

Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Real Estate (IGCRE) 2019-2020 Program Statement

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, 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 graduate degree program during the academic year 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 Priority Enrollment must be submitted to **ASSIGNED STAFF** in your home unit (CED, Haas, Berkeley Law) no later than **OCTOBER 1 (FALL PRIORITY ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY) OR MARCH 1 (SPRING PRIORITY ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY)**. Failing to submit an application by the deadline will result in students being **INELIGIBLE** for priority enrollment for the intended semester. However, they may still enroll in eligible courses (with instructor permission) and apply for the certificate upon completion of the requirements.

IGCRE Assigned Staff

Home Unit	Staff Name	Title	Email
College of Environmental Design	Greg Morrow	Executive Director, Master of Real Estate Development + Design	ucb_igcre@berkeley.edu
Haas School of Business	Thomas Chappellear	Faculty Assistant, Fisher Center for Real Estate & Urban Economics	tomchaps@berkeley.edu
Berkeley Law	Adam Sterling	Executive Director, Berkeley Center for Law, Business and Economy	asterling@law.berkeley.edu

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

Students will receive an email to submit priority enrollment course preferences one semester in advance. Failure to submit course preferences by the stated deadline will result in **DISQUALIFICATION** for priority enrollment. Students will be notified of priority enrollment allocations and instructions for enrollment via email.

Note:

- Priority enrollment is not guaranteed
- Students are not allowed to select priority enrollment for courses in their home unit (note: RDEV courses are considered 'external' for non MRED+D CED students, so MArch, MCP and MLA students are eligible for priority enrollment in RDEV courses).
- Priority enrollment will be prioritized to students in their final year of graduate study
- If the number of course requests for any one course exceeds the allotted slots available (6), a random sorted lottery will go into effect and only those 6 students selected will get priority enrollment in the high demand class. All others will need to attempt to enroll with the general pool of graduate students and follow all department procedures.

COMPLETION PROCESS

Students must submit the [IGCRE Completion Form](#) no later THAN **ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE LAST DAY OF THEIR FINAL SEMESTER**. Completion of the IGCRE will be noted in the MEMORANDUM section of a student's official transcript (not on the diploma).

IGCRE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

1) COURSEWORK

In addition to the course requirements for their degree, students must complete the course requirements associated with their home unit. Specific requirements for students in each of the units are provided below.

- **College of Environmental Design:** Students must take at least three classes from the CED courses listed below, and two additional approved classes in either Haas or Berkeley Law. Note that RDEV courses will count as "outside of home unit" courses for MLA, MArch, and MCP students.
- **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 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.

Home Unit	Courses Required IN Home Unit	Courses Required OUTSIDE of Home Unit	Total # of Required Courses
College of Environmental Design	3 in CED	2 in Haas, RDEV, and/or Law	5
Haas School of Business	3 in Haas *MBA 280 *MBA 283 *1 Haas IGCRE-approved course	2 in CED and/or Law	5
Berkeley Law	2 in Berkeley Law *LAW 203 (UCB or external) *1 Berkeley Law IGCRE-approved course	2 in CED and/or Haas	4

Note:

- Students are required to earn minimum grade of B in all certificate related coursework. Courses taken S/U in CED or Haas will not be considered. For classes in the Law School, students must earn minimum grade of P in all of their certificate related coursework.
- A class that is cross-listed in more than unit—such as Law 257.4: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Land Development and Investment—can count towards the 'outside of home unit' course requirement, even if the student signs up for the course within their home unit.
- Students with questions about the eligible coursework or IGCRE program requirements should speak to the IGCRE staff within their home unit.
- Please review the academic calendars of the department offering the course as the first day of class may not align with the regular UC Berkeley academic calendar.

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 and attach a course syllabus to ucb_igcre@berkeley.edu BEFORE submitting their IGCRE Completion Form. The IGCRE faculty program committee reviews the petitions.

College of Environmental Design

To view available courses, search the [Berkeley Class Schedule](#) using the following search terms: City Planning: CYPLAN, Architecture: ARCH, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning: LDARCH, Real Estate Development + Design: RDEV.

Course Number	Course Title	Semester Offered (subject to change)
ARCH 260	Introduction to Construction	SP
CY PLAN 205	Introduction to Planning and Environmental Law	F
CY PLAN 207	Land and Housing Market Economics	SP

CY PLAN 230	U.S. Housing Policy	F/SP
CY PLAN 235	Methods of Project Analysis	F
CY PLAN 238	Development - Design Studio	F
CY PLAN C241	Research Methods in Environmental Design	F
CY PLAN 252	Land Use Controls* <i>students who take CYPLAN 252 may not count RDEV250 as their second CED course</i>	SP
CY PLAN 290B	An Interdisciplinary Approach to Land Development and Investment <i>*Cross-listed with Law 257.4 and MBA 287</i>	SP
LD ARCH 110	Ecological Analysis	F
RDEV 220	Real Estate Development Finance	F
RDEV 230	Public-Private Partnerships, Strategies, and Tools	F
RDEV 250	Land Development Law and Regulations* <i>students who take RDEV 250 may not count CYPLAN 252.</i>	F

Haas School of Business

Course schedules can be found on the [Haas website](#) by semester. Please review the academic calendars of the department offering the course as the first day of class may not align with the regular UC Berkeley academic calendar.

Course Number	Course Title	Semester Offered (subject to change)
MBA 280	Real Estate Investments and Market Analysis	SP
MBA 282	Real Estate Development	F
MBA 283	Real Estate Finance and Securitization	F
MBA 284	Real Estate Strategy	SP
MBA 286	Housing and Urban Economy	SP
MBA 287	An Interdisciplinary Approach to Land Development and Investment* <i>Cross-listed with CY PLAN 290B and Law 257.4</i>	SP

Berkeley Law

Course schedules can be found on the [Berkeley Law website](#) by semester. Please review the academic calendars of the department offering the course as the first day of class may not align with the regular UC Berkeley academic calendar.

Course Number	Course Title	Semester Offered (subject to change)
Law 226.1T	Local Government Law	F
Law 257	Real Estate Transactions and Litigation	F
Law 257.2	Mortgage Lending and Homeownership	F
Law 257.4	An Interdisciplinary Approach to Land Development and Investment * <i>Cross-listed with CY PLAN 290B and MBA 287</i>	SP
Law 257.5	Construction Law: The Lawyer's Role in Planning and Construction	SP
Law 273.1	Land Use Law	SP
Law 273.4	The Law of Hazardous Waste	F

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. Real Estate Case Competition signups are facilitated through the [Berkeley Real Estate Club](#) and all IGCRE students are strongly encouraged to join to stay up to date on relevant announcements. The call for applications usually happen at the beginning of fall semester.

Examples of eligible competitions are listed below. For more information on how to apply for team membership, please see [Competition Selection Process Policy](#).

- [Bank of America Merrill Lynch Low Income Housing Challenge](#)
- [Halloum Business Competition](#)
- [HUD Innovation in Affordable Housing – Student Design and Planning Competition](#)
- [Kellogg Real Estate Venture Competition](#)
- [NAIOP Real State Challenge - The Golden Shovel](#)

- [Pircher, Nichols & Meeks JV Real Estate Challenge](#)
- [UNC Real Estate Development Challenge](#)
- [Urban Land Institute \(ULI\) Hines Student Competition](#)
- [UT Austin – The National Real Estate Challenge](#)