

## Master in Urban Planning Housing, Community, and Economic Development Concentration 2024-2025

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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).**

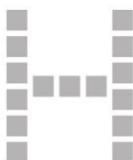
### Recommended introductory courses:

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	5326	Housing and Urbanization in the United States <b>(Fall)</b>	4	Molinsky, Stockard
GSD	5337	At Home and Abroad: Housing in Comparative Perspective <b>(Spring)</b>	4	Maaoui
GSD	5510	Local Economic Development: Turning Theory into Practice <b>(Fall)</b>	4	Meltzer

### FALL 2024 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	4488	Making the American City: Form and Society	4	Von Hoffman
GSD	5204	Real Estate Finance Development, and Management	4	Apeseche, Hamilton, Perlman, Wu
GSD	5206	Land Use and Environmental Law <sup>1</sup>	4	Kayden
GSD	5213	Equitable Development and Housing Policy in Urban Settings <b>(at HKS)</b>	4	Carras
GSD	5326	Housing and Urbanization in the United States	4	Molinsky, Stockard



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GSD	5490	Affordable Housing and Community Development	4	Curtis
GSD	5510	Local Economic Development: Turning Theory into Practice	4	Meltzer
GSD	7459	Negotiating Actionable Plans	4	Podziba
GSD	9127	Real Estate and City Making in China	4	Wang
HKS	DEV 101	Economic Development: Theory and Evidence <sup>2</sup>	4	Rodrik, La Ferrara
HKS	DEV 309	Development Policy Strategy <sup>3</sup>	4	Hausmann
HKS	MLD 820	Strategies for Social Impact	4	Lee
MIT	11.236	Participatory Action Research (PAR) 1	4	Kaeufer
MIT	11.401	Introduction to Housing, Community and Economic Development	4	Thompson, Harriel
MIT	11.422	Law, Technology, and Public Policy	4	Ashford, Caldart
MIT	11.431 15.426	Real Estate Finance and Investment <sup>4</sup>	4	Torous
MIT	11.433 15.021	Real Estate Economics <sup>5</sup>	4	Saiz
MIT	11.439	Revitalizing Urban Main Streets ( <b>not offered 2025-2026</b> )	4	Levine

1. Only if not taken to satisfy Law and Institutions Methods Requirement.
2. This course is only open to dual MUP/MPAID students. Non-MPA/ID students will not be admitted to the course.
3. Course designed for second-year MPA/ID students, as it builds on previous core courses. Non-MPA/ID students with equivalent training/background in econometrics and macroeconomics are welcome to apply. Applicants must contact both teaching fellows.
4. Enrollment requires permission of instructor.
5. Prerequisite: [14.01](#), [15.010](#), or [15.011](#).

#### WINTER/J-TERM 2025 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
HSPH	SBS 511	Social Policy and Health in International Perspective <sup>1</sup>	2	Vandoros

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

#### SPRING 2025 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	5213	Equitable Development and Housing Policy in Urban Settings ( <b>at HKS</b> )	4	Carras
GSD	5337	At Home and Abroad: Housing in Comparative Perspective	4	Maaoui
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 <sup>1</sup>	4	German
GSD	5441	Policy Analysis: A Tool for Evidence-Based Decision Making	4	Meltzer
GSD	5451	Race and Real Estate ( <b>Spring 1</b> )	2	McKinney White
GSD	5460	Uplifting Vulnerable Populations: Community-Informed Urban Design	4	McKinney White
GSD	5486	The Gentrification Debates: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhood Change	4	Griffin
GSD	5516	New Visions for Social Housing in Massachusetts	4	Herbert
HKS	SUP 110	Social Safety Net in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century <sup>2</sup>	4	Shepard
HKS	SUP 680	Urban Economic Policy <sup>3</sup>	4	Hanson
HKS	SUP 683M	State and Local Economic Development ( <b>Spring 2</b> )	2	Hanson, Carbonell
MIT	11.339	Downtown	4	TBA
MIT	11.355	International Housing Economics and Finance <sup>4</sup>	4	Saiz
MIT	11.367	Land Use Law and Politics: Race, Place, and Law	4	Steil
MIT	11.404	Housing Policy and Planning in the US and Abroad	4	TBA

