

# URBAN DESIGN CERTIFICATE, MUP Program

*Students may do either the Certificate Program or the Specialization*

The Urban Design Certificate Program provides students with specialized, interdisciplinary training through the collaboration of faculty in three of the College's professional programs: architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design and planning. The program's goal is to provide students with the fundamental theories, methods, and substantive content of urban design as a base for professional knowledge and a generative source for the future. Training is based on the fundamental assumption that urban designers design: the process of design and the problem-solving contributions of designers are as important as understanding the qualitative product of design—the urban environment.

Particular interests within the program include a concern for regionalism, the evolution of urban form, and the contemporary city. In addition, the program emphasizes understanding of the phenomena of place-making and the connections between site, people, culture, and the built landscape.

Candidates for the Certificate must have a physical design background or obtain the equivalent during their residency in the program. The curriculum normally consists of 12–15 credits of work concurrent with the degree, consisting of urban design theory, urban design methods, urban design studios, and an urban design thesis or professional project. For more detailed information, please refer to the prospectus of the Urban Design Certificate Program at <http://be.washington.edu/academics/certificates/urbandesign>

*Please see Neile Graham in the Certificates Office in 410L Gould Hall or the UD certificate website for the Statement of Interest form to sign up for the certificate program*

The certificate program puts out quarterly lists of courses that count toward the certificate. Please be sure you are on the program email list to receive this, or check the program website.

## **Required foundation course** (3 credits)

ARCH 561	Urban Design Theory	Winter	Huber
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## **Restricted elective choices**

For the MUP History/Theory/Ethics of Planning restricted elective, students should choose URBDP 564 or URBDP 565

For the MUP Advanced Methods restricted elective, students should take URBDP 573 Digital Design or UrbDP 598 Urban Design Methods (TBA, Spring Quarter)

## **Electives** (3+ credits)

A minimum of one additional course in Urban Design Methods is required, such as URBDP 474 Site Planning or URBDP 598 Urban Design Composition

## **Advanced studio, and thesis or professional project** (5-6 credits)

In addition to the Planning Studio Prep lab/598 Urban Planning Studio, students must take two advanced studios (as designated by the program each quarter), one of which must be outside their home department for a total of three labs/studios.

A thesis or professional project related to this area of specialization; the committee chair must be a member of the Urban Design Program faculty

## **Total credits for the certificate** (12-15 credits)

12–15 credits of Urban Design coursework must be completed to receive the Certificate. If required courses listed here are waived due to prior coursework, additional urban design-related credits to reach this total will be required. Classes which are MUP core requirements or required restricted electives do not count toward these 12–15 credits, though Certificate credits may count toward the total number of credits required for the degree.