

Explore relationships between humans
and the designed and social environments

housing studies

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



Housing Studies Certificate Design Graduate Program

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The Housing Studies Certificate program is designed for professionals who have a bachelor's degree and are interested in gaining further knowledge about housing-related issues. Many professionals who work in areas related to housing often have degrees in unrelated fields and seek to expand their knowledge to continue professional development. If this matches your situation, completing this program will provide you with a deeper understanding of housing topics.

Career Outlook

Graduates with housing expertise are in high demand, particularly those with a broad perspective and "on-the-job" experience. Additional knowledge and technical skills can provide you with even greater career opportunities because there are very few academic programs that offer housing studies. Housing professionals are employed in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors including state and federal housing, transportation, and environmental protection agencies. Job opportunities are also available in nonprofit organizations and in the private sector in housing development, residential mortgage lending, inspections, and property management.

What You'll Learn

A Housing Studies Certificate will expand and complement your expertise and skills and set you apart in the marketplace as one of the few individuals with housing-related educational credentials.

You'll gain a broader and deeper understanding of such topics as:

- Housing development and management
- Residential environment
- Housing policy
- Rural housing issues
- Housing finance
- Spatial analysis
- Certificate Benefits

Real-world knowledge for real-world success -- that's what credit certificates at the University offer you. Enhance your knowledge and skills, learn new skills, or begin working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree. These accredited certificate programs are:

- Designed for working professionals
- Shorter than degree programs
- Used as an area of study for a degree program
- Flexible and offered at various times
- Taught by University faculty

Eligibility Requirements

To be admitted into the Housing Studies Certificate Program, you must have:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- A preferred performance level for your undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (*If you have relevant professional experience, but don't have a 3.0 GPA, contact the admissions adviser at 612-626-1219.*)
- No Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required.
- For international students whose primary language is not English, TOEFL is required.
- Admission to the certificate program is recommended no later than after completion of the first course.

To apply for admission to a this certificate program, please submit the following materials. **(Note: The Graduate School cannot process your application until all materials are received.)**

- Graduate School application found online at: www.grad.umn.edu (click on *prospective students*).
 - Select “Housing Studies Certificate” from the program drop-down menu.
 - The application prompts you to provide contacts for recommendation letters; this is not needed for the Housing Studies Certificate.
- Official current copies of all college and university transcripts (see graduate school online application for specific instructions).
- \$75.00 application fee (subject to change – check the graduate school application form for current information about the application fee).
- Submit a goal statement consisting of approximately 500 words, stating why you are interested in the program. This goal statement should be submitted via the online application.

Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester	April 1
Spring Semester	October 1

Students already admitted to a Graduate School degree program:

If you are admitted to a Graduate School degree program and want to enroll in a Graduate School postbaccalaureate certificate program, you must use the *Change of Status/Readmission* application to indicate your proposed change of status.

The form is found at http://www.grad.umn.edu/current_students/forms/cos.pdf. On the form you should equate "post-baccalaureate certificate" with "major" for the purposes of completing the application.

- If you wish to withdraw from your current major and pursue a certificate program only, check the "Change of major" box.
- If you wish to add a certificate program to be pursued concurrently with your current major check the "Additional major" box.

For questions, please contact Char Klarquist, Graduate Student Services, Design Graduate Program. cklarqui@umn.edu or 612-626-1219.