

URBAN AND SOCIAL POLICY CONCENTRATION FOR EMPA

The **Urban and Social Policy concentration for EMPA** is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with the knowledge, analytical skills, and problem-solving abilities needed for a successful career in urban and social policy. This concentration offers a deep understanding of the unique policy challenges and opportunities that cities face, including management, land use, affordable housing, public education, transit, sustainability, and business development.

Students in this concentration will be equipped to formulate, implement, and evaluate social policies in both developed and developing countries. The curriculum provides multiple perspectives on social investment schemes that enhance access to economic and educational opportunities and address issues such as unemployment, poverty, sickness, disability, and aging.

The open-ended curriculum structure allows students to customize their coursework to gain valuable insights into specific areas such as small business and social enterprise development, corporate social responsibility, race and social justice, financial inclusion, and gender inequality. This flexibility ensures that graduates are well-prepared to tackle the diverse and evolving challenges of urban and social policy.

Required Courses

Students must select four (4) courses, for a total of 12 points, from the following list:

		Points
EMPA U6015	Public Finance	3
EMPA U6270	Affordable Housing Development	3
EMPA U6452	Social Justice Movements in the Age of Social Media	3
EMPA U6455	Social Enterprise in Community and Economic Development	3
EMPA U6460	Rethinking Policing in the 21st Century	3
EMPA U6605	Urban Policy by Design	3
EMPA U6610	Transforming the Urban Economy	3
EMPA U6650	Cities in a Globalizing World	3
PUIAF U6228	Comparative Social Welfare Policy	3
PUIAF U8232	Urban Politics and Policy	3
PUIAF U6239	Comparative Urban Policy: Global Developing Cities	3
PUIAF U8250	Governing the 21st Century City	3
PUIAF U6325	Critical Issues in Urban Public Policy	3
PUIAF U6244	Urban Social Policy	3
Other	Requires Concentration Director Approval	

Degree Audit Report

Matriculated students in this program can view their degree audit report on [Stellic](#).