

Master in Urban Planning Housing, Community, and Economic Development Concentration 2023-2024

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This area of concentration is for those students who are interested in planning, developing, and regulating housing resources and their surrounding neighborhoods. Planners who choose this concentration may envision themselves as professionals who will work in the public sector as policy makers, program administrators, or development facilitators or in the non-profit or for-profit sector as developers, community activists, or consultants. In whatever role they choose, these students are interested in shaping the part of the built environment that provides the setting for the residential and closely related functions of the city.

Because housing is a vital social as well as economic element of the city, a wide range of courses are relevant to this work. Concentrators may choose to focus on aspects of the work as diverse as housing policy, market analysis, physical design and planning, real estate finance, the development process, community engagement, implementation strategies and regulatory regimens. The same is true for neighborhoods, which are complex parts of the metropolitan environment, requiring a wide range of skills for those who would shape them. This element of the concentration may include work on many of the topics listed above as well as land use regulation, urban design, demographic and economic analysis, local politics and related disciplines such as transportation, infrastructure, retail and social networks.

Please be aware that course offerings are subject to change. New courses may be introduced, while some of the approved courses listed here may not be available every year. This memo is subject to revisions based on course availability. Courses that are not mentioned in this memo do not automatically have approval and may only be approved after a review and written permission from the Concentration Advisor(s).

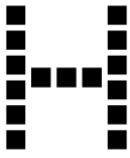
Recommended introductory courses:

It is recommended that students select at least one of the following courses as part of 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:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	5213	Equitable Development and Housing Policy in Urban Settings (Spring at HKS)	4	Carras
GSD	5326	Housing and Urbanization in the United States (Fall)	4	Molinsky, Stockard
GSD	5367	US Housing Markets, Problems and Policies (Spring)	4	Herbert

FALL 2023 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	3513	Community Engagement Workshop: Making Artifacts that Educate and Empower	4	D'Oca
GSD	4488	Making the American City: Form and Society	4	Von Hoffman
GSD	5204	Real Estate Finance and Development	4	Peiser, Hamilton, Wu



GSD	5206	Land Use and Environmental Law ¹	4	Kayden
GSD	5212	Field Studies in Real Estate, Planning and Urban Design	4	Peiser
GSD	5326	Housing and Urbanization in the United States	4	Molinsky, Stockard
GSD	5435	Land Policy and Planning for Equitable and Fiscally Healthy Communities	4	Silva
GSD	5441	Policy Analysis: A Tool for Evidence-Based Decision Making	4	Meltzer
GSD	5451	Race and Real Estate (Fall 2)	2	McKinney White
GSD	5490	Affordable Housing and Community Development	4	Curtis
GSD	7455	Negotiation for Planners (Fall 1)	2	Berkman, Fairman
GSD	9127	Real Estate and City Making in China	4	Wang
FAS	ECON 3006	Graduate Student Workshop in Economic Development	4	Friedman
HKS	DEV 101	Economic Development: Theory and Evidence ²	4	Rodrik, La Ferrara
HKS	DEV 309	Development Policy Strategy ³	4	Hausmann
HKS	DPI 325	Urban Politics Field Lab: Political Representation and Accountability ⁴	4	Benedictis-Kessner
HKS	MLD 820	Strategies for Social Impact	4	Lee
MIT	11.236	Participatory Action Research (PAR) 1	4	Arcaya
MIT	11.360	Community Growth and Land Use Planning ⁵	4	Levine
MIT	11.401	Introduction to Housing, Community and Economic Development	4	Thompson, Harriel
MIT	11.407	Tools and Techniques for Inclusive Economic Development ⁵	4	Glasmeyer
MIT	11.430	Leadership in Real Estate (Fall 1)	2	Schuck
MIT	11.433	Real Estate Economics ⁶	4	Saiz
MIT	11.422[J]	Law, Technology, and Public Policy ⁵	4	Levine
MIT	15.426	Real Estate Finance and Investment ⁵	4	Torous

1. Only if not taken to satisfy Law and Institutions Methods Requirement.

2. This course is only open to MPA/ID students.

3. MPAID students only

4. Prerequisites: Basic data analytical skills in R/Stata/Python (demonstrated through course work such as API-201, API-209, DPI-610, GOV-50, GOV-2001, or similar undergraduate classes/applied work experience). Applicants must submit a short statement of interest and resume/CV to <https://forms.gle/2uho4d75orEqJUbTA>.

