

AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

Affordable housing is a significant problem across the US that is driving communities to reconsider design, zoning, social services, policy, and the implications to society. Housing demand exceeds housing supply, available housing types and prices do not match household needs and incomes, and construction costs are high due to a range of reasons.

The Affordable Housing Graduate Certificate offered by The College of Architecture and Planning and the School of Public Affairs will enable students to grow their expertise and become specialists equipped to address housing challenges. The certificate is designed for both graduate students and professionals in the fields of housing policy, development, finance, and design. Many courses in the certificate can be completed online or in-person. Organizations or governments can request that certificate courses be offered to their employees for professional development.

Prospective students who wish to pursue this certificate must apply as non-degree applicants. Learn more (<https://publicaffairs.ucdenver.edu/prospective-and-admitted-students/admission>) on the School of Public Affairs admission web page.

Program Delivery

- Courses are offered on campus and online.

Certificate Requirements

1. Students must successfully complete 13 credit hours of approved coursework.
2. Students must maintain at least 3.0 cumulative GPA in this program.
3. This program must be completed within 7 years.

Code	Title	Hours
Fundamentals Course		3
Select one of the following:		
HOUS/URPL 6401	Affordable Housing Fundamentals	
PSCI 5080	The Housing Crisis: Local Government Responses	
Affordable Housing Development and/or Finance Course ¹		1
HOUS/URPL 6402	Affordable Housing Development Process	
Required Electives		6
Select two of the following:		
HOUS 6455	Real Estate Development & Finance	
or URPL 6455	Real Estate Development and Finance	
HOUS 6410	Methods of Building and Assessing Multi-Sector Housing Partnerships	
HOUS 6490	Affordable Housing Design Studies	
HOUS 6415	Governance for Affordable Housing	
HOUS 6420	Innovations in Housing Finance & Policy	
Culminating Experience		3
Select one of the following:		

HOUS 6405	Affordable Housing Workshop	
HOUS 6495/ URPL 6810	Affordable Housing Independent Study	
Total Hours		13

¹ Students are required to take, at minimum, a 1-credit course on affordable housing development unless they have professional experience in affordable housing development and/or finance. Students interested in focusing on the development and financing aspects of affordable housing can waive the 1-credit course (HOUS 6402/URPL 6402) and instead take the 3-credit Real Estate Development and Finance course (URPL/HOUS 6455) listed below as one of their two electives.