**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.

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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 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
HSPH GHP 269: Applied Politics and Economics I: Political Economy of International Health

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 5361: Deciding Interventions in Urban Development: Hamdi
A Practical Guide to Strategic Design
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
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