



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HOUSING STUDIES

OVERVIEW

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; SOC 415; SOC 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:

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

