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Urban Planning & Public Policy 246
Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30-4:50 pm
in SBSG 3240
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UPPP 246 Housing Policy

Is housing a **human right**? Should every person have the opportunity to live in **safe, clean, and stable housing**? This course explores housing policy in the United States and analyzes case studies of international comparative research. A house is often the center of one's life, and people have **emotional, social, and financial** attachments to their home and community. Housing is one of the highest expenses for an individual or family. The dream of owning a home is an unaffordable reality for most people in the U.S. This course discusses **why housing is so expensive** and the mechanics of the real estate market. In addition, students will learn how the **private, public, and nonprofit sectors** fund, build, regulate, and manage housing. The course provides an overview of policies to provide **affordable housing and supportive services** for low income persons and persons experiencing **homelessness**. In addition, students will study new affordable housing programs and initiatives for **sustainable green building**, linkages with public transportation, and innovative design.

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