

Master in Urban Planning

Economic Methods
2026-2027

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 2026 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	5437	Transportation Economics and Finance	4	Voulgaris
GSD	5258	Urban Economics I (Module 1) ¹	2	Kelly
GSD	5259	Urban Economics II (Module 2) ¹	2	Kelly
HKS	API 101	Resources, Incentives, and Choices I: Markets and Market Failures ² (Joint MPP degree student only)	4	Saavedra, Dogan, Le Brun

1. Both Urban Economics Module 1 and Module 2 must be completed to satisfy the Economic Methods requirement.

2. Only approved for joint MUP/MPP students. Not available for cross-registration. Enrollment is restricted to MPP joint degree students. MPA joint degree students require permission from the API 101 course head to enroll.

SPRING 2027 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	5440	Public Finance for Planners: Creating Equitable & Sustainable Communities	4	German
HKS	API 102B	Resources, Incentives, and Choices II: Analysis of Public Policy ¹	4	Schlenker
HKS	API 135	Economics of Climate Change and Environmental Policy (Cross-listed with FAS)	4	TBD
HKS	DEV 210	Public Finance in Theory and Practice ²	4	Rosengard
HKS	SUP 680	Urban Economic Policy ²	4	Hanson
HKS	SUP 683M	State and Local Economic Development ²	2	Carbonell

1. Prerequisites: API-101 or equivalent. Permission of the instructor is required to enroll.

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

