergistic and exemplifies the best in cross-disciplinary education. Further, because the proposed program is a dual program that permits a student to seek both the MCMP and JD simultaneously, both colleges anticipate that the proposal will not require any additional administrative structures or faculty.

Students seeking to take advantage of the JD/MCMP program must meet current University of Utah admission standards and be accepted into both the JD and MCMP programs. As outlined in more detail below, students enrolled in the dual degree program may count up to 12 credit hours of JD class work towards fulfilling the 49-51 credit-hour requirement of the MCMP degree, and may count up to 12 credit hours of MCMP class work towards fulfilling the 88 credit-hour requirement of the JD degree. Upon completion of both programs, the student earns two separate degrees, a JD degree awarded by the College of Law and an MCMP degree awarded by the College of Architecture + Planning.

Because the overall credit requirements for both degrees are reduced by 24 credit hours, a student enrolled in the dual degree program can expect to complete the two degrees in approximately 8 semesters of full-time study. If a student were to complete the programs independently, it would take 10 semesters of full-time study.

This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the College of Law's Curriculum Committee and College Council, by the Curriculum Committee and the full faculty of the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning, and by the Curriculum Committee and College Council of the College of Architecture + Planning.

Section II: Need

The subject of city and metropolitan planning in the United States can hardly be broached without directly incorporating some aspect of the American legal system. Methods and processes for planning in cities and towns are not just about good ideas, but also about how those ideas become expressed in implementable public policy, frequently through law and other legal structures. Similarly, a significant element of modern state and local government law involves topics and processes that are central to planning practices:

comprehensive planning, zoning, capital planning and budgeting, local government finance, housing policy, and the use and regulation of private and public spaces.

This overlap between law and planning is reflected in the structure of the primary professional associations established by planners and attorneys. The State and Local Government Section of the American Bar Association, for example, states that it “offer[s] programs focusing on topics such as municipal finance, diversity law, tax increment financing, land use, public education . . . , election law, land use, ethics and procurement.” Meanwhile, the Planning and Law Division of the American Planning Association—a division that includes a number of attorney members—“serves those with a professional or personal interest in the diverse legal issues that affect the planning profession.” A local example of this crossover is the Utah Land Use Institute, a non-profit organization headed by a prominent Utah land use attorney that offers regular events aimed at the intersection between planning and law and provides continuing education credits for both planners and lawyers. Thus, any student interested in the problems at the core of growth, development, and state and local infrastructure will benefit from understanding these issues from both planning and legal perspectives. Doing so will enrich their ability to address the relevant problems, serve and attract clients, and provide them with a competitive advantage in the job market.

The JD/MCMP dual degree program is designed to accelerate professional preparation in both law and planning; and to provide a platform for quickly understanding how changes in planning and the law affect their professional activities. The dual degree also provides graduates with broader employment options both after graduation and over their careers. Graduates may pursue positions in the public sector (federal, state, and local governments), private and nonprofit planning agencies and consultancies, and law firms.

For years, the undergraduate program in planning at the University of Utah has been used as a “pre-law major” for students who subsequently enter legal education programs both here and at other universities. Our MCMP program currently has a JD student who, even before the creation of a formal dual degree program, has found a way to blend the two degrees (albeit, with some difficulty). Advisors in both the College of Law and the College of Architecture + Planning are regularly approached by students who are interested in pursuing a combined, dual program. These indications suggest demand for a dual degree program. Further, other Pac-12 universities currently offer joint or dual law and planning degrees, including the University of Oregon, UCLA, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Colorado.

Section III: Institutional Impact

The existing institutional and administrative structures at both the College of Law and the College of Architecture + Planning are prepared to support the proposed dual degree program. Already, both the College of Law and the College of Architecture + Planning offer dual degrees that have not resulted in any substantive increase in resource demands. Currently, the College of Law has the following dual degree programs: JD/MBA, JD/MPA, JD/MPP, JD/MRED, and JD/MSW. The College of Architecture + Planning has an MArch/MBA dual degree program, and is working to add three additional dual programs: MArch/MRED, MCMP/MRED, and MArch/MSAS.

Based on past experience, the schools anticipate that no new organizational structures will be needed to deliver the JD/MCMP program. Both schools believe that they have the institutional, organizational, and administrative structures in place to absorb the additional students that will enter the respective schools because of the dual degree option. Those increased needs will likely include: (1) upfront administrative work to create structures for recruitment, admissions, advising, student tracking, and graduation

procedures; and (2) implementing those structures as students work their way through the program. Additional institutional impacts are not anticipated. The expected enrollment in this program is expected to be modest initially, with prospects for gradual growth over time.

From past experience, there is only a nominal amount of additional work on the part of the marketing, admissions, and advising personnel at the respective schools to support new dual degree programs. For the same reasons expressed immediately above, each school has sufficient faculty, staff, classroom space, and equipment to support the proposed dual degree program.

