



Spring 2025 Course Overview

Affordable Housing, Development, and Policy

Session A, 1.5 credits, Call No. 11722, PLA 6212
Ed Poteat, Tuesday 11 - 1 pm, 209 Fayerweather

Preference for MSRED students or by permission.

This course uses the affordable housing techniques discussed in previous semesters to design and plan an actual affordable housing development. Besides utilizing affordable housing techniques such as tax credit and tax exempt bond financing, the course will also look at the other aspects of affordable housing development such as design and constructability elements, community involvement and political considerations.

Developers must be a “jack of all trades” to successfully execute a new project. Although a keen understanding of affordable housing finance is a necessity for any successful developer, development requires an understanding of several disciplines. Political considerations have stymied many feasible affordable housing developments. Design and constructability issues have severely delayed or bankrupted a financially feasible project. Finally, this course will also discuss the role of intermediaries and government agencies in the creation of affordable housing.

The course will primarily be taught through case studies and guest lecturers. Development can truly only be taught through various “hands on” methods. We will supplement classes with required reading about various aspects of noteworthy developments.