

URP 556 / HBEHED 608: INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR ON HEALTHY CITIES

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This directed study is intended to fulfill the “Integrative Seminar” requirement for students completing the Graduate Certificate in Healthy Cities. It is a one-credit course. The course content combines perspectives from public health, public policy, and the built environment within a single classroom. Class sessions are organized around a guest speaker series. Speakers from a variety of disciplines will meet with students to discuss the significance of using interdisciplinary approaches to address public health in urban contexts.

Learning Goals:

By the end of the term:

- Students will have hands-on experience discussing urban public health issues in cross-discipline contexts
- Students will be able to explain the benefits and challenges of using interdisciplinary collaborations to address public health in urban contexts
- Students will have a better understanding of the career development options for professionals building cross-disciplinary teams.

Course Requirements:

This seminar will meet eight times during the semester. Class sessions are organized around a guest lecture series. Meetings will occur on select Wednesdays or Thursdays, usually from 4-5:30pm, although on some days we may meet later, for instance 5-6:30pm. This flexibility is to accommodate the scheduling constraints of the guest speakers.

The first day of class will be Thursday January 11 at 4pm in A&AB 2227. The final meeting schedule for the semester will be distributed at that time.

Students are expected to attend every session. Students should familiarize themselves with the guest speaker’s work in advance, prepare some discussion questions, and participate in the discussion during class time. Students will also collaborate to create a group media piece that explains the benefits and challenges of using interdisciplinary collaborations to address public health in urban contexts.