

GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

GPHY/SURP 830 – Affordable Housing Module



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Offices	N/A	
Contact Time	3 hours per week for 4 weeks	
Format	Presentations & Discussion Groups	
Class Assessment	Two written assignments each worth 50% of the course grade	

COURSE OVERVIEW

In late 2017, the Government of Canada launched the new National Housing Strategy with a series of new programs and over \$40B in housing funding. CMHC launched new federal programs and created other joint initiatives with provinces. This course will review the current housing policies at a federal, provincial and local level. The course aims to provide an introductory overview of key housing concepts and policies related to affordable housing as well as progress to-date (2020).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course will provide an introductory overview of housing issues and how these relate to planning for communities. Students will develop an understanding of basic concepts used in the housing field as well as the roles of public, non-profit and private housing sectors. The related roles of all levels of government are key to implementation of housing and homelessness strategies at a community level.

COURSE TOPICS

The detailed schedule of topics will be finalized and distributed to students at the beginning of Winter Term when formats for sessions are finalized.

The course is being designed to accommodate a remote learning platform with two 90-minute sessions per week for the 4-week module. One session per week will adopt a presentation-style or webinar format involving outside guest speakers. The second session will take a workshop format for students to work in smaller groups and share their results with other groups.

The four main topics for the module will cover:

- Housing concepts and an overview of the National Housing Strategy
- Affordable housing strategies and plans at the provincial and municipal levels
- Supportive housing models to meet the needs of vulnerable groups
- Indigenous Housing in urban centres and First Nations

COURSE READINGS

A detailed reading list will be provided to students who enroll in this course. It will be available at the beginning of Winter Term. All of the sources will be available on-line for ease of access.