

URP 556 / HBHEQ 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 guest speakers and student-faculty interviews. Students will meet with faculty from a variety of disciplines 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. Meetings will occur every other Monday. **The first class session will be Monday January 12 at 4pm via Zoom (the Zoom link will be available through the Canvas course webpage).** 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 various faculty members’ work, prepare interview questions in advance, and collect material for class group work. Students will also collaborate to create a final group media piece that explains the benefits and challenges of using interdisciplinary collaborations to address public health in urban contexts.