

## History and Theory Concentration

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This concentration is intended for students who have a strong interest in theoretical questions related to cities, urbanization, urbanism and urban planning, whether in historical or contemporary contexts. It may also be of particular interest to those considering a future doctorate in urban planning or an associated discipline. The concentration is designed to foster critical thinking regarding the social, economic, political and spatial processes that have produced urbanized built environments, and their consequences for everyday life, social reproduction, politics, and environmental conditions. The courses also explore the ways in which planners and policy-makers attempt to influence such processes and their consequences at various spatial scales.

**Please note that course offerings often change, and new courses may be offered while these recommended courses may not be offered each year. This memo is subject to change depending on the availability of courses. Other courses may be approved with the permission of the Concentration Advisor.**

### Approved courses include:

#### **Fall**

##### **At the Graduate School of Design:**

GSD 4105: Studies of the Built North American Environment 1580 to the Present	Stilgoe
GSD 4304: North American Seacoasts and Landscapes: Discovery Period to the Present	Stilgoe
GSD 4329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region	Rowe
GSD 4362: Structuring Urban Experience: From the Athenian Acropolis to the Boston Common	Smith
GSD 4121: Buildings, Texts and Contexts I	Naginski, Holder
GSD 4141: Histories of Landscape Architecture	Eigen
GSD 5210: Cities by Design I	Rowe
GSD 5486: There Goes the Neighborhood: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Change	Griffin

**At the Faculty of Arts and Sciences:**

FAS SOC-WORLD 51: Politics of Nature	Subramanian
FAS HIST 82b: Fin-de-Siècle Vienna	Johnson
FAS GOV 2034: Ethics, Economics, and Law	Sandel
FAS GOV 2310: Social Capital and Public Affairs	Putnam

**At MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):**

MIT 11.308J: Advanced Seminar: Ecological Urbanism	Spirn
MIT 11.497: Human Rights at Home and Abroad	Rajagopal
MIT 11.013J: American Urban History	Fogelson
MIT 11.014J: History of the Built Environment in the US	Fogelson
MIT 11.S942: Wanderings in Psychogeography: Exploring Landscapes of History, Biography, Law, Nature, Poetry, Surreality, Fantasy	Glenn
MIT 11.236: Theory of Participatory Action Research	Cunningham, Kaufer
MIT 11.S943: Development, Planning and Implementation: Dialectic of Theory and Practice	Sanyal

**At the Kennedy School of Government:**

HKS DPI-401: Institutions and Development	Sheely
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**Spring**

**At the Graduate School of Design:**

GSD 2483: Projection-Animation	Wodiczko
GSD 3242: Theories of Landscape Architecture	Berrizbeitia, TBD
GSD 3302: Designing the American City: Civic Aspirations and Urban Form	Krieger
GSD 4122: Buildings, Texts, and Contexts II	Naginski
GSD 4132: Film Theory, Visual Thinking	Bruno
GSD 4142: Histories of Landscape Architecture II: Design Representation, Use	Duempelmann
GSD 4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China	Rowe
GSD 5211: Cities by Design II	Gray

**At the Kennedy School of Government:**

HKS SUP-207: Social Structure and Culture in the Study of Race and Urban Poverty	Wilson, Quane
HKS DPI-216: Democratic Theory	Mansbridge

**At the Law School:**

HLS 2181: Local Government Law	Frug
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**At the Faculty of Arts and Sciences:**

*Please consult with your concentration advisor for approval of courses*

**At MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):**

MIT 11.330J: The Making of Cities

Jacobi, Segal

MIT 11.334J: Advanced Seminar in Landscape and Urbanism

Berger

**Not Currently Offered**

GSD 2482: Art, Design and the Public Domain

Wodiczko

GSD 3241: Theories of Landscape as Urbanism, Landscape as  
Infrastructure: Paradigms, Practices, Prospects

Belanger

GSD 3336: Design Anthropology: Objects, Landscapes, Cities

Doherty, Caton

GSD 4423: The Shapes of Utopia

Naginski

GSD 9133: Urban Theory Lab Research Seminar

Brenner

HKS DPI-312: Sparking Social Change in a Dynamic World

Moore, Bildner

FAS AFRAMER 174: The African City

Blier

FAS AFRAMER 125X: Urban Inequality after Civil Rights

Hinton

FAS ANTHRO 2682: Anthropology of Urbanism: Japan in  
Comparative Perspective

Bestor

FAS COMPLIT 256: Archaeology of Modernity and Visual Culture

TBA

FAS EASTD 121: Global Cities in East Asia

Dillon

FAS FRENCH 167: Parisian Cityscapes: 1960-Present  
(Note: conducted in French)

Conley

FAS HIST 1971: Time and Place in the History of American Capitalism

Iyer

FAS HIST 1973: North American Cities

Neumann

FAS SOCIOL 314: Workshop on Urban Social Processes

Sampson