



Master in Urban Planning International Planning Concentration 2020-2021

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This concentration within the MUP program is intended to provide a solid professional and academic preparation in the field of international planning. The concentration responds to three global concerns. The first is the rapid population growth and territorial expansion of cities in the developing world, where most of the planet's populations now reside. The second is the increasing importance of urbanization in the national development trajectories of those countries. Accelerating urban growth directly impacts employment opportunities, health and livability conditions, infrastructure priorities, and investment needs, among other factors. Likewise, these transformations call into question the social, economic, and political practices and institutions that scarcely a few decades ago were as likely to focus on rural as urban problems, offering both challenges and opportunities for citizens and governing authorities to chart a new future through planning, design and the management of cities and their hinterlands. The third motivating concern is the fact that cities and regions in the developing world have been drawn into extractive networks, transnational civil society connections, global governance agreements, and multilateral institutional arrangements that can either enable or constrain their relative autonomy to pursue planning priorities of their own choosing. In this sense, the fate of citizens who live in the developing world must be seen as internationalized, for both good and bad, thus challenging the ghettoization of international development planning as a concern for only the poorer countries seeking to 'catch up.' Because of this, the concentration recognizes that planners can draw profound lessons from a comparative perspective on urban, regional, and national phenomena, drawing across South-South as well as North-South experiences of different countries and across diverse urban environments, and understanding the parallels and the relations among cities around the globe

Within the concentration, students can focus broadly on international planning or concentrate on several subthemes that speak to pressing problems related to different developmental conditions. The latter topics might include informality, poverty, service scarcities (especially in transportation, housing, water, and health services), social exclusion, and governance, including the potential for participatory planning. Students are encouraged to develop their interests with a focus on a single country in a particular region (such as Latin America, South Asia, the Middle East, or Africa, to name just a few). To successfully satisfy the concentration requirements, students must complete 12 units from the list of preapproved courses provided below or from other courses that have been selected by the student and approved by the concentration advisor. Students intending to undertake the concentration in international planning should begin to map out courses early in their program to be sure that they are able to take advantage of courses offered in only one term or in alternate years.

As Harvard and other local universities offer a wide variety of courses relevant to international planning, the list below is not exhaustive. If students would like to include alternative courses to satisfy the 12-unit concentration requirement, they should speak early on with Diane Davis to ensure that the courses are suitable. Participation in some of the courses listed below may require permission from their instructors, and it is the student's responsibility to contact such instructors to ascertain whether admission is possible. For course offerings in other schools at Harvard or at other universities, it is recommended that students approach the instructor early to ensure it is possible to take the course. Students are advised to review the course pages of the respective schools and departments to be sure that no changes to listings have taken place.

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 written permission of the Concentration Advisor(s).



Recommended introductory courses:

The following courses are recommended to those interested in 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	5347	Urbanization: Theory and Practice (Spring)	Davis
GSD	5502*	Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World (Fall) *	Davis

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

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GSD	3348	The Idea of Environment	Spinak
GSD	5375	Contemporary Developing Countries	Khanna, Balsari
FAS	ECON 2326	Economic Development: Theory and Evidence	Rodrik, Carranza
FAS	GOV 2131	Comparative Politics of Latin America	Holland
FAS	GOV 2148	Civil Society, West and East	Pharr
HKS	DEV 130	Why are So Many Countries Poor, Volatile and Unequal?	Hausmann
HKS	DPI 401B	Normative Principles of Governance in Development	Applebaum
HKS	DPI 407	Getting and Keeping Democracy	Masoud
HKS	IGA 103	Global Governance	Sikkink
HKS	IGA 632A	Africa in Global Politics	Marks
HKS	IGS 335	Migration and Human Rights	Bhabha
HKS	MLD 102	Getting Things Done: Management in a Development Context	Andrews
HSPH	GHP 212	Political Economy of Health Sector Reform	Croke
HSPH	GHP 244	Health Sector Reform: A Worldwide Perspective	Bossert
HSPH	GHP 272	Foundations of Global Health and Population	Bloom
HSPH	GHP 288	Issues in Health and Human Rights	Marks
MIT	11.463J	Structuring Low Income Housing Projects in Developing Countries	Goethert
MIT	11.466J	Technology, Globalization, and Sustainable Development	Ashford
MIT	11.470	The Politics of Development Policy	TBA
MIT	11.472J	D-Lab: Development	Smith
MIT	11.485	Southern Urbanisms	Carolini
MIT	11.495	Governance and Law in Developing Countries	Rajagopal
MIT	11.701	Introduction to International Development	Rajagopal

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GSD	4344	Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China	Rowe
GSD	5337	Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities	von Hoffman
GSD	5409	Climate Justice	Spinak
HBS	MBA 1487	Sustainable Cities and Resilient Infrastructure	Macomber
HKS	DEV 209	Management, Finance, and Regulation of Public Infrastructure in Developing Countries	Lee
HKS	DEV 215	Public Finance in International Perspective	Jensen



HKS	DEV 308	Social Institutions and Economic Development	Woolcock
HKS	DEV 315M	Understanding Gender in International Development	Matuszeski
HKS	DPI 450	The Political Economy of Transition in China	Saich
HSPH	GHP 269	The Political Economy of Global Health	Bump
HSPH	GHP 515	International Humanitarian Response I	Kayden
MIT	11.005	Introduction to International Development	del Campo
MIT	11.355	International Housing Economics and Finance	Saiz
MIT	11.484	Project Appraisal in Developing Countries	TBA
MIT	11.526J	Comparative Land Use and Transportation Planning	Zegras

Pre-approved, but not offered in 2020-2021

GSD	4329	Urbanization in the East Asian Region	Rowe
GSD	5211	Cities by Design II	Gray
GSD	5365	Towns and Settlements in Metropolitan Regions	Rowe
GSD	5366	Global Perspectives on Shelter Insecurity and Displacement	TBA
GSD	9127	Real Estate and City Making in China	Wang
FAS	GOV 1207	Comparative Politics of the Middle East	Cammett
FAS	EASTD 121	Global Cities in East Asia	Dillon
HKS	BGP 625	The Future of Globalization: Issues, Actors and Decisions	Summers
HKS	DEV 375	The Informal Economy: Is Formalization the Answer?	Chen
HKS	DPI 401	Institutions and Development	Sheely
HKS	DPI 440	Middle Eastern Politics and Policy	Masoud
HKS	DPI 454	The Asia-Pacific in Transition	Baum
HKS	DPI 461	Research Seminar on Latin American Politics	Garay
HKS	IGA 422	Global Food Politics and Policy	Paarlberg
HKS	IGA 457M	International Climate Change Policy	Stowe
HSPH	GHP 214	Health, Human Rights and the International System	Marks
MIT	11.444J	The New Global Practitioner	Goethert
MIT	11.474J	Disseminating Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Innovations for the Common Good	Murcott
MIT	11.479J	Water and Sanitation Infrastructure in Developing Countries	Murcott
MIT	11.487	Budgeting and Finance for the Public Sector	Carolini