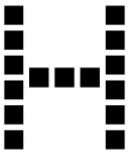
5. Enrollment requires permission of instructor.

6. Prerequisite: [14.01](#), [15.010](#), or [15.011](#)

WINTER/J-TERM 2024 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
HSPH	EH 210	Social and Sustainable Innovation Driven by the Sustainable Development Goals ¹	2	Spengler
HSPH	SBS 511	Social Policy and Health in International Perspective ¹	2	Vandoros

1. Students outside of HSPH must request instructor permission to enroll in this course.

**SPRING 2024 APPROVED COURSES:**

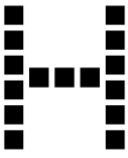
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GSD	5213	Equitable Development and Housing Policy in Urban Settings (at HKS)	4	Carras
GSD	5367	US Housing Markets, Problems and Policies	4	Herbert
GSD	5381	Urban Design and the Color Line	4	Gray
GSD	5433	Modern Housing and Urban Districts: Concepts, Cases, and Comparisons	4	Fu
GSD	5440	Public Finance for Planners: Creating Equitable & Sustainable Communities ¹	4	German
GSD	5460	Uplifting Vulnerable Populations: Community-Informed Urban Design	4	McKinney White
GSD	5502	Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Global South ²	4	Davis
FAS	ECON 3006	Graduate Student Workshop in Economic Development	4	Friedman
FAS	SOCIOL 1144	Economic Sociology	4	Muse-Orlinoff
HKS	SUP 680	Urban Economic Policy ⁴	4	Hanson
HKS	SUP 683M	State and Local Economic Development (Spring 2)	2	Hanson
MIT	11.339	Downtown	4	TBA
MIT	11.355	International Housing Economics and Finance ³	4	Saiz
MIT	11.367	The Law and Politics of Land Use	4	Steil
MIT	11.404	Housing Policy and Planning in the US and Abroad	4	TBA
MIT	11.435	Mixed-Income Housing Development (Spring 1)	2	Reid, Monson
MIT	11.437	Financing Economic Development	4	TBA

1. Only if not used for the Economic Methods requirement.

2. Only if not taken to satisfy Law and Institutions Methods Requirement.

3. Prerequisite: [11.202](#), [11.203](#), [14.01](#), or permission of instructor.

4. Priority enrollment is given to HKS students and may not be available to GSD students.

**APPROVED BUT NOT OFFERED IN 2023-2024:**

For the below courses to be approved for the current academic year, they must be offered with the same course number, title, and instructor. The course must be reapproved if doesn't match the below version of the course.

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	FACULTY
GSD	4329	Urbanization in the East Asian Region	Rowe
GSD	4465	The Sociological Imagination	Davis
GSD	5201	Urban Politics and Planning (course not offered after AY21-22)	Mayne
GSD	5330	Healthy Places: COVID-19 and Cities	Forsyth
GSD	5337	Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities	Von Hoffman
GSD	5374	Community Development: History, Theory, and Imaginative Practice	Song
GSD	5383	Developing for Social Impact	Kiefer
GSD	5384	Action Research for Open Public Realms	Song
GSD	5393	Local Government Solutions to America's Affordable Rental Housing Challenge	Stockard, Hecht
GSD	5429	Reimagining social infrastructure and collective futures	Shoshan
GSD	5439	Planning and Design for Indigenous Communities in North America	D'Oca
GSD	5465	Planning Sustainable Built Environments	Teicher
GSD	5486	The Gentrification Debates: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhood Change	Griffin
GSD	5490	Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management (at HKS)	Marchant
GSE	EDU H307	Institutional and Community-Based Strategies to Support Children and Strengthen Families	Wilson
HKS	SUP 110	Social Safety Net in the 21 st Century	Shepard
HKS	SUP 125	Public Economics: Designing Government Policy	Stantcheva
HLS	2218	Real Estate Law	Kelly
MIT	11.439	Revitalizing Urban Main Streets	Levine
MIT	11.463	Structuring Low-Income Housing Projects in Developing Countries	Goethert
MIT	11.483	Housing and Land Use in Rapidly Urbanizing Regions	TBA
MIT	11.S941	Global Aging: Planning Cities for a 100-Year Society	Coughlin
MIT	11.S944	Housing and Social Stratification in America	Bunten