

Explore relationships between humans
and the designed and social environments

housing studies

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



Explore the relationships between humans and their designed environments with internationally recognized faculty and your graduate student peers!

The opportunities and resources available at a major university located in an urban setting are further enhanced by state of the art computer labs, human dimensioning lab, the Goldstein Museum of Design, and the online design resource [InformeDesign®](#).

**The Housing Studies Track of the
Design Graduate Program**
may be the perfect educational fit for you!

Graduate Study in Housing Studies

Who: The Graduate Program of Design, Housing, and Apparel is a multidisciplinary program comprised of five emphasis areas, one of which is Housing Studies.

In the Housing Studies emphasis, graduate study advances both theoretical and practical knowledge in the field. Course offerings emphasize human needs and behavior, policy and community development, analysis of designed environments, and housing for special populations. Students are prepared to assist people in their shelter-related problems through research.

What: A graduate degree in Housing Studies will expand your knowledge of housing-related issues. This multidisciplinary program draws from a variety of theoretical perspectives. Students are trained in a variety of research methodologies. Coursework and research experiences combine to further your understanding of the innovative approaches to the development of housing and related programs. Upon completion of the graduate degree, students seek housing careers in state and federal agencies, nonprofit community organizations, housing regulation, and higher education.

Why: According to a recent Maxwell report, housing is the number one concern for regional development in the Twin Cities area.

The Twin Cities metropolitan area has a large number of housing-related agencies and organizations in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors.

Nationally, there are few academic programs offering Housing Studies programs.

Where: Graduate Program of Design, Housing, & Apparel
240 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108-6136

Contact for information/admissions assistance:

Charleen Klarquist
612-626-1219
dhagrad@umn.edu

When: Application Deadline is January 15 for Master's and Ph.D.; students are admitted year round to the Certificate program.

How: See enclosed Application Information checklist for details.

Would you like to take a graduate level course prior to applying for admission? See brochure "Earning Graduate Credit as a Non-Degree Student" and accompanying form. Departmental contact for registration is Charleen Klarquist at 612-626-1219.

Graduate Faculty in Housing Studies

WILLIAM ANGELL, Professor, Extension Specialist

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Scholarly Interests:

- Building Science
- International Radon Policy and Programs
- Radon Prevention
- Radon Mitigation

MARILYN BRUIN, Associate Professor

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Scholarly Interests:

- Affordable Housing and Neighborhoods
- Family Housing Decisions and Housing Policy
- Homeownership Initiatives
- Housing for Aging Populations
- Residential Satisfaction

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- Affordable Housing
- Housing Policy and Urban Politics
- Housing Markets
- Subprime Lending and Foreclosures

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Scholarly Interests:

- Housing Design
- Housing and Density
- Housing and Urban Design
- Contemporary Dutch Housing and Urbanism
- Housing and Deinstitutionalization

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- Housing Adequacy and Affordability
- Housing Decisions and Theory
- Energy Consumption and Conservation
- Homeownership Initiatives

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Scholarly Interests:

- Housing Issues in Small Towns and Rural Places
- Housing Policy
- Rural Sociology
- Migrant Worker Housing
- Employer Assisted Housing
- Workforce Housing and Rural Health Care Providers

Graduate Courses in Housing Studies

HSG 4461. Housing Development and Management. (3 cr)

Housing development process/financing. Management of multifamily housing. Emphasizes housing for low-income families and special populations (e.g., elderly residents).

HSG 4465. Housing in Global Perspective. (3 cr)

Housing, its relationship to global patterns of social/economic development examined in comparative framework. Emphasizes housing low income populations in rapidly growing cities of developing countries.

HSG 5463. Housing Policy. (3 cr)

Explore the institutional and environmental settings that make up housing policy in the United States. Examine competing ideas about solving the nation's housing problems through public intervention in the market. Federal and local public sector responses to housing problems will be evaluated.

HSG 5467. Housing and the Social Environment. (3 cr)

Housing choices in context of social environment. Emphasizes special needs of elderly, disabled, minorities, large families, female-headed households, and low-income households. Students conduct a post-occupancy evaluation of housing.

HSG 5469. Understanding Housing: Assessment and Analysis. (3 cr)

How to formulate housing research problems and analyze/present information about housing characteristics/conditions. Students develop housing-related research/grant proposals, use/design cartographic/graphic information about housing, and give a presentation on a research project.

HSG 5481 - Promoting Independence in Housing and Community (3.0 cr)

Housing, work, and community environments as they relate to aging and managing disabilities. Principles of home modification, universal design, livable communities, and assistive technology to support individuals/families.

