

Master in Urban Planning Urban Design Concentration 2026-2027

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The Urban Design concentration requires students to dedicate twelve units within their required course load to courses that focus on the physical form of the built environment. It is strongly recommended that students complete eight of these units with an Option Studio taught by urban design faculty or visitors. This studio shall be in addition to the two studios (1st and 2nd semester Core Planning Studio) required for the MUP degree. The remaining four units must be satisfied with an approved urban design-related course.

FALL 2026 APPROVED COURSES:

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	TYPE	FACULTY
1500-level	UPD Option Studio ¹	8	Studio	Various
4488	Making the American City: Form and Society	4	Lecture	Von Hoffman
4518	De-Centering the Canon: Architecture and Urbanism	4	Lecture	Mehrotra
5527	Shaping Chinese Megacity Regions: Design, Policies, and Planning	4	Lecture	Hou

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SPRING 2027 APPROVED COURSES:

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	TYPE	FACULTY
1500-level	UPD Option Studio ¹	8	Studio	Various
4530	Transition as Condition: Reconstruction in Times of War + Environmental Crisis	4	Seminar	Blau
4999	History and Theory of Preservation	4	Lecture	Page
5381	Urban Design and the Color-Line	4	Seminar	Gray

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