

Community Development (CODE)

Courses

CODE 5301 Introduction to Community Development Planning and Theory: 3 semester hours.

This course will examine the theoretical and the historical evolution of planning and community development strategies and models designed to increase the physical, social, and economic assets of the built environment from a community to global level; the role and responsibilities of the development process in the profession; spatial and temporal aspects of urban development; problems and consequences of planned and unplanned changes in urban society; and an understanding of the values and ethics affecting public and private actors shaping the practice of planning.

CODE 5305 Community Development Planning Studio: 3 semester hours.

This course explores practical research methods, planning systems, and spatial application techniques used as interactive tools in procedural planning, performance, and implementation processes to shape the future of communities, emphasizing approaches to enhancing communities.

CODE 5307 Community Development Financing: 3 semester hours.

Non-traditional financing strategies will be studied to support projects addressing the development of distressed communities.

CODE 5308 Community Analysis, Demography and GIS: 3 semester hours.

This course will introduce students to the fundamental analytical skills of studying and understanding the structure, function, goals, standards, and performance of a community. This course provides students to the use of demography and other geospatial technologies in the design and development of communities. This course is designed to enhance student's research skills with quantitative and qualitative methods and reasoning of data collection, analysis, and forecasting, while applying practical geospatial modeling for community development initiative inclusive decision making for sustainable planning outcomes in the area of Community Development.

CODE 5310 Cultural Heritage Preservation: 3 semester hours.

This course will explore the history and theory of historic preservation in the United States and an overview of the professional practice of preserving the cultural and physical heritage of buildings, structures, sites and communities will be examined.

CODE 5312 Historic Preservation: 3 semester hours.

This course will explore research skills and the historic designation process of buildings and districts at the local, state, and national levels.

CODE 5320 Introduction to Community Leadership: 3 semester hours.

Identifying and anticipating future leaders of communities through selected programs.

CODE 5321 Negotiation, Mediation and Facilitation: 3 semester hours.

Skill building strategies and exercises in critical thinking, listening and identity based communications.

CODE 5330 Community Political Structure: 3 semester hours.

The role and function of public and private organizations and local, state and national government in the community development process.

CODE 5331 Community Growth Management and Leadership: 3 semester hours.

This course provides an in-depth examination of global urban and regional development, planning, emphasizing strategic decisions and policies to improve urban areas and foster thriving communities. It addresses challenges linked to urbanization and regional development.

CODE 5332 Community Analysis: 3 semester hours.

The basic skills of studying and understanding the structure, function, goals, standards and performance of a community.

CODE 5334 Community Research: 3 semester hours.

Methods for recognizing information needs, sources and applications.

CODE 5335 Comprehensive Project Studio: 3 semester hours.

A comprehensive culminating project that synthesizes and demonstrates students' planning knowledge, skills, and tools acquired in previous courses; the course advances students' written, oral, and graphic communication skills through a practical community development project.

Co-requisite: CODE 5308.

CODE 5336 Community Physical Structure: 3 semester hours.

The physical context of the community and its impact on community health and development.

CODE 5351 Grant Development: 3 semester hours.

This course will examine the process of securing and managing resources to support effective nonprofit projects and community development activities.

CODE 5352 Campaigns and Gifts: 3 semester hours.

Campaign strategic planning and techniques used in driving donor decisions.

CODE 5354 Research for Capital and Grant Development: 3 semester hours.

Research for fundraising efforts.

CODE 5360 Land Development and Planning in Declining Communities: 3 semester hours.

This course will explore techniques used to identify and acquire vacant or unmanaged properties in depressed neighborhoods. The course examines challenges, social and other influences and changes throughout the world, with a special emphasis upon less industrialized area.

CODE 5361 Land Development Law and Use Strategies: 3 semester hours.

This course will introduce students to the principles of land development, the legal context of planning, and land use control strategies. The course will provide the overall development process for planning, the legal framework for planning institutions involving legislative and administrative procedures, ethical and managerial practices, and the understanding of regulatory and non-regulatory urban development planning processes of land-use impacts in the built environment at the local, state, and federal levels. The course also emphasizes equitable and inclusive decision making for sustainable planning outcomes in the area of Community Development.

CODE 5375 International Community Development Policies and Practices: 3 semester hours.

The role of government and private organizations in developing distressed foreign communities.

CODE 5380 Principles of Real Estate I: 3 semester hours.

This course will introduce students to the basic principles of the real estate profession. Licensing requirements and the Texas Real Estate Licensing Act are covered. This course satisfies one of the core course requirements to apply for a State of Texas Real Estate License.

CODE 5381 Principle of Real Estate II: 3 semester hours.

This course will introduce students to real world practices through the use of lectures, guest speakers, and case studies. This course will expose students to the many activities involved in real estate transactions. This course satisfies one of the core course requirements to apply for a State of Texas Real Estate License.

Prerequisites: CODE 5308 or CODE 5803.

CODE 5382 Law of Agency: 3 semester hours.

This course covers the representation of property owners, buyers and/or intermediaries. This course satisfies one of the core course requirements to apply for a State of Texas Real Estate License.

CODE 5383 Law of Contract: 3 semester hours.

This course covers FHA, VA and Conventional contracts. Students will be exposed to the applications of property acquisition contracts. This course satisfies one of the core course requirement to apply for a State of Texas Real Estate License.

Prerequisites: CODE 5382 or CODE 5823.

CODE 5384 Promulgated Contract Forms: 3 semester hours.

As one of the mandatory pre-licensing courses, this foundational course will teach the ins and outs of the Texas Real Estate Commission Promulgated Contract Forms.

CODE 5385 Real Estate Finance: 3 semester hours.

As one of the mandatory pre-licensing courses, this course provides a sound understanding of the specialized financing procedures that are used today in the real estate industry.

CODE 5601 Community Development Studio I: 6 semester hours.

A selection of supervised field trips, case studies, research projects and other hands-on community experiences to give students a contextual understanding of the community development profession.

CODE 5640 Internship: 6 semester hours.

Approved internship with a community development related organization.

CODE 5699 Independent Study: 6 semester hours.

Individual reading, research and/or field work in selected topics.