



MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF URBAN DESIGN  
**OVERLAPPING DEGREE OPTION**

**MUD LECTURE COURSES – FALL**

**URBN 6525: CITY DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS**

Investigates the historical roots, spatial patterns, and physical forms of cities and their evolution over time; the environmental, cultural, and economic forces influencing city design; and urban design as the nexus of the planning and design professions in contemporary city-building. Cross-listed as LDAR 6686—see schedule for Section #.

**URBN 6550: DESIGN POLICY, PROCESS, AND REGULATION**

Explores the many design policies and regulations that shape the urban form, how they are created and evolve, and how policies and regulations impact design ideation, analysis, and communication using real-world scenarios to experiment with and test iterative design processes and techniques.

**URBN 6575: ADVANCED VISUALIZATION FOR URBAN DESIGN**

Provides advanced instruction in communication and visualization through the use of digital tools commonly used in urban design (e.g. Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, SketchUp, Lumion). Topics include graphic design theory, use of storyboards, renderings, diagrams, maps, sketches, photographs, and infographics.

**MUD LECTURE COURSES – SPRING**

**URBN 6625: URBAN DESIGN ECONOMICS AND EQUITY**

Explores the economics of urban design through its relationship with private-sector development, public-sector infrastructure, and budgetary constraints on design implementation while emphasizing the critical role of urban design in advocating for social equity, affordable housing, and related issues.

**URBN 6650: URBAN DESIGN AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Provides an understanding of the relationship between urban design and the natural environment. Students learn how to design sustainable public spaces, promote environmental resilience, combat climate change, and foster environmental justice and healthy communities through urban design. Cross-listed as LDAR 6686—see schedule for Section #.

**URBN 6675: DESIGN PRACTICE AND LEADERSHIP**

Provides students with a comprehensive understanding of urban design as a professional practice; how urban design functions within a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment; and the interpersonal skills needed to successfully work as part of, and be a leader in, a complex and dynamic design team.

**OVERLAPPING DEGREE OPTION**

The Master of Urban Design (MUD) is an advanced post-professional degree program for individuals who seek a career in urban design practice or for individuals who want to enhance and expand their existing foundation in architecture, urban planning, or landscape architecture with substantial urban design knowledge and expertise, giving them a distinct competitive advantage in the job market.

Normally, to apply to the MUD program, an individual must already hold a master's degree in architecture, urban planning, or landscape architecture. However, the MUD Overlapping Degree Option gives students in the M Arch, MLA, and MURP programs at CU Denver the opportunity to apply to the MUD program and begin earning MUD credits *before* they complete their prerequisite master's degree.

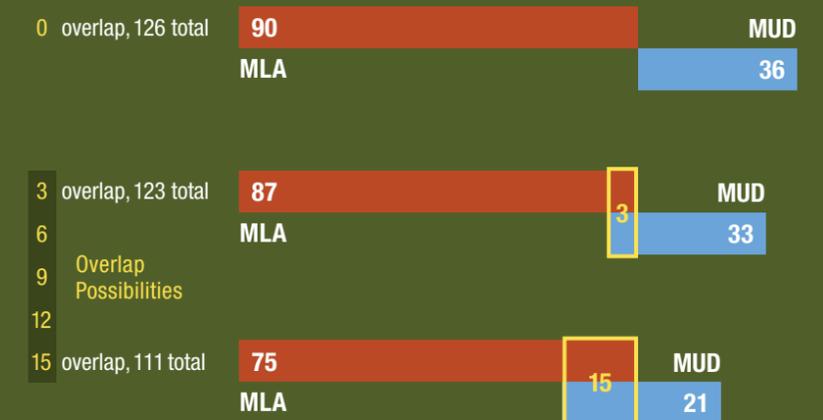
**MLA + MUD OVERLAP PROCESS**

MLA students may apply to the MUD program once they have completed at least 24 MLA credits. Students can then take MUD lecture courses and apply them to both their MLA and MUD degrees. After graduating with their MLA degree, students conclude the MUD program by taking the two MUD studios, any remaining MUD lecture courses, and the final MUD studio/capstone requirement.

Not counting cross-listed electives, MLA students are allowed to take up to 9 credits of open electives offered by other programs. Presented above are the MUD program's six required 3-credit lecture courses, which are available as open or cross-listed MLA electives. MUD lecture courses taken prior to a student's acceptance into the MUD program can be applied retroactively toward the MUD degree.

**MLA + MUD OVERLAP POSSIBILITIES**

The MLA degree requires 90 credits and the MUD degree requires 36 credits for a total of 126 credits to earn both degrees independently. MLA students can reduce that total by 3 credits with each MUD lecture course they take as an MLA elective. With two of the six required MUD lecture courses cross-listed as LDAR courses and with three more available as open electives, an MLA student could potentially take as many as five MUD required lecture courses as MLA electives, reducing the total credits required for both degrees by 15, from 126 to 111.



Learn more about the MUD program at <https://cudenvercap.com/mud> or contact Program Director Ken Schroepfel ([ken.schroepfel@ucdenver](mailto:ken.schroepfel@ucdenver)) or CAP Academic Advisor Roxy New ([roxy.new@ucdenver.edu](mailto:roxy.new@ucdenver.edu)). Please contact CAP Admissions Coordinator Jodi Stock ([jodi.stock@ucdenver.edu](mailto:jodi.stock@ucdenver.edu)) for MUD application assistance.