

What is it?

The Housing and Society Pathways minor will introduce students to the multiplicity of ways in which **the availability of adequate and affordable housing options, or the lack thereof, affects people and communities.** The 18-credit hour curriculum introduces students to the fundamental relationships between housing producers, consumers, and policymakers, while also allowing students to specialize in one housing-related area of their choosing.



Why do it?

The Housing and Society Pathways minor offers students an opportunity to **examine housing through an array of theoretical lenses**, gaining a richer appreciation for the impact it has on the lives of individuals, families, and communities. The minor will not only position students for careers in housing-related fields, but also prepare them to participate in the public discourse surrounding housing issues.

Who is it for?

The Housing and Society minor is **open to students pursuing any major**, and may prove particularly attractive to students pursuing undergraduate degrees in building construction, community economic development, geography, human development, property management, real estate, residential environments and design, smart and sustainable cities, and urban studies.

Pathways Core Concepts*

- 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities
- 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences
- 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences
- 5f - Foundational Quantitative and Computational Thinking
- 5a - Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking
- 6d - Critique and Practice in Design
- 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States

Pathways Integrative Concepts

- Ethical Reasoning
- Intercultural and Global Awareness

*At least three of these core concepts will be completed, but concepts will vary depending on elective choices.

PATHWAYS MINORS

HOUSING AND SOCIETY

Requirements

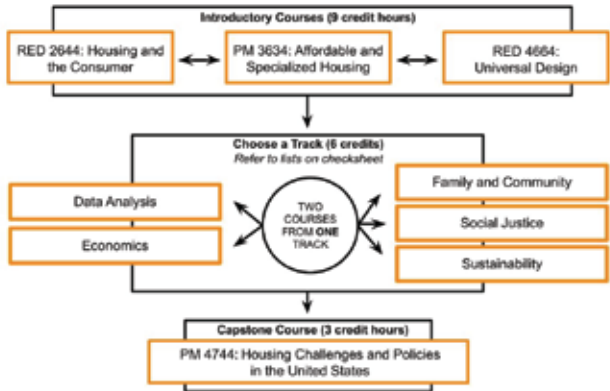
The 18-credit hour minor in Housing and Society includes 12 hours of required courses and 6 hours of elective courses.

Required courses

- RED 2644: Housing and the Consumer
- PM 3634: Affordable and Specialized Housing
- RED 4664: Universal Design
- PM 4744: Housing Challenges and Policies in the U.S.

Elective courses

Students will select 6 credit hours of elective courses from one of five possible tracks: Data Analysis, Economics, Family and Community, Social Justice, or Sustainability. For a complete list of elective courses, consult the checksheet at <https://registrar.vt.edu/graduation-multi-brief/index1.html>.



- Discover the multiplicity of ways in which housing affects the economic and social outcomes of different segments of the population.
- Develop an understanding of the role housing plays in the success or failure of policy interventions in a host of areas ranging from economic development to human development to social justice.
- Explore successful and unsuccessful efforts at the local, state, and federal level to promote housing accessibility and affordability, as well as housing issues related to equity and inclusion.
- Prepare for a career in the housing industry, policymaking, social services, or urban planning.

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