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Master in Urban Planning Applied Planning Practice Courses 2026-2027

Urban planning degree candidates are required to complete a minimum of eight units of intensive coursework approved to fulfill their Project-Based Learning requirement. The requirement can be met through (1) an Option Studio (8 units), (2) an Independent Thesis (12 units; ADV 9302 plus ADV 9204), or (3) a total of eight units in approved Applied Planning Practice courses.

The following courses are approved Applied Planning Practice courses for the MUP Project-Based Learning requirement. An applied planning practice course has a substantial amount of the assignment load (40% or more) comprising an applied, real-world, project for an external client.

NOTE: MUP/MPP-MPA joint degree students can use 4-units from their HKS Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) toward their MUP Project-Based Learning requirement. Please contact [Sarah Hutchinson](#) for more information.

FALL 2026 APPROVED COURSES:

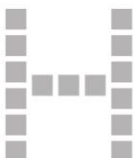
SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	5464	Do No Harm: Dilemmas In Planning for Health (Instructor must confirm each student has selected the client pathway)	4	Maaoui
GSD	5514	At Home and Abroad: Housing in Comparative Perspective	4	Maaoui
GSD	5531	Building Beyond Capitalism: Community Ownership as Counterproject?	4	Griffin, Iyengar
HKS	MLD 601	Operations Management	4	Fagan
HLS	8019	Harvard Dispute Systems Design Clinic ¹	4	Viscomi
MIT	11.274	Cybersecurity Clinic	4	Chun, Susskind
MIT	11.472 [J] EC.781 [J]	D-Lab: Development	4	Hsu
MIT	11.529 [J] 15.379 [J]	Mobility Ventures: Driving Innovation in Transportation Systems (Petition the Program Director for approval) ²	4	Zhao
MIT	11.592	Renewable Energy Facility Siting Clinic	4	Chun, Susskind
MIT	11.S938	Resilience by Design: Community Infrastructure and the IBX Corridor	4	Harriel

1. Co-Requisite: Negotiation Workshop is recommended but not required. **Add/Drop deadline for a Fall clinic is August 21, 2026.** The total number of GSD units for the bundled clinic and seminar via cross-registration is 4-units.

2. Students must meet with the Program Director for approval.

SPRING 2027 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	5381	Urban Design and the Color-Line	4	Gray
GSD	5427	Native Americans in the 21st Century: Nation Building II (at HKS)	4	Henson
GSD	5441	Policy Analysis	4	Liete
GSD	5447	Creating Environmental Markets	4	Zimmerman
GSD	5XXX	Complete Streets: Pedestrian and Bike Planning	4	Rosenblum
HKS	MLD 375	Creating Justice in Real Time: Vision, Strategies and Campaigns ¹	4	Brooks



HKS	MLD 412	Greater Boston Applied Field Lab: Advanced Budgeting, Financial Management, and Operations ²	4	Bilmes
HKS	SUP 426	Collaborative Action for Children: Redesigning Education for Equity (<i>jointly offered with GSE</i>)	4	Watson, Reville
MIT	11.274	Cybersecurity Clinic	4	Chun, Susskind
MIT	11.308 [J] 4.213 [J]	Ecological Urbanism Seminar ³	4	Spirn
MIT	11.437	Financing Economic Development and Housing (<i>Petition the Program Director for approval</i>) ⁴	4	Levine
MIT	11.547 [J] SCM.287 [J]	Global Aging & The Built Environment	4	Coughlin
MIT	11.592	Renewable Energy Facility Siting Clinic	4	Chun, Susskind

1. This is an application-based course. Enrollment requires permission of the instructor.

2. Prerequisite: This course requires permission of the instructor. Please complete application at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfaV8ouf7-ykA4nEkjOe5tlxOIPfGuPvY5_Q8OEV9_864foQ/viewform. Due to strong interest in the course, we encourage students to submit their application as early as possible. **Applications will be accepted until January 10, 2027.**

3. Enrollment requires the permission of the instructor.

4. Students must send a copy of the course syllabus to the Program Director for approval.

