

Housing and Neighborhood Development Concentration

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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 basic 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 (Fall at HKS)	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

Additional recommended courses:

Fall

At the Graduate School of Design:

GSD 4329 Urbanization in the East Asian Region	Rowe
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GSD 5204 Real Estate Finance and Development	Peiser
GSD 5206 Land Use and Environmental Law*	Kayden
GSD 5330 Healthy Places	Forsyth
GSD 5363 Prosperity, Civic Values and Diversity in a Gentrifying City	Pradhan
GSD 5466 The Spatial Politics of Land	Balakrishnan
GSD 5486 There Goes the Neighborhood: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Change	Griffin
GSD 5492 Real Estate Finance and Development Fundamentals (at HKS)	Marchant
GSD 5502 Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World*	Davis
GSD 9127 Real Estate and City Making in China	Wang

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

At the Business School:

HBS 1684 Real Property	Segel, Wu
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At MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):

MIT 11.401 Introduction to Housing, Community and Economic Development	Steil
MIT 11.435 Mixed Income Housing Development	Roth
MIT 11.463J Structuring Low-Income Housing Projects in Developing Countries	Goethert

Spring

(Note that Spring course listings will be updated once the catalog is completed)

At the Graduate School of Design:

GSD 5490 Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management (at HKS)	Marchant
GSD 9138 Surplus Housing: Models of Collective Living in South America	Correa

At the Law School:

HLS Housing Law and Policy	Caramello, Lawrence
HLS 2218 Real Estate Law	Mechanic

At MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):

MIT 11.355 International Housing Economics and Finance	Saiz
MIT 11.367 The Law and Politics of Land Use	Szold

Not Currently Offered

GSD 5340 Community Action Planning: Principles and Practices	Hamdi
GSD 5361 Deciding Interventions in Urban Development: A Practical Guide to Strategic Design	Hamdi
GSD 5433 Modern Housing and Urban Districts	Rowe
HLS 2755 Cities and Immigration	Su