Community and Equity Planning

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This concentration focuses on equitable, sustainable planning, policy and design for diverse publics. It builds on the assertion that regardless of project, successful planning in the 21st century requires reconciling a multitude of often conflicting frameworks of thought and action. The primary goals of this concentration are 1) To understand how culture, class, race/ethnicity, physical and cognitive health, social philosophy, stakeholder interests, and other human factors influence an individual's/group's potentials, preferences and policy decisions; 2) To apply this knowledge to the exploration of the appropriate questions to ask and learn research and interpretive methods for an engaged, inclusive and responsible planning process. Substantial topics of study include, but are not limited to, the built environment, housing policy, urban development, urban design, spatial relations, public health, discriminatory practices and social change.

Core Courses:

- Planning with Multiple Publics (RP 693S)
- Urban Policies (RP 577) or Housing and Public Health (RP 591G) or People and the Environment (RP 691R)

Recommended Courses:

- Sustainable Cities (RP 591B)
- Anthropological Research Methods (Anth 775)
- Public Anthropology (Anth 697)
- Conflict Resolution (PubP 621)
- Ethics of Public Policy (PubP 622)
- Culture, Community & Health (Pub Health 590C)
- Gender & Health (Pub Health 582)
- Qualitative Research Methods (Pub Health 608)
- Landscape and Memory (Hist 697U)
- Public Welfare Policy (PoliSci 783)
- Race, Ethnicity and the Social Imagination (Soc 723)