



Master in Urban Planning Housing and Neighborhood 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 regimens. 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:

GSD	5213	Policy Making in Urban Settings (Not offered Fall 2020)	Carras
GSD	5326	Housing and Urbanization in the United States (Fall)	Molinsky, Stockard
GSD	5337	Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities (Spring)	Von Hoffman
GSD	5367	US Housing Markets, Problems and Policies (Spring)	Herbert

Other Pre-approved courses include:

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GSD	5204	Real Estate Finance and Development	Peiser, Hamilton
GSD	5206	Land Use and Environmental Law*	Kayden
GSD	5212	Field Studies in Real Estate, Planning and Urban Design	Peiser



GSD	5330	Healthy Places: COVID-19 and Cities	Forsyth
GSD	5502	Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World*	Davis
HLS	2218	Real Estate Law	Kelly
MIT	11.360	Community Growth and Land Use Planning	Abolina, Levine
MIT	11.401	Introduction to Housing, Community and Economic Development	Crockett
MIT	11.407	Tools and Techniques in Urban Economic Development Planning	Glasmeier
MIT	11.430	Leadership in Real Estate	Schuck
MIT	11.431J	Real Estate Finance & Investment	Geltner
MIT	11.433J	Real Estate Economics*	Wheaton
MIT	11.463J	Structuring Low-Income Housing Projects in Developing Countries	Goethert
MIT	11.S941	Global Aging: Planning Cities for a 100-Year Society	Coughlin
MIT	11.S944	Housing and Social Stratification in America	Bunten

**Only if not taken to satisfy Law and Institutions Methods Requirement*

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GSD	5374	Community Development: History, Theory, and Imaginative Practice	Song
GSD	5486	The Gentrification Debates: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhood Change	Griffin
GSD	5490	Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management (at HKS)	Marchant
MIT	11.339	Downtown	TBA
MIT	11.355	International Housing Economics and Finance	Saiz
MIT	11.404	Housing Policy and Planning in the US and Abroad	TBA
MIT	11.435	Mixed-Income Housing Development	Roth
MIT	11.437	Financing Economic Development	Seidman
MIT	11.483	Housing and Land Use in Rapidly Urbanizing Regions	TBA
MIT	11.S941	Global Aging: Planning Cities for a 100-Year Society	Coughlin

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

GSD	4329	Urbanization in the East Asian Region	Rowe
GSD	5201	Urban Politics and Planning (at HKS)*	Mayne
GSD	5372	Planning for Climate Change: Scarcity, Abundance, and the Idea of the Future	Spinak
GSD	5378	Economic Development Planning	Proakis
GSD	5384	Action Research for Open Public Realms	Song
GSD	9127	Real Estate and City Making in China	Wang
HKS	SUP-110	Social Safety Net in the 21 st Century	Shepard
HKS	SUP-211	Institutional and Community-Based Strategies to Support Children and Strengthen Families	Boatright Wilson
MIT	11.367	The Law and Politics of Land Use	Szold



MIT	11.433J	Engaging Community: Models & Methods for Designers and Planners	McDow
MIT	11.439	Revitalizing Urban Main Streets	TBA