HSG 5484. Rural Housing Issues. (3 cr)

Housing issues in nonmetropolitan areas. The housing concerns of specific rural populations (e.g., low income, elderly persons, American Indians, migrant workers) are identified and comparisons with urban housing issues are made.

DES 8102. Quantitative Research Methods. (3 cr)

Quantitative research methods for issues related to humans, their behaviors, and everyday living in the designed environment.

DES 8103. Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research. (3 cr)

A scientific approach to qualitative research. Methods/strategies combined to explore complex research questions.

DES 8181. Research Ethics. (1 cr)

Overview of ethical concerns/questions in conducting/disseminating research. Mentoring relationships, use of human subjects, data handling, plagiarism, authorship, publishing, research funding, social responsibility of researchers, code of conduct.

HSG 8463. Housing: Race and Class. (3 cr)

Roles of difference (race, gender, class) in shaping distribution of housing, particularly in cities. Role of housing in patterns of social differentiation.

HSG 8467. Theoretical Perspectives in Housing Studies. (3 cr)

Investigation/evaluation of theories applied to study of housing. Levels of analysis. Links between theory, research questions, and methodological approaches.

Application Information: M.A./M.S./Ph.D.

Application materials required by the **Graduate School** are submitted online, at this url:

http://www.grad.umn.edu/prospective_students/apply_online.html

- Electronic application for admission, including
 - Application
 - Personal Statement of your academic and professional goals for the degree desired (1-2 pages)
 - Letters of recommendation written by three individuals who can judge your academic performance and promise as a graduate student
 - All transcripts
 - Application fee

Application materials required by the **Program** should be collected by the prospective student and submitted to the following e-mail address:

cklarqui@umn.edu

- .pdf file of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Please request that ETS send scores to the University of Minnesota. Examination should be taken a minimum of five weeks prior to the application deadline. Applications received without GRE scores are considered incomplete.
- Portfolio, consisting of 15-20 examples of current work in .pdf file format; link to a Web site is acceptable.
- .pdf file of Writing sample, for those applying for the Ph.D.
- Applicants whose native language is not English submit a .pdf file of official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Scores are to be sent to the University of Minnesota.

Application Deadline January 15

Allow sufficient time for processing your application. Review occurs once each year, directly following the January 15th deadline. The program's review process takes from four to six weeks once the application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Please note that the Design Graduate Program deadline precedes Graduate School deadlines.

Graduate Assistantship Applications should be completed for consideration for the following academic year.

Application for Graduate Assistantship
Department of
Design, Housing, & Apparel

Admission to the Graduate School is required for award of departmental graduate assistantships.

We do not guarantee the availability of assistantships in the department, but we do work to fund as many graduate students as possible at no less than a 25% 9-month appointment. Factors taken into consideration in determining assistantships include departmental needs, funding available, student expertise, and, for our current students, timely progress towards their degrees.

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
Last or Family First Middle

Current Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Permanent Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Country of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____

State of Legal Residence _____

Telephone: Current: _____

Permanent: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

DEGREE OBJECTIVE

Major Field _____ Design _____ Track _____

Proposed Minor/Related Field _____ Degree Sought _____

ASSISTANTSHIP PREFERENCES

Please indicate the category of support for which you wish to be considered; if more than one applies, please rank your preferences.

Teaching Assistantship

Research Assistantship

Administrative Fellowship

COMPUTER SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

Design _____

Statistical _____

Platform (PC, Mac) _____

EDUCATION

Names of Colleges & Graduate Schools	Graduation Date	Degree Granted	Major

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

GRE: _____
Verbal Quantitative Analytical

TOEFL (if applicable): _____

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE FOR ASSISTANTSHIP (Education and/or Work)

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT: The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation. In adhering to this policy, the University abides by the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute Ch.363; by the Federal Civil Rights Act, 420 S.C.20000e; by the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; by Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; by the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990; by Executive Order 11246, as amended; by 38 U.S.C. 2012, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1972, as amended; and by other applicable statutes and regulations relating to equality or opportunity.

Information

Useful Web sites:

University of Minnesota Graduate School

Home Page: <http://www.grad.umn.edu/>
Prospective Students: http://www.grad.umn.edu/prospective_students/
Graduate School Catalog: <http://www.grad.umn.edu/catalog/index.html>
Application Site: http://www.grad.umn.edu/prospective_students/apply_online.html

Department of Design, Housing, & Apparel

Home Page: <http://dha.design.umn.edu>

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Home Page: <http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>
Test Preparation: <http://www.gre.org/pracmats.html#gentest>
Test Centers: <http://www.gre.org/codelst.html#centers>

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