Section IV: Finances

As discussed immediately above, the College of Law and the College of Architecture + Planning do not anticipate any additional costs for implementing the program (other than nominal additional costs incurred by marketing, admissions, and advising personnel). The necessary resources to meet those nominal costs already reside in the constituent degree programs. Further, both schools believe that providing this dual degree will potentially result in increased enrollments for both schools, although the colleges project that initially these enrollments may be modest.

Section V: Program Curriculum

A. Application to the JD/MCMP Dual Degree Program

Applicants interested in dual JD/MCMP program must submit separate admission applications to the College of Law and to the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning. Each program has its own independent admissions standards, and admission to one program does not ensure admission to the other.

Applicants interested in pursuing the JD/MCMP dual degree are encouraged to apply to both programs at the same time. Nonetheless, a law student may apply to the MCMP program prior to completion of the first year of law school, enabling the student to earn the dual JD/MCMP degree should they be admitted. However, as noted in Section V.B. below, an MCMP student who enrolls in the law program after matriculating in the MCMP program will have limitations imposed on those MCMP credit hours that can count towards the law degree.

B. Completion of First Year at the College of Law as Prerequisite for Law Credit for MCMP Courses

The College of Law will not give law credit for an MCMP course unless the applicant has first successfully completed the first year at the College of Law. This prerequisite means that applicants who start the dual degree program by doing work in the MCMP program before completing the first year of law school must delay taking the specific MCMP courses they intend to count towards their 12 hours of law credit until after they complete the first year of law school.

The College of Law strongly recommends that an applicant not take any MCMP courses during the first year of law school. The first year of law school is demanding.

C. Enrollment in the JD/MCMP Dual Degree Program and Appointment of Faculty Advisors in Both Programs

A student who has been admitted to both the JD and MCMP programs and who wishes to pursue the dual degree program must file a Dual Degree Enrollment Form with the Registrar/Admissions Officer of each program. Upon filing this form and its being approved by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Law and the MCMP Program Coordinator, an advisor will be appointed in each program to assist the student in planning an overall program of study that takes advantage of the goals of the dual degree program.

D. Requirements for Cross-Over Course Credit

To earn academic credit towards a law degree for coursework completed in the MCMP program: (1) an MCMP course must be pre-approved by the student's College of Law advisor, and that approval must be indicated on the "Request to Count MCMP Course Credit Toward JD Degree" Form; and (2) the student must receive a grade of 3.0 ("B") or higher in the course.

To earn academic credit towards the MCMP degree for coursework completed in the College of Law: (1) the course may not be part of the law school's first-year curriculum; (2) the student must receive a grade of 3.0 ("B") or higher in the course; and (3) the course must be pre-approved by the student's MCMP advisor.

E. Notification to Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of Enrollment Only in MCMP Courses

A JD/MCMP Dual Degree student who chooses to enroll only in MCMP courses during any semester courses shall notify the law school's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of that fact.

F. Notification to MCMP Program Coordinator of Enrollment Only in College of Law Courses

A JD/MCMP Dual Degree student who chooses to enroll only in College of Law courses during any semester shall notify the MCMP Program Coordinator of that fact.

G. College of Law Substantial Writing Requirement

The College of Law requires that every student satisfy a substantial writing requirement. This requirement (or any successor replacement requirement) will not be waived for students in the JD/MCMP Dual Degree Program, and no MCMP research paper will satisfy this law school requirement.

H. MCMP Professional Project Requirement

The MCMP program requires that every student complete a professional project. This requirement will not be waived for students in the JD/MCMP Dual Degree Program, and no JD research paper or project will satisfy this MCMP requirement.

I. Completion of Both Programs Required for Award of Each Degree

A student enrolled in the JD/MCMP Dual Degree Program who wishes to count credits taken in one program toward fulfilling the degree in the other program must complete all requirements of both programs before either degree will be awarded.

All Program Courses (with New Courses in Bold)

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
CMP 6010	Urban Research	3
CMP 6100	Urban Theory & Form	3
CMP 6260	Land Use Law	3
CMP 6430	Planning Communication	3
CMP 6450	GIS in Planning	3
CMP 6610	Urban Ecology	3
CMP 6240	Reason, Power, and Values	3
CMP 6322	City & Metropolitan Economics	3
CMP 6280 OR CMP 6445	Graduate Workshop OR Urban Design Studio	3 or 5
CMP 6971	Professional Project	4
LAW 6000	Introduction to Law	0
LAW 6040	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 6080	Contracts	4
LAW 6140	Torts	4
LAW 6180 & LAW 6190	Legal Methods & Legal Research	6
LAW 6120	Property	4
LAW 6060	Constitutional Law I	4
LAW 7410	Constitutional Law II	4
LAW 6100	Criminal Law	4
LAW 7900	Legal Profession	3
Varies; consult College of Law Student Handbook for approved courses	Advanced Legal Writing Requirement	Variable; typically 3 credits
Varies; consult College of Law Student Handbook for approved courses	LAW Skills Course	Variable; typically 2 or 3 credits
Sub-Total		72 to 75
Elective Courses		
CMP Electives	Any non-core CMP courses	6
LAW Electives	Any non-required LAW courses	33
Sub-Total		39
Total Number of Credits		111 to 114

