

Urban Economic Development

Cities are the driving force of the global economy—centers of innovation, creativity, and opportunity. Yet as they grow, they face urgent challenges: housing affordability, inequality, and competition for talent. This course examines how economic development policy and strategy can help cities meet these challenges and unlock inclusive, sustainable prosperity. Through real-world case studies and applied projects, students will learn how urban economies function, what makes them competitive, and how leaders design actionable strategies for growth. A foundational course for anyone interested in shaping the future of cities and urban economic development.