A new community development course offered in the Center for Sustainability

UPD 534
Community Development Finance

This course is a hands-on and practical course about community development. The course introduces students to the policy and practice of community development finance, with an emphasis on the resources available to assist for-profit and not-for-profit private sector developers to complete community development projects such as affordable housing development, community centers, charter schools, and commercial real estate development in low-income communities.

The course will include the fundamentals of decision-making about the financing of community development (i.e., real estate loan/investment underwriting), as well as a survey of public and private sector resources available to finance a variety of community development goals.

The course will be taught by Phil Minden, MSW, MBA (graduate of SLU)

Class Topics Include: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership funding, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Tax-Exempt Bond Financing, New Markets Tax Credits, and others.