

Urban Studies

(Bachelor of Arts)

Urban Studies develops individuals who want to make a difference in their community: a difference in what happens to older neighborhoods in transition, a difference in what happens as new suburban communities are planned and built, a difference in the lives and well-being of persons across metropolitan and rural regions. It offers undergraduates an opportunity to become familiar with concepts that will be useful whether they become community organizers, lawyers, city or regional planners, architects, teachers, economic development specialists, journalists, city managers, or enter careers in business and real estate.

Urban Studies offers students an opportunity to develop the insight, knowledge, and technical skills needed to deal effectively with the far-reaching challenges of contemporary urban society. It prepares students to become educated world citizens through a solid foundation of core courses emphasizing skills and tool subjects, broad introductory courses at the freshman and sophomore level, and more demanding courses at the junior and senior level which explores topics at a greater depth.

Faculty bring together urban and regional perspectives from a variety of disciplines, including economics, ethnic studies, physical and human geography, political science, and sociology. Urban Studies faculty have traveled widely and have lived and conducted research in many countries outside of the United States. In addition to teaching in the program, faculty are active in applied work in Northeast Wisconsin, working with community and grass-roots organizations, participating in city and county task forces and planning committees, and consulting for government and international agencies.

Students should meet with the faculty adviser in Urban Studies to discuss their academic and career interests. Students are encouraged to select courses which emphasize particular areas within the program, including community economic development, ethnic studies, and urban and regional planning. Internships in this program are especially encouraged, as are applied research projects in the Urban Studies laboratory and in independent study courses, as well. Internship experiences have proven to be an important enhancement to graduate school applications, and they also increase opportunities for employment after graduation.

This major also provides excellent preparation for graduate study in master's and doctoral programs such as architecture, geography, political science, public administration, public policy, sociology, urban and regional planning, urban studies, economic development and related fields.

Urban Studies majors are encouraged to enroll in travel and study abroad programs. The department offers travel courses to Italy, the Ecuadorian Andes and Amazon, and the Galapagos Islands. These travel courses are developed with Urban and Regional Studies students in mind. For more information, please contact Urban and Regional Studies faculty directly, and or see the Urban and Regional Studies website. Students may study abroad (for semester or year long) or at other campuses in the United States through UW-Green Bay's participation in international exchange programs and the National Student Exchange. For more information on these programs contact the Office of International Education at (920) 465-2190 or see <http://www.uwgb.edu/international/>.

Major

Code	Title	Credits
Supporting Courses		7
UR RE ST 100	Introduction to Urban Studies	
PSYCH 205	Social Science Statistics	
or BUS ADM 220	Business Statistics	
or MATH 260	Introductory Statistics	
Upper-Level Core Courses		12
POL SCI 305	Urban Politics and Policy	
UR RE ST 310/SOCIOL 310	Urban Sociology	
UR RE ST 313	The City Through Time and Space	
UR RE ST 341/GEOG 341	Urban Geography	
Upper Level Electives		12
Complete four of the following courses:		
POL SCI 312	Community Politics	
PU EN AF 324	Transitioning to Sustainable Communities	
PU EN AF 360	Immigration and Immigration Policy	
PU EN AF 406	State and Local Government	
PU EN AF 408	Public Policy Analysis	
SOCIOL 315	Street Gangs in America	
UR RE ST 309/ECON 309	Urban and Regional Economics	
UR RE ST 314	Suburbs	

UR RE ST 323	Asian American Communities in the United States
UR RE ST 324	Latino Communities in the United States
UR RE ST 351	Transportation and the City
UR RE ST 412	Urban Planning
UR RE ST 461	Special Topics in Urban and Regional Studies
UR RE ST 484	Senior Honors Project
UR RE ST 497	Internship
UR RE ST 498	Independent Study
UR RE ST 499	Travel Course
Total Credits	
31	

Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Supporting Courses		7
UR RE ST 100	Introduction to Urban Studies	
MATH 260	Introductory Statistics	
Upper-Level Courses		15
Choose two of the following core courses:		
UR RE ST 310/SOCIOL 310	Urban Sociology	
UR RE ST 312/POL SCI 312	Community Politics	
UR RE ST 313	The City Through Time and Space	
UR RE ST 341/GEOG 341	Urban Geography	
Choose three of the following electives:		
SOCIOL 315	Street Gangs in America	
UR RE ST 305/POL SCI 305	Urban Politics and Policy	
UR RE ST 309/ECON 309	Urban and Regional Economics	
UR RE ST 313	The City Through Time and Space	
UR RE ST 323	Asian American Communities in the United States	
UR RE ST 324	Latino Communities in the United States	
UR RE ST 340/ECON 340	Economics of Land Use	
UR RE ST 342	Community Economic Development	
UR RE ST 351	Transportation and the City	
UR RE ST 412	Urban Planning	
Total Credits		22

Curriculum Guide

An example: Four year plan for **Urban Studies Major**

120 credits necessary to graduate.

Plan is a representation and categories of classes can be switched. Check with your advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
Freshman		
Fall		
COMM 133	Fundamentals of Public Address	3
UR RE ST 100	Introduction to Urban Studies	3
WF 105	Research and Rhetoric	3
First Year Seminar		3
General Ed		3
Credits		15
Spring		
POL SCI 312	Community Politics	3

MATH 260 or PSYCH 205 or BUS ADM 220	Introductory Statistics or Social Science Statistics or Business Statistics	3-4
General Ed		3
General Ed		3
Elective		3
Credits		15-16
Sophomore		
Fall		
GEOG 250	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	2
SOCIOL 310	Urban Sociology	3
General Ed		3
UR RE ST Upper Level Elective		3
General Ed		3
Credits		14
Spring		
UR RE ST 341	Urban Geography	3
UR RE ST Upper Level Elective		3
UR RE ST Upper Level Elective		3
General Ed		3
General Ed		3
Credits		15
Junior		
Fall		
UR RE ST Upper Level Elective		3
General Ed		3
General Ed		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
UR RE ST Upper Level Elective		3
Elective		3
General Ed		3
General Ed		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Senior		
Fall		
UR RE ST 431	Seminar in Urban and Regional Studies	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
Elective		3
Elective		3
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Elective		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		119-120

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