

Master in Urban Planning Urban Design Concentration 2023-2024

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The Urban Design concentration requires students to dedicate twelve credit hours within their required course load to courses that focus on the physical form of the built environment. It is strongly recommended that students fulfill eight of these credit hours with an Options Studio taught by urban design faculty or visitors. This studio shall be in addition to the two studios (1st and 2nd semester Core Planning Studio) required for the MUP degree. The remaining four credit hours can be satisfied with an urban design related course approved by the concentration advisor.

Please be aware that course offerings are subject to change. New courses may be introduced, while some of the approved courses listed here may not be available every year. This memo is subject to revisions based on course availability. Courses that are not mentioned in this memo do not automatically have approval and may only be approved after a review and written permission from the Concentration Advisor(s).

Recommended introductory course:

It is recommended that students select at least one of the following courses as part of the concentration. They are introductory-level courses that give a good overview of the topics and subject matter covered in more depth by other courses in the concentration:

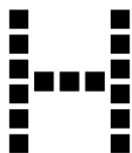
SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	5420	Urban Design for Urban Planners (Spring)	4	Lubenau

FALL 2023 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	3513	Community Engagement Workshop: Making Artifacts that Educate and Empower	4	D'Oca
GSD	4454	The Project and the Territory: Japan Story	4	Mostafavi
GSD	4488	Making the American City: Form and Society	4	Von Hoffman
GSD	1500-level	UPD Option Studio ¹	8	Various
MIT	4.228	Contemporary Urbanism Proseminar: Theory and Representation ²	Contact Registrar	Ghosn
MIT	4.240 11.328	Urban Design Skills: Observing, Interpreting, and Representing the City (Fall 1)	2	Ocampo, Ben-Joseph
MIT	4.252 11.301	Introduction to Urban Design and Development ²	4	Ryan

1. Only studios offered by the UPD department are eligible to count towards the Urban Design concentration.

2. Enrollment requires permission of the instructor.



SPRING 2024 APPROVED COURSES:

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	FACULTY
GSD	1500-level	UPD Option Studio ¹	8	Various
GSD	4510	Transition as Condition: Ukraine Research-Urbanism, Environment, Infrastructure	4	Blau
GSD	4511	Case Studies in Urban Conservation: Expanding Heritage with the Agency of Change	4	Fixler
GSD	5381	Urban Design and the Color Line	4	Gray
GSD	5382	Making Participation Relevant to Design	4	Tato
GSD	5420	Urban Design for Urban Planners	4	Lubenau
GSD	5433	Modern Housing and Urban Districts: Concepts, Cases and Comparisons	4	Fu
GSD	5460	Uplifting Vulnerable Populations: Community-Informed Urban Design	4	McKinney White
GSD	6489	Climate Positive Design Lab	4	Conrad
MIT	4.215 11.309	Sensing Place: Photography as Inquiry	4	Spirn
MIT	4.244 11.333	Urban Design Seminar: Perspectives on Contemporary Practice	4	Adams
MIT	4.246 11.246	DesignX Accelerator Workshop ²	4	TBD
MIT	4.247 11.337	Urban Design Ideals and Action	4	Ryan
MIT	11.302	Urban Design Politics	4	TBA
MIT	11.320	Digital City Design Workshop ²	4	Ratti

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APPROVED BUT NOT OFFERED IN 2023-2024:

For the below courses to be approved for the current academic year, they must be offered with the same course number, title, and instructor. The course must be reapproved if doesn't match the below version of the course.

SCHOOL	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	FACULTY
GSD	2482	Art, Design and the Public Domain Proseminar	Wodiczko
GSD	3333	Culture, Conservation and Design	Snyder, Thomas
GSD	3456	Cultivated Imaginaries: Superblock and the Idea of the City	Wang
GSD	4329	Urbanization in the East Asian Region	Rowe
GSD	4344	Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China	Rowe
GSD	5396	Mapping the Political Economy of Space	Malterre-Barthes
GSD	6322	Mapping: Geographic Representation and Speculation	Huntley
GSD	9146	Emergent Urbanism: Design Visions for the City of Hermosillo Mexico	Davis, Vera