

# Urban and Regional Studies (UR RE ST)

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## Courses

### **UR RE ST 100. Introduction to Urban Studies. 3 Credits.**

Examines the richness and complexity of the human experience in modern cities and their broader regional context. The city is seen as an arena in which interrelationships between enduring human concerns and social institutions are expressed and asks how the city influences these interrelationships. Likewise, in what manner do established institutions and concerns influence the city and the metropolitan region of which they are a part? This course is an exploration of cities and how their broader institutional contexts evolve over time.

Fall and Spring.

### **UR RE ST 198. First Year Seminar. 3 Credits.**

Reserved for New Incoming Freshman

Fall Only.

### **UR RE ST 201. City Life and Globalization. 3 Credits.**

The course explores the effect of globalization on people, specifically on urban processes worldwide. This course is comparative in nature and will explore global processes as they challenge people living in urban areas worldwide. The course explores different survival strategies on how to make cities better for a majority of the people.

Spring.

### **UR RE ST 205. Urban Social Problems. 3 Credits.**

The course offers a basic introduction to the history, sociology, geography, economics, and politics of U.S. urban problems; examines specific problems such as jobs, housing, and public finance; and considers future prospects.

Fall and Spring.

### **UR RE ST 216. Native American Landscapes: Imagined and Lived Spaces. 3 Credits.**

The course will explore the relationship between time and space within Native American cultures. The course will compare North American indigenous landscapes and Andean indigenous landscapes.

### **UR RE ST 299. Travel Course. 1-6 Credits.**

Travel courses are conducted to various parts of the world and are led by one or more faculty members. May be repeated to different locations.

P: cons of instr & prior trip arr & financial deposit.

### **UR RE ST 313. The City Through Time and Space. 3 Credits.**

Analysis of human settlement and the influence of social, economic and technological change on urban structure and the aesthetic qualities of city scapes in historical and cross-cultural settings.

P: jr st; and Ur Re St 100 or 341 or Geog 341.

Spring.

### **UR RE ST 314. Suburbs. 3 Credits.**

The study of suburbanization and suburban lifestyles has long been secondary to general focus on the central city and urban neighborhoods in the urban disciplines (urban geography, urban sociology). In this recentering of urban study on suburban communities, we look at the development of suburbs in the early modern period, the expansion of suburbs in the post-WWII era, and the emergence of a new suburban way of life in the 21st Century.

P: UR RE ST 100

Spring.

### **UR RE ST 323. Asian American Communities in the United States. 3 Credits.**

Review of Asian immigration to the United States; formation of ethnic communities; prejudice and discrimination against Asian groups; and current issues affecting Asian Americans.

P: jr st; and ANTHRO 100 or SOCIOL 101 or SOCIOL 203 or UR RE ST 100

Spring Odd.

### **UR RE ST 324. Latino Communities in the United States. 3 Credits.**

Survey of Latino communities in the United States, taking an interdisciplinary approach exploring Latino voices from the Humanities and Social Sciences. The course will explore issues of formation of ethnic communities, the diversity among Latino communities and current issues affecting Latinos in the U.S. such as immigration policy, bilingual education, and urban issues impacting Latino communities.

P: None

Spring Odd.

### **UR RE ST 342. Community Economic Development. 3 Credits.**

Various forces involved in community economic development, including the human and non human resource potentials, motivation, values and attitudes. Examines social and economic structures such as transportation, communication, and community services from the point of view of community development.

P: jr st; and ECON 202 or ECON 203

Spring Odd.

**UR RE ST 351. Transportation and the City. 3 Credits.**

The impact of the transportation subsystem of the city upon other urban subsystems (residential, commercial) and upon urban dwellers.  
P: jr st; and Pol Sci 101 or 202 or Pu En Af 202 or Ur Re St 100.  
Fall Odd.

**UR RE ST 360. Three Dimensional Modelling. 3 Credits.**

The course addresses the practical experiences encountered in the day-to-day operation of public policy, environmental planning, and public/private planning sector focusing on the skills needed to analyze the visual impacts of projects, and policy in 3 dimensional spaces.  
P: GEOG 250  
Spring.

**UR RE ST 412. Urban Planning. 3 Credits.**

Examines current trends in Planning theory, focusing on City Planning, Urban Design, and Regional Planning.  
P: jr st REC: Pol Sci 101.  
Fall Only.

**UR RE ST 431. Seminar in Urban and Regional Studies. 3 Credits.**

A capstone course intended to promote understanding of ethics in urban and regional planning, community politics, economic development, and other areas of urban and regional studies. Scholarly and intellectual discussion of community career and volunteer opportunities. Guidance provided for preparing professional resume documentation and engaging in job search activities.  
P: Ur Re St major/minor; min 100 completed credits  
Fall Only.

**UR RE ST 454. Designing Communities and Neighborhoods. 3 Credits.**

The main objective of the course is to allow students to engage and critically assess design elements that create places that foster community identity addressing the vexing problems in residential, commercial, office, recreational and public areas in small cities.  
P: UR RE ST 100; REC: UR RE ST 341.  
Spring.

**UR RE ST 461. Special Topics in Urban and Regional Studies. 3 Credits.**

A multi-disciplinary investigation into a special topic within urban and regional studies. Includes topics such as education, employment, housing and transportation, and urban and regional policy. Course is repeatable for credit if topics differ. May be taken 2 times for a total of 6 earned credits.  
P: written cons of inst.

**UR RE ST 478. Honors in the Major. 3 Credits.**

Honors in the Major is designed to recognize student excellence within interdisciplinary and disciplinary academic programs.  
P: min 3.50 all cses req for major and min gpa 3.75 all UL cses req for major.  
Fall and Spring.

**UR RE ST 495. Teaching Assistantship. 1-6 Credits.**

The student and supervising teacher must prepare a statement that identifies the course with which the assistantship will happen, objectives for the assistantship, and expectations in order to fulfill the course objectives. Students are not eligible to receive credit in both the course they assist the instructor with and the teaching assistantship in the same semester. Typically student has previously taken the course prior to enrollment in the assistantship. Course is repeatable for credit.  
Fall and Spring.

**UR RE ST 497. Internship. 1-12 Credits.**

Supervised practical experience in an organization or activity appropriate to a student's career and educational interests. Internships are supervised by faculty members and require periodic student/faculty meetings. Course is repeatable for credit.  
P: jr st.  
Fall and Spring.

**UR RE ST 498. Independent Study. 1-4 Credits.**

Independent study is offered on an individual basis at the student's request and consists of a program of learning activities planned in consultation with a faculty member. A student wishing to study or conduct research in an area not represented in available scheduled courses should develop a preliminary proposal and seek the sponsorship of a faculty member. The student's advisor can direct him or her to instructors with appropriate interests. A written report or equivalent is required for evaluation, and a short title describing the program must be sent early in the semester to the registrar for entry on the student's transcript.  
P: fr or so st with cum gpa > or = 2.50; or jr or sr st with cum gpa > or = 2.00.  
Fall and Spring.

**UR RE ST 499. Travel Course. 1-6 Credits.**

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P: cons of instr & prior trip arr & financial deposit.