

Master in Urban Planning

Legal and Institutional Methods

2026-2027

Students must complete four units in Legal and Institutional Methods and may choose one of the courses below to fulfill the requirement. Strong coverage of this area is a requirement for our accreditation. This requirement centers on legal and related institutional contexts within which planning occurs in the US and/or internationally. Such classes must address broad principles of legal theory and practice or planning-relevant governance. Classes focused on specific tools or regulations, or specialized policy areas, are not acceptable.

FALL 2026 APPROVED COURSE:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	TYPE	FACULTY
GSD	5207	Land Use and Environmental Law	4	Lecture	Davidson

SPRING 2027 APPROVED COURSE:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	TYPE	FACULTY
GSD	5502	Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Global South	4	Seminar	Silva
GSD	5515	Comparative Planning Regulation	4	Lecture	Hou

