Course Objective: This course will provide students with the analytical skills and knowledge to understand what is necessary to plan for housing. In doing so the course will address many of the housing issues that have vexed planners and policy makers for decades. Examples of such questions include:

- What are the advantages of high density vs. low density housing?
- Why is there a shortage of affordable housing?
- Should everyone be guaranteed a right to decent housing?
- What is “decent” housing?
- When, if ever, should the government intervene in the provision of housing?
- Does rent control really keep rents affordable?
- Should policymakers concern themselves with what type of neighborhoods people reside in?

This course will provide students with the analytical skills to address the questions listed above. In addition, students will learn to take advantage of the plethora of housing data available so as to be able to assess housing market conditions in a particular locality. With these skills students will be better prepared to formulate effective housing plans and policies.
Course Introduction, History. The Housing Problem Part I
Mon Sep 09, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM


Browse HUD Interactive Timeline:
http://www.huduser.org/hud_timeline/index.html

Current Housing Problems
Mon Sep 16, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM


http://www.browardpalmbeach.com/content/printVersion/856
Economics of Housing, a Framework for Evaluating Housing Policies
Mon Sep 23, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM


Analyzing Housing Market Conditions
Mon Sep 30, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM
Readings:

Where are the problem spots? On-line: http://egis.hud.gov/cpdmaps/ (HUD’s portal for neighborhood level community and housing data).


References:
For international comparisons:

RethinkingFederalHousingPolicy.pdf

Planning Housing: How Much?
Mon Oct 07, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM
Readings:
Raising the Roof- California Housing Development Projections and Constraints 1997-2020
On line: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/rtr/chp2r.htm

New York City Population Projections by Age Sex and Borough:
On line:


Belsky, Eric et al. 2007. Projecting the Underlying Demand for New Housing Units: Inferences from the Past, Assumptions about the Future. Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University. On E-Reserve & on line:
Housing, What Type of Tenure?
Mon Oct 14, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM


The Housing Bubble and Bust
Mon Oct 21, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

High Risk Lending and Public Policy. Chapter 16 in Tighe and Mueller.

The Giant Pool of Money. This American Life. Listen to the radio program here: http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/355/the-giant-pool-of-money
Part 1 of Research Paper Due.

Planning Housing: Affordability; Supply and Demand Side Approaches
Mon Oct 28, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM


In class Case discussion: Bloomberg’s Housing Plan. ON COURSEWORKS
Part 1 of Research Paper Due.

Fall Break
Mon Nov 04, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM
No class

Midterm
Mon Nov 11, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM
Reminder: Take Home Case Study: Learning the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (B): Boston East. Due in class November 18 Available at:
http://www.ksgcase.harvard.edu/casetitle.asp?caseNo=1249.1 (make sure you select the academic not corporate category.)

Planning Housing: Regulatory Approaches
Mon Nov 18, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM


Case: Learning the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (B): Boston East. Due in today’s class.

Planning Housing: Alternative Approaches to Provide Affordable Housing
Mon Nov 25, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM


Racial and Class Segregation: Causes and Consequences
Mon Dec 02, 2013 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM


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