

Graduate-Level Housing Policy Course

This is a unique time in history when so much public dialogue is focused on housing policy and finance. This spring semester's Housing Policy course will study the history and debate the future of the following topics:

- Federal housing finance system
- Federal government's role in housing policy
- How the *private* market delivers the *public* good of housing
- Devolution of funding to state and local players
- How Vermont's housing system was formed and evaluate its efforts
- Housing's intricate relationship with: energy usage, transportation costs, health care, and jobs
- Goals of affordable housing programs and the evolution of programs and goals based on historical failures
- Homeownership initiatives such as Vermont's Community Land Trusts, mobile homes, and homeownership counseling
- Role of rental housing policy in an ownership society
- Housing safety and habitability, landlord/tenant rights in Vermont, and fair housing
- Tools and incentives that support or limit housing creation, such as inclusionary zoning, smart growth, local and state permitting, and the impact of community opposition to development
- Unique housing needs of elders, people with disabilities and people who are homeless

Mondays from 4 to 7pm*
456 Waterman Hall, Burlington
January 23rd to May 7th

Course taught by Maura Collins, Policy and Planning Manager at Vermont Housing Finance Agency. No text book is required and course work will draw from national and local case studies utilizing several Vermont-based experts representing diverse perspectives on housing finance and development, including:

- A local planner from a rural Vermont community
- A private developer of affordable and market rate housing
- A low income housing advocate
- And several more...

Register today online!

- Non-UVM students: <https://learn.uvm.edu/register/>
- Enrolled UVM students: <http://www.uvm.edu/~rgweb/>
- The course is: PA395, CRN 14044

Email Maura at mcollins@vhfa.org with questions

*No class February 20th or March 5th