Sample Program Schedule

Semester 1

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
LAW 6000	Introduction to Law	0
LAW 6040	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 6080	Contracts	4
LAW 6140	Torts	4
LAW 6180 & LAW 6190	Legal Methods & Legal Research	3
Total Number of Credits		15

Semester 2

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
LAW 6180 & LAW 6190	Legal Methods & Legal Research	3
LAW 6120	Property	4
LAW 6060	Constitutional Law I	4
LAW 6100	Criminal Law	4
Total Number of Credits		15

Semester 3

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
CMP 6450	GIS in Planning	3
CMP 6100	Urban Theory & Form	3
CMP 6430	Planning Communication	3
LAW 7300	Administrative Law	3
LAW 7050	Business Organizations	4
Total Number of Credits		16

Semester 4

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
CMP 6260	Land Use Law	3
CMP 6610	Urban Ecology	3
CMP 6010	Urban Research	3
LAW 7410	Constitutional Law II	4
LAW 7570	Drafting: Contracts	2
Total Number of Credits		15

Semester 5

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
CMP 6322	City & Metro Economics	3
CMP 6240	Reason, Power, and Values	3
LAW 7330	State and Local Government	3
LAW 7600	Trusts & Estates	4
LAW 7981	Utah Law Review	2
Total Number of Credits		15

Semester 6

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
CMP 6710	Intro to Transportation Planning	3
LAW 7240 or LAW 7200	Environmental Law or Natural Resources Law	3
LAW 7020	Legislative Process	2
LAW 7981	Utah Law Review	2
LAW 7040	Evidence	4
Total Number of Credits		14

Semester 7

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
CMP 6720	Land Use & Transportation	3
CMP 6971	Professional Project	4
LAW 7900	Legal Profession	3
LAW 7060	Commercial Law	4
LAW 7981	Utah Law Review	2
Total Number of Credits		16

Semester 8

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
CMP 6445	Urban Design Studio	5
LAW 7838	Conflict Management	2
LAW 7851	Real Estate Transactions / Finance	3
LAW 7874	Ocean and Coastal Law	3
LAW 7981	Utah Law Review	2
Total Number of Credits		15

October 8, 2014

David Kieda, Dean
Graduate School
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Re: Juris Doctor/Master of City & Metropolitan Planning Dual Degree

Dear Dean Kieda,

I write in support of the proposed dual degree program in law and city & metropolitan planning. As stated in the need section of the proposal, the program is designed to accelerate professional preparation in the inter-related fields of law and planning, provide the platform for understanding how changes in the law and planning affect professional practice, and afford broader employment options to those completing the program both after graduation and over their careers.

This proposal was approved by the faculty of the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning and the CA+P College Council prior to my arrival and we are eager to move forward with the program. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Very truly yours,



Keith Diaz Moore
Dean



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Graduate Council
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Re: Letter of Support for JD/Masters of City and Metropolitan Planning Dual Degree Program

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the proposed JD/MCMP dual degree.

This program will meet important curricular needs for students at the College of Law, and provide students who choose to enroll with significant competitive advantages as they begin and develop their careers. The studies of law and planning are inherently synergistic. We increasingly have students interested in jobs related to planning and development. Whether these students take positions in legal or non-legal firms, or non-profit or government entities, their ability to address the problems they face creatively will be augmented by being able to bring to bear both legal and planning practice, doctrine, and theory.

The modern practice of law is increasingly cross-disciplinary, and this program will train our students interested in this type of practice to work across disciplines in the best ways. Many of our graduates will represent clients or face problems that raise planning issues, and being able to understand how the law intersects with modern planning practices will only enhance their ability to forge solutions to those problems. A law graduate who takes advantage of the JD/MCMP dual program will have a much greater understanding of the interrelationship between law and planning, including the relevant actors and the constraints under which they operate. This, in turn, will enable the student to better anticipate potential legal issues and problems.

Representatives from the College of Law and the College of Architecture + Planning have been in discussion about the program since last year and have thoughtfully developed its structure and purpose. College of Law faculty, administrators and students, including our Curriculum Committee and our College Council, have carefully vetted the proposal and have unanimously approved it. Several of our alumni echo this view. They see the dual degree as an innovative and valuable addition to our curriculum.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert W. Adler'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Robert W. Adler