The Graduate Certificate in Housing Studies (GCHS) offers all UW graduate students an opportunity to learn the fundamental concepts and tools essential to understanding housing production and consumption at a regional, national, and global level.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the GCHS is to:
- Engage students in exploring the functioning of housing markets and how housing influences economic and geographic mobility, health, and educational attainment.
- Provide cross-disciplinary perspectives on housing topics including finance, markets, policy, data, and analysis.
- Prepare students for careers in housing in the public, private, and non-profit domains.

**Learning Objectives:** Certificate students will learn to:
- Understand the private, public, and non-profit actors involved in the production of housing.
- Identify local, state, and federal housing policies that influence housing production and consumption.
- Explore the financial structures and instruments used to finance housing development and to provide individual access to mortgages.
- Present interdisciplinary evidence on how housing can affect life outcomes.
- Learn how to use housing data in program and policy analysis.
- Engage in proposing solutions to real-world housing challenges through community case studies.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum consists of 4 graduate level courses with a minimum of 15 credits:
- **RE 563, Housing Markets and Policy (Autumn):** provides students with an overview of housing markets and the policies in place to support housing production.
- **RE 597, Real Estate Data Modeling (Autumn):** teaches basic economic concepts critical to understanding real estate markets through the use of GIS and spatial modeling (URBDP 520; URBDP 522; GEOG 561 can serve as substitutes).
- **RE 564, Affordable Housing (Winter):** guides the student through the affordable housing development process and the related policy issues (PUBPOL 564; ENV H 443; GEOG 445; URBDP 553; SOC 415; SOC 530; T URB 480 can serve as substitutes).
- **RE 565, Advanced Housing Studies (Winter):** provides a capstone experience around modules selected by each student that enable deeper study on a housing topic.

**Student application process/logistics**
Submission packages should include:
- Application form (available online).
- Current resume.
- Current UW transcript (min GPA 3.0).

**General logistics:**
- Students are required to apply and be admitted before taking more than two of the required courses to receive the certificate.
- Applications will be accepted twice a year (September 1st or December 1st).

**Location of study:** UW/Seattle campus

**Who should apply?** Any UW graduate student interested in housing, especially those majoring in: architecture, planning, construction management, real estate, public policy, public health, sociology, geography, business, and law.

**Courses/credits:** Four graduate courses with 15 credits

**Minimum study time:** Two quarters (recommended to be completed over two years)

**Application deadlines:** May 15th or December 15th

**Applications and/or questions:** gchs@uw.edu

**Website:** http://realestate.washington.edu/academics/graduate-housing-certificate/

**Completion Requirements**
- Minimum cumulative GPA 3.0
- Minimum grade per course 2.7