Master in Urban Planning
Housing, Community, and Economic Development Concentration
2020-2021

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This area of concentration is for those students who are interested in planning, developing, and regulating housing resources and their surrounding neighborhoods. Planners who choose this concentration may envision themselves as professionals who will work in the public sector as policy makers, program administrators, or development facilitators or in the non-profit or for-profit sector as developers, community activists, or consultants. In whatever role they choose, these students are interested in shaping the part of the built environment that provides the setting for the residential and closely related functions of the city. 

Because housing is a vital social as well as economic element of the city, a wide range of courses are relevant to this work. Concentrators may choose to focus on aspects of the work as diverse as housing policy, market analysis, physical design and planning, real estate finance, the development process, community engagement, implementation strategies and regulatory regimes. The same is true for neighborhoods, which are complex parts of the metropolitan environment, requiring a wide range of skills for those who would shape them. This element of the concentration may include work on many of the topics listed above as well as land use regulation, urban design, demographic and economic analysis, local politics and related disciplines such as transportation, infrastructure, retail and social networks.

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 one of the Concentration Advisors.

Recommended introductory courses:
It is recommended that students select at least one of the following courses as part of the concentration. They are introductory level courses that give a good overview of the topics and subject matter covered in more depth by other courses in the concentration:

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<td>Policy Making in Urban Settings (Not offered Fall 2020)</td>
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<td>Housing and Urbanization in the United States (Fall)</td>
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<td>Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities (Spring)</td>
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<td>US Housing Markets, Problems and Policies (Spring)</td>
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Other Pre-approved courses include:

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<td>Land Use and Environmental Law*</td>
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<td>Field Studies in Real Estate, Planning and Urban Design</td>
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<td>Healthy Places: COVID-19 and Cities</td>
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<td>Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World*</td>
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<td>Community Growth and Land Use Planning</td>
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<td>Introduction to Housing, Community and Economic Development</td>
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<td>Tools and Techniques in Urban Economic Development Planning</td>
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<td>Structuring Low-Income Housing Projects in Developing Countries</td>
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<td>Housing and Social Stratification in America</td>
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*Only if not taken to satisfy Law and Institutions Methods Requirement

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<td>Community Development: History, Theory, and Imaginative Practice</td>
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<td>The Gentrification Debates: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhood Change</td>
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<td>Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management (at HKS)</td>
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<td>Action Research for Open Public Realms</td>
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<td>Real Estate and City Making in China</td>
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<td>Social Safety Net in the 21st Century</td>
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<td>Institutional and Community-Based Strategies to Support</td>
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