



## Master in Urban Planning History and Theory Concentration 2020-2021

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This concentration is intended for students who have a strong interest in theoretical questions related to cities, urbanization, urbanism and urban planning, whether in historical or contemporary contexts. It may also be of particular interest to those considering a future doctorate in urban planning or an associated discipline. The concentration is designed to foster critical thinking regarding the social, economic, political and spatial processes that have produced urbanized built environments, and their consequences for everyday life, social reproduction, politics, and environmental conditions. The courses also explore the ways in which planners and policymakers attempt to influence such processes and their consequences at various spatial scales.

Please note that course offerings often change, and new courses may be offered while these recommended courses may not be offered each year. This memo is subject to change depending on the availability of courses. Other courses may be approved with the permission of the Concentration Advisor.

### Pre-approved courses include:

#### FALL 2020

GSD	2482	Art, Design and the Public Domain	Wodiczko
GSD	3241	Theories of Landscape as Urbanism	Waldheim
GSD	4105	Studies of the Built North American Environment: 1580 to the Present	Stilgoe
GSD	4122	Building, Texts, and Contexts: Between Origins and Modernity: 18th- and 19th-Century Architecture	Naginski, Picon
GSD	4141	Histories of Landscape Architecture I: Textuality and the Practice of Landscape Architecture	Eigen
GSD	4304	North American Seacoasts and Landscapes: Discovery Period to the Present	Stilgoe
GSD	4398	Postmodernism, Poststructuralism, and Architecture 1960 to the Present	Hays
GSD	4455	Cotton Kingdom, Now	Zewde
GSD	5386	Urban Ethnographies	Herzfeld
HKS	DEV 101	Economic Development: Theory and Evidence	Rodrick
HKS	DPI 391	Race, Inequality, and American Democracy	Muhammad
HKS	DPI 401	Normative Principles of Governance in Development	Applbaum
HKS	IGA 513	Science, Power, and Politics	Jasanoff
MIT	11.236	Participatory Action Research	Cunningham, Kaeufer, Moya-



			Latorre, Vidigal Coachman
MIT	11.497	Human Rights at Home and Abroad	Rajagopal
MIT	11.S947	The Fire This Time: Race and Racism in American Cities	Cadogan

**SPRING 2021**

GSD	3242	Theories of Landscape Architecture	Perez-Ramos
GSD	4142	Histories of Landscape Architecture II: Topical Questions	Fabiani Giannetto
GSD	4344	Chinese Modern Architecture and Urbanism	Rowe
GSD	4374	Cities, Infrastructures, and Politics: From Renaissance to Smart Technologies	Picon
GSD	4479	Power & Place: Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment	Thomas, Synder
GSD	5337	Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities	von Hoffman
GSD	5347	Urbanization: Theory and Practice	Davis
GSD	5374	Community Development: History, Theory, and Imaginative Practice	Song
GSD	5380	Experimental Infrastructures	Spinak
GSD	5385	CoDesign Field Lab: Program Evaluation for Change Leadership	Song
GSD	5486	Gentrification Debates: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhood Change	Griffin
FAS	ECON 1800	The Economics of Cities **	Glaeser
FAS	GOV 2034	Ethics, Economics, and Law	Sandel
HLS	2181	Local Government Law	Barron
MIT	11.308J	Advanced Seminar: Ecological Urbanism	Spirn
MIT	11.330J	The Making of Cities	Jacobi, Segal
MIT	11.334J	Advanced Seminar in Landscape and Urbanism	Berger

*\*Only if not taken to satisfy Implementation Methods Requirement*

*\*\*Only if not taken to satisfy Economic Methods Requirement*

**Pre-approved, but not offered in 2020-2021:**

GSD	3302	Designing the American City: Civic Aspirations and Urban Form	Krieger
GSD	4122	Buildings, Texts, and Contexts II	Naginski, Picon
GSD	4132	Film Theory, Visual Thinking	Bruno
GSD	4329	Urbanization in the East Asian Region	Rowe
GSD	4373	Bavarian Rococo: Heterotopias	Holder
GSD	4475	Conservation, Destruction, and Curating Impermanence	Escobar Castrillon
GSD	4451	Materiality, Visual Culture, and Media	Bruno
GSD	5201	Urban Politics, Planning, and Development*	Mayne
GSD	5211	Cities by Design II	Gray
FAS	AFRAMER 125X	Urban Inequality after Civil Rights	Hinton
FAS	EASTD 121	Global Cities in East Asia	Dillon
FAS	GOV 2071	Democratic Theory	Beerbohm
FAS	HIST 82b	Fin-de-Siècle Vienna	Johnson



FAS	SOCIOL 314	Workshop on Urban Social Processes	Sampson
HKS	DPI 216	Democratic Theory	Mansbridge
HKS	SUP 207	Social Structure and Culture in the Study of Race and Urban Poverty	Wilson, Quane
MIT	11.204J	People and the Planet: Environmental Histories and Engineering	Knox-Hayes
MIT	11.381	Infrastructure Systems in Theory and Practice	Hsu
MIT	11.469	Urban Sociology in Theory and Practice	Steil
MIT	11.S940	Race, History, and the Built Environment: Anthropological Approaches	James
MIT	11.S942	Wanderings in Psychogeography: Exploring Landscapes of History, Biography, Law, Nature, Poetry, Surreality, Fantasy	Glenn
MIT	11.S943	Development, Planning and Implementation: Dialectic of Theory and Practice	Sanyal
MIT	11.S945	A City is Not a Computer: Histories and Theories of the Computational City	Del Tredici
MIT	11.S950	Development Theory	Rajagopal

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