The Graduate Certificate in Housing Studies (GCHS) offers all UW graduate students an opportunity to learn the fundamental concepts and tools essential to understanding housing production and consumption at a regional, national and global level.

**Purpose:**
The purpose of the GCHS is to:
- Engage students in exploring the functioning of housing markets and how housing influences economic and geographic mobility, health, and educational attainment
- Provide cross-disciplinary perspectives on housing topics including finance, markets, policy, data, and analysis
- Prepare students for careers in housing in the public, private, and non-profit domains

**Learning Objectives:**
Certificate students will learn to:
- Understand the private, public, and non-profit actors involved in the production of housing
- Identify local, state, and federal housing policies that influence housing production and consumption
- Explore the financial structures and instruments used to finance housing development and to provide individual access to mortgages
- Present interdisciplinary evidence on how housing can affect life outcomes
- Learn how to use housing data in program and policy analysis
- Engage in proposing solutions to real-world housing challenges through community case studies

**Curriculum:**
The curriculum consists of 4 graduate level courses with a minimum of 15 credits:
- **RE 563, Housing Markets and Policy (Autumn):** provides students with an overview of housing markets and the policies in place to support housing production
- **RE 597, Spatial Analysis of Real Estate and Housing Markets (Autumn):** teaches basic economic concepts critical to understanding real estate markets through the use of GIS and spatial modeling (URBDP 520; URBDP 522; GEOG 561 can serve as substitutes)
- **RE 564, Affordable Housing (Winter):** guides the student through the affordable housing development process and the related policy issues (PUBPOL 564; ENV H 443; GEOG 445; URBDP 553; SOC 415; SOC 530; T URB 480 can serve as substitutes)
- **RE 565, Advanced Housing Studies (Winter):** provides a capstone experience around modules selected by each student that enable deeper study on a housing topic

**Student application process/logistics**
Submission packages should include:
- Application form (available online)
- Current resume
- Current UW transcript (min GPA 3.0)

**General logistics:**
Students are required to apply and be admitted before taking more than two of the required courses to receive the certificate
Applications will be accepted twice a year (September 1st or December 1st)