

URBAN AFFAIRS AND PLANNING

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Majors Offered	Number Credits	Recommended Required GER	Prereq	Recommended Minor
BA in Urban Studies	24 from the following components: 1. Urban Studies Core (12 cr) 2. Urban Studies Electives (3 cr) 3. Fieldwork Component (3 cr) 4. Basic Social Science Component (6 cr)	Consult urban studies adviser		Urban studies majors must complete a minor in one or two programs leading to a BA degree and related to the major. Consult urban studies adviser.

With over 70 percent of the nation's population classified as urban, urban studies offer students the opportunity to investigate intensively the forces shaping the institutions and quality of life in American metropolitan regions. Building on an understanding of relevant economic, social, and political trends, the field of urban studies concentrates on defining and addressing current urban policy and planning issues. To reinforce its strong theoretical foundation, the urban studies curriculum also includes the study and use of analytical skills and opportunities for fieldwork experience.

The department offers several options to students interested in examining the implications of urban life within a social science context. The most intensive is, of course, the major. Additional programs include elective courses that may constitute a minor for a non-major, and a program of education for public service that is open to selected students (see Special Programs, below). Of particular note for non-majors is the specially designed introductory course, *Urban Life: The Personal and Observational View*. The urban studies offerings are enriched by their inclusion in the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, which houses, in addition to the undergraduate program, graduate curricula in urban planning and urban affairs, and the Urban Research Center. The sharing of faculty and facilities, the interchange among advanced and beginning students, and the cooperation of other units in the social sciences create a synergy for comprehensive examination of urban-related concerns in a major city.

Because it integrates several social science perspectives, the urban studies major is uniquely fitted to train students for careers in either the public or private sector, depending upon the student's selection of electives. Among the types of employment chosen by recent graduates are urban planning, social work, municipal budgeting, public administration, real estate, community organization, law, business, and journalism.

Preparation for Graduate Training

A substantial number of majors in urban studies pursue professional graduate study in urban planning, law, social work, public administration, architecture, and related fields. Students should discuss their professional goals with the adviser in their junior year in order to plan their programs accordingly.

Special Programs

Urban studies majors may apply to participate in four programs sponsored by Hunter College: the Public Service Scholar Program, the City University Seminar/Internship Program in New York City Government and Politics, the Blanche Davis Blank Urban Research Scholar Program, and the Liberty Partnership Program.

The Public Service Scholar Program is a competitive program open to 24 juniors/seniors each

year. All Hunter students are eligible for this program, which includes an internship in a public or nonprofit agency and two weekly seminars. Participants receive credit and a stipend. For further information, contact the program director.

The City University Seminar/Internship Program in New York City Government and Politics

is a program in which Hunter College students may participate. For further information, contact the department.

The Blanche Davis Blank Urban Research Scholar Program

provides awards to outstanding undergraduate students to work with professors on research projects. For further information, contact the department.

The Liberty Partnership Program provides college credit for students who work as mentors with low-achieving high school or junior high school students to improve their chances of attending college. For further information, contact the department.



MAJOR

The Urban Studies major provides a strong background in the study of urban issues, institutions, and policies. In addition, the major includes a methodology component, an internship experience, and appropriate courses selected from closely related social science disciplines. Completