

International Planning Concentration

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This concentration within the MUP program is intended to provide a solid professional and academic preparation in international planning. The concentration responds to three global concerns. The first is the increasing prominence of urbanization as a major political, economic and social force in world affairs. As of 2010, for the first time in our species' history, more than half of the world's population now lives in cities. This fundamental change in the pattern of global human settlement raises unprecedented challenges for the planning, design and management of cities and their hinterlands. The second motivating concern is the rapid growth of cities in the developing world, where most growth in the planet's urban population is now taking place. Finally, the concentration reflects the recognition that planners can draw profound lessons from a comparative perspective on urban phenomena, drawing across experiences in different countries and diverse urban environments.

Within the concentration, students can focus broadly on international planning or concentrate on a number of subthemes that speak to pressing problems related to different developmental conditions. The latter topics might include informality, poverty, service scarcities (especially in transportation, housing, water, and health services), social exclusion, and governance, including the potential for participatory planning. Students are encouraged to focus their interests on a single country in a particular region (such as Latin America, South Asia, the Middle East, or Africa, to name just a few). To successfully satisfy the concentration requirements, students must complete 12 units from the list of preapproved courses provided below or from other courses that have been selected by the student and approved by the concentration advisor. Students intending to undertake the concentration in international planning should begin to map out courses early in their program to be sure that they are able to take advantage of courses offered in only one term or in alternate years.

As Harvard and other local universities offer a wide variety of courses relevant to international planning, the list below is not exhaustive. If students would like to include alternative courses to satisfy the 12 unit concentration requirement, they should speak early on with Michael Hooper or Diane Davis to ensure that the courses are suitable. Participation in some of the courses listed below may require permission from their instructors, and it is the student's responsibility to contact such instructors to ascertain whether admission is possible. For course offerings in other schools at Harvard or at other universities, it is recommended that students approach the instructor early to ensure it is possible to take the course. Students are advised to review the course pages of the respective schools and departments to be sure that no changes to listings have taken place.

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 one of the Concentration Advisors.

The following courses are recommended to those interested in the concentration. They are introductory level courses that give a good overview of the topics and subject matter covered in more depth by other courses in the concentration:

GSD 5319 Urbanization and International Development

GSD 5502 Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World

Approved courses include:

Fall

At the Graduate School of Design:

GSD 3348: The Idea of Environment	da Cunha
GSD 4329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region	Rowe
GSD 5210: Cities by Design I	Various
GSD 5466: The Spatial Politics of Land	Balakrishnan
GSD 9127: Real Estate and City Making in China	Wang
GSD 9146: Emergent Urbanism: Design Visions for the City of Hermosillo, Mexico	Davis, Vera

At the Kennedy School of Government:

HKS BGP 625: The Future of Globalization: Issues, Actors and Decisions	Summers
HKS DEV 130: Why are So Many Countries Poor, Volatile and Unequal?	Hausmann
HKS DEV 338: Contemporary Developing Countries: Entrepreneurial Solutions to Intractable Social and Economic Problems	Khanna
HKS DEV 209: Management, Finance, and Regulation of Public Infrastructure in Developing Countries	Lee
HKS DPI 401: Institutions and Development	Sheely
HKS IGA 523: Innovation for Global Development	Juma
HKS IGA 422: Global Food Politics and Policy	Paarlberg
HKS IGA 103: Global Governance	Ruggie
HKS MLD 102: Getting Things Done: Management in a Development Context	Andrews
HKS SUP 651: Transportation Policy and Planning*	Gomez-Ibanez

**Only if not taken to satisfy a methods or other requirement*

At the School of Public Health:

HSPH GHP 244: Health Sector Reform: A Worldwide Perspective	Bossert
HSPH GHP 272: Foundations of Global Health and Population	Fan

HSPH GHP 288: Issues in Health and Human Rights

Marks

At the Faculty of Arts and Sciences:

FAS ECON 2326: Economic Development: Theory and Evidence

Rodrik

FAS GOV 2131: Comparative Politics of Latin America

Domínguez, Levitsky

FAS GOV 2148: Civil Society, West and East

Pharr, Ekiert

At MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):

MIT 11.463J: Structuring Low Income Housing Projects in
Developing Countries

Goethert

MIT 11.466J: Technology, Globalization, and Sustainable Development

Ashford

MIT 11.701: Introduction to International Development

Rajagopal

MIT 11.468J: SIGUS Workshop**

Goethert

***requires permission of instructor*

Spring

At the Graduate School of Design:

GSD 4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China

Rowe

GSD 5211: Cities by Design II

Gray

GSD 5337: Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities

von Hoffman

GSD 5347: International Urbanization and Development

Balakrishnan

GSD 5365: Small Cities and Towns in Metropolitan Regions

Rowe

GSD 5502: Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the
Developing World*

Silva

GSD 9147: Beyond Reconstruction: Mexico and the 2017 Earthquakes

David, Castillo

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At the Kennedy School of Government:

HKS IGA 436: Water Resources Development and Management:
Technology, Economics, Institutions

Strzepek

HKS IGA 457M: International Climate Change Policy

Stowe

HKS DEV 308: Social Institutions and Economic Development

Woolcock

HKS DEV 375: The Informal Economy: Is Formalization Really
The Answer?

Chen

HKS DPI 450: The Political Economy of Transition in China

Saich

HKS DPI 454: The Asia-Pacific in Transition

Rhee Baum

HKS DPI 460: Latin American Politics and Policymaking

Garay

At the School of Public Health:

HSPH GHP 214: Health, Human Rights and International Systems	Marks
HSPH GHP 269: Applied Politics and Economics I: Political Economy of International Health	Bump

At the Faculty of Arts and Sciences:

Please consult with your concentration advisor for approval of courses.

At MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):

MIT 11.005: Introduction to International Development	del Campo
MIT 11.355: International Housing Economics and Finance	Saiz
MIT 11.444J: The New Global Practitioner	Goethert
MIT 11.487: Budgeting and Finance for the Public Sector	Carolini

Not Currently Offered

FAS EASTD 121: Global Cities in East Asia	Dillon
FAS AFRAMER 174: The African City	Blier
FAS GOV 1207: Comparative Politics of the Middle East	Mohseni
GSD 3336: Design Anthropology: Objects, Landscapes, Cities	Doherty, Caton
GSD 3360: Architecture of Peace	Shoshan, Wendel
GSD 4405: Staging the City: Urban Form and Public Life in Istanbul	Bozdogan
GSD 5290: The Space of Conflict	Potvin
GSD 5340: Community Action Planning: Principles and Practices	Hamdi
GSD 5361: Deciding Interventions in Urban Development: A Practical Guide to Strategic Design	Hamdi
GSD 5366: Global Perspectives on Shelter Insecurity and Displacement	Hooper
GSD 5433: Modern Housing and Urban Districts: Concepts, Cases and Comparisons	Rowe
HKS DPI 407: Getting and Keeping Democracy	Masoud, Mainwaring
HKS IGA 662: The Political Economy of Europe Integration In Crisis	Tsoukalis
HSPH GHP 217: The Human Consequences of Structural Violence in Latin America	Aguayo, Leaning
HSPH GHP 527: Political Economy and Ethics of Health System Reform	Bossert, Hsiao
MIT 11.474J: Disseminating Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Innovations for the Common Good	Murcott
MIT 11.479J: Water and Sanitation Infrastructure in Developing Countries	Murcott
MIT 11.484: Project Appraisal in Developing Countries	Kim
MIT 11.488: Urban Development in Conflict Cities: Planning Challenges and Policy Innovations	Samper

MIT 11.491J: Economic Development and Policy Analysis: Rich & Poor Countries	TBD
MIT 11.526J: Comparative Land Use and Transportation Planning	Zegras