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 or Spring):** provides students with an overview of housing markets and the policies in place to support housing production
- **RE 597, Real Estate Data Modeling (Autumn or Spring):** 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; SOCI 415; SOCI 530; T URB 480 can serve as substitutes)
- **RE 565, Advanced Housing Studies (Spring – last course):** 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 (May 15th or December 15th)

**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:**
ghcs@uw.edu

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

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