

Urban Design and Physical Planning

(Effective Fall 2011)

Urban designers study the design of the built environment, from the scale of the details on a street sign up to a bird's eye view of the structure of a metropolitan region. The urban design specialization bridges architecture and planning, focusing on each discipline as a form of critical inquiry into the other. Studios, seminars, and community-based learning formats cover theories, methods, and case studies in urban design, physical and spatial planning, sustainable design, landscape design, and tools for financing urban design proposals.

Curriculum (4 courses are required to complete the specialization)

Intro Course (required)

- PD 565 Urban Planning & Design I: Understanding Good Urban Form (Fall)

Methods Course (required)

- PD 566 Urban Planning and Design II: Methods and Case Studies (Spring)

Elective Courses (minimum two)

- PD 523 Gender, Architecture, and Urban Space (Spring)
- PD 525 Financing Urban Development (Spring)
- PD 528 Historic Preservation (Spring)
- PD 562 Transportation, Land Use, and Urban Form (Spring)
- PD 564 Infrastructure Planning (Spring)
- PD 571 3-D Visual and Urban Simulation (Fall)
- ARC 588: Design Theory: The City in Film (Fall)

A Word about the Required Planning Studio Not all of the planning studio courses offered by the faculty contain *urban design* content. MUP students who are completing a specialization in Urban Design **must** take a studio which does have such content. Appropriate studio sections will be identified by the department staff at time of registration.

- PD 581 Planning Studio (with design content) or

Note: M.Arch/MUP dual-degree candidates must take their dual-studio under a different number designation:

- PD 580 Planning Studio, co-enrolled in ARC 609

Culminating Exercise (choose one)

- Thesis on topic in Urban Design
- Professional Project on Urban Design

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