# Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Real Estate (IGCRE)

## Overview

The **Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Real Estate (IGCRE)** recognizes interdisciplinary training in real estate, including real estate investment, real estate law, and the role of real estate development in the built environment. The IGCRE offers graduate students in the College of Environmental Design (CED), the Haas School of Business (Haas), and Berkeley Law the opportunity to supplement their major areas of study with courses that specifically focus on real estate. As part of the IGCRE, students may (1) undertake specialized, multi-disciplinary courses in city planning and design, (2) learn about the process of development and gaining entitlements, (3) gain skills in financial and asset market analysis, (4) learn the legal foundations of construction and real estate transactions, and/or (5) explore housing and land use policy. The IGCRE will give students explicit recognition of a specialization in real estate, which in complement to their graduate program, will position them to compete for jobs in law firms, public and private corporations with real estate investments, planning positions, design practices, local government, real estate development, and companies involved in real estate capital markets.

## Eligibility

Applicants must be registered and enrolled in a Berkeley graduate degree program during the academic year, with priority granted to students in the College of Environmental Design, the Haas School of Business, or Berkeley Law. All applicants in good academic standing (e.g., GPA of 3.0 or better, or P or better in Law School classes) are eligible to apply.

## Application Process

The **IGCRE Application for Admission** and other supporting documents are submitted to the assigned staff in their home unit no later than **October 1st and March 1st**.

## IGCRE Contacts

**College of Environmental Design**: Kathleen Pera, Graduate Student Affairs Officer, kpera@berkeley.edu

**Haas School of Business**: Thomas Chappelear, Faculty Assistant, tomchaps@berkeley.edu

**Berkeley Law School**: Ken Taymor, Executive Director, Berkeley Center for Law, Business and Economy, ktaymor@law.berkeley.edu

## Certificate Requirements

Students who wish to earn the IGCRE must submit the **Completion of Certificate Requirements Form**—and provide other supporting documents to Kathleen Pera, the Graduate Student Affairs Officer in the Department of City and Regional Planning, kpera@berkeley.edu. The deadline for this form is no later than one month prior to the last day of the fall or spring semester.

Below are the IGCRE Certificate Requirements in detail.

1) **Coursework**

In addition to the course requirements for their degree, students are required to take at least 1 additional course related to real estate within their home unit, and at least 2 courses outside of their home unit. A class that is cross-listed in more than one unit—such as Law 257.4: The Art of the Deal—can count towards the ‘outside of home unit’ course requirement, even if the student signs up for the course within their home unit. Specific requirements for students in each of the units are provided below.

* **College of Environmental Design (Architecture, City and Regional Planning, and Landscape Architecture)**: Students must take at least three classes from the CED courses listed below, and two additional approved classes in either Haas or Berkeley Law.
• **Haas School of Business:** Students are required to MBA 280 and MBA 283, plus one approved real estate class at Haas and two additional approved classes in either CED (in any one of the three units) or at Berkeley Law.

• **Berkeley Law:** Students must take Property Law, plus one additional approved real estate class in the Berkeley Law and two additional approved classes in either CED or Haas.

*Students with questions about the eligible coursework or IGCRE program requirements should speak to the Graduate Student Affairs Officer within their home unit.*

**IGCRE Approved Courses**

Below is the list of currently approved courses for the IGCRE within CED, Haas, and Berkeley Law. Students who wish to petition to add or substitute a course must email Kathleen Pera, kpera@berkeley.edu before submitting their *Completion of Certificate Requirements Form*. A faculty program committee reviews the petitions.

**College of Environmental Design**

- ARCH 140  Building Science
- ARCH 208  Introduction to Construction Law
- ARCH 260  Introduction to Construction
- CY PLAN 207  Land and Housing Market Economics
- CY PLAN 235  Methods of Project Analysis
- CY PLAN 238  Development - Design Studio
- CY PLAN 205  Introduction to Planning and Environmental Law
- CY PLAN 230  U.S. Housing Policy
- CY PLAN C241  Research Methods in Environmental Design
- CY PLAN 252  Land Use Controls
- CY PLAN 290  Land Development and Investment: The Art of the Deal (Cross-listed as MBA 280 and Law 257.4)
- LD ARCH 110  Ecological Analysis
- LD ARCH 130  Sustainable Landscapes and Cities

**Haas School of Business**

- MBA 280  Real Estate Investments and Market Analysis
- MBA 282  Real Estate Development
- MBA 283  Real Estate Finance and Securitization
- MBA 284  Real Estate Strategy
- MBA 287  Business and Legal Issues in Real Estate Development
- MBA 294.1  Valuation with Argus

**Berkeley Law School**

- Law 257  Real Estate Transactions and Litigation
- Law 257.2  Mortgage Lending and Homeownership
- Law 257.4  Land Development and Investment: The Art of the Deal
- Law 257.5  Construction Law: The Lawyer’s Role in Planning and Construction
- Law 273.1  Land Use Law
- Law 273.4  The Law of Hazardous Waste

2) **Competition Participation**

All students must participate in *at least 1* design, investment, or other approved real estate competition or team-based, collaborative learning opportunity. Examples of eligible competitions include the ULI/Hines Urban Design Competition, the Bank of America Low Income Housing Challenge, the NAIOP Golden Shovel Competition, and the UT Austin Real Estate Finance Competition.