

URBAN ECONOMICS, FINANCE & CITY MAKING



ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS COURSE. If you are interested in ARCH 517/URP 555 The Architect/Planner as Developer, it will not be offered this year. This course covers many of the same topics and may be considered a reasonable substitute.

This seminar examines urban economics and real estate finance concepts through the study of integrated approaches to project development. The seminar provides an overview of public and private development strategies in contemporary urbanization logics. Using lectures, discussions, case studies, and individual/team exercises, the course investigates the complex blend of public and private actions promoting growth and change against financial, economic, legal, institutional, and political metrics. We will explore the analytic frameworks, skills, and bodies of knowledge required to understand, evaluate, plan, and implement public and private development within cities and surrounding regions. The course seeks to build proficiency in a cohesive model of project development that accounts for multiple perspectives in city making.