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Master in Urban Planning

Economic Methods
2025-2026

Students must complete four units in Economic Methods and may choose one of the courses below to fulfill the requirement or petition to waive the requirement. Petitions must include evidence of prior course work that demonstrates substantial knowledge of state and local public finance, microeconomic approaches to market failures in domains relevant to planning, and/or urban economics.

FALL 2025 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	5437	Transportation Economics and Finance	4	Voulgaris
GSD	5495	Urban Economics and Market Analysis	4	Meltzer, Barkham
HKS	API 101B	Resources, Incentives, and Choices I: Markets and Market Failures[1]	4	Dogan

1. Enrollment is restricted to MUP/MPP dual degree students. Otherwise, permission from the instructor is required.
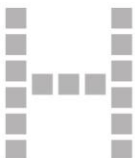
SPRING 2026 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	5440	Public Finance for Planners: Creating Equitable & Sustainable Communities	4	German
FAS	ECON 1661	Economics of Climate Change and Environmental Policy[1] *(Cross-listed with HKS)*	4	Stavins
FAS	ECON 1800	The Economics of Cities	4	DiPasquale, Glaeser
HKS	API 102B	Resources, Incentives, and Choices II: Analysis of Public Policy[2]	4	Schlenker
HKS	API 135	Economics of Climate Change and Environmental Policy[1] *(Cross-listed with FAS)*	4	Stavins
HKS	DEV 210	Public Finance in Theory and Practice[3]	4	Rosengard
HKS	SUP 680	Urban Economic Policy[3]	4	Hanson

1. Prerequisites: introductory microeconomics.
2. Section B of API 102 is available for cross-registration. Prerequisites: API-101 or equivalent. Permission of the instructor is required to enroll.
3. Priority enrollment is given to HKS students and may not be available to GSD students.

APPROVED BUT NOT OFFERED IN 2025-2026

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
HKS	API 105	Markets and Market Failures with Cases	4	Gomez-Ibanez
HKS	MLD 410	State and Local Finance	4	Chodos