MIT	11.435	Mixed-Income Housing Development ( <b>Spring 1</b> )	2	Reid, Monson
MIT	11.437	Financing Economic Development and Housing	4	TBA
MIT	11.440	Housing and Social Stratification in the United States	4	Bunten
MIT	11.547 SCM.287	Global Aging & the Built Environment	4	TBA

1. Only if not used for the Economic Methods requirement.
2. Prerequisite: API 101 or API 109 or permission of instructor
3. Priority enrollment is given to HKS students and may not be available to GSD students.
4. Prerequisite: [11.202](#), [11.203](#), [14.01](#), or permission of instructor.

### APPROVED BUT NOT OFFERED IN 2024-2025:

*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	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	3513	Community Engagement Workshop: Making Artifacts that Educate and Empower ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	4	D'Oca
GSD	4465	The Sociological Imagination ( <i>last offered 2021-2022</i> )	4	Davis
GSD	5212	Field Studies in Real Estate, Planning and Urban Design ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	4	Peiser
GSD	5337	Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities ( <i>last offered 2021-2022</i> )	4	Von Hoffman
GSD	5367	US Housing Markets, Problems and Policies ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	4	Herbert
GSD	5374	Community Development: History, Theory, and Imaginative Practice ( <i>not offered after 2019-2020</i> )	4	Song
GSD	5383	Developing for Social Impact ( <i>last offered 2021-2022</i> )	4	Kiefer
GSD	5393	Local Government Solutions to America's Affordable Rental Housing Challenge ( <i>last offered 2021-2022</i> )	4	Stockard, Hecht
GSD	5429	Reimagining social infrastructure and collective futures ( <i>last offered 2021-2022</i> )	4	Shoshan
GSD	5435	Land Policy and Planning for Equitable and Fiscally Healthy Communities ( <i>next offered in 2025-2026</i> )	4	Silva
GSD	5439	Planning and Design for Indigenous Communities in North America ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	4	D'Oca
GSD	5465	Planning Sustainable Built Environments ( <i>not offered after 2023-2024</i> )	4	Teicher
GSD	5502	Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Global South ( <i>next offered in 2025-2026</i> )	4	Davis
GSD	7455	Negotiation for Planners ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	2	Berkman, Fairman
FAS	ECON 3006	Graduate Student Workshop in Economic Development ( <i>not approved after 2023-2024</i> )	4	Friedman
FAS	SOCIOL 1144	Economic Sociology ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	4	Muse-Orlinoff
HKS	SUP 211	Institutional and Community-Based Strategies to Support Children and Strengthen Families ( <i>last offered 2021-2022</i> )	4	Wilson
HKS	DPI 325	Urban Politics Field Lab: Political Representation and Accountability ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	4	Benedictis-Kessner
HKS	SUP 125	Public Economics: Designing Government Policy ( <i>last offered 2022-2023</i> )	4	Stantcheva
HLS	2218	Real Estate Law ( <i>last offered 2020-2021</i> )	4	Kelly
HSPH	EH 210	Social and Sustainable Innovation Driven by the Sustainable Development Goals ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	2	Spengler
MIT	11.360	Community Growth and Land Use Planning ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	4	Levine
MIT	11.407	Economic Development Planning and Policy ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	4	Glasmeyer
MIT	11.430	Leadership in Real Estate ( <i>last offered 2023-2024</i> )	2	Schuck

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MIT	11.463	Structuring Low-Income Housing Projects in Developing Countries ( <b><i>last offered 2020-2021</i></b> )	4	Goethert
MIT	11.483	Housing and Land Use in Rapidly Urbanizing Regions ( <b><i>last offered 2020-2021</i></b> )	4	TBA
MIT	11.S941	Global Aging: Planning Cities for a 100-Year Society ( <b><i>last offered 2020-2021</i></b> )	4	Coughlin

