

## Community Development and Cultural Preservation

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Plans and designs gain meaning when they represent the needs, dreams, values, and goals of those who will use them. Courses within this specialization focus on social, political, and cultural analyses of the built environment, explore different social and cultural responses, analyze policy, planning, and design criteria for building more responsible urban forms, and intervening in discriminatory practices. Topics of study include domestic and international analyses of cultural heritage and diversity, housing policy, urban development and land use, urban form and design, and social change.

### Recommended Courses

- Housing Policy and Equity (RP 525)
- City Planning (RP 574)
- Cultural Heritage (RP 611)
- Introduction to Land-Use (RP 645)
- Tools and Techniques in Planning (RP 652)
- People and the Environment (RP 587)
- Sustainable Cities (RP 580)
- Scenario Planning (RP 597S)

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