

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

LOCATION

UW/Seattle campus

WHY YOU 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

Autumn- May 15th

Winter- December 15th

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum cumulative **GPA 3.0**
Minimum grade per course **2.7**

ADMISSIONS OR QUERIES

For Admissions or any other questions please contact: regradcert@uw.edu



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



APPLICATION PROCESS

Submission packages should include:

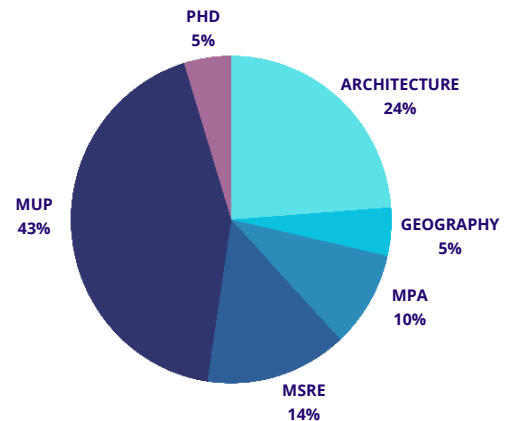
- Application form (available online)
- Current resume
- Current UW transcript (min GPA 3.0)

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 15 th or December 15)

ACROSS DISCIPLINES

Graduate degrees pursued by Graduate Certificate in Housing studies students



CURRICULUM

The curriculum consists of 4 graduate level courses with a minimum of 15 credits: To complete the certificate, the following classes must be completed:

- **RE 563, Housing Markets and Policy (Autumn or Spring):** provides students with an overview of housing markets and the policies in place support housing production
- **RE 597, Real Estate Data Modeling (Spring):** teaches basic economic concepts critical to understanding real estate markets through the use of GIS and spatial modeling (RE 562; URBDP 520; URBDP 522; GEOG 561 can serve as substitutes)
- **RE 564, Affordable Housing (Autumn or Winter -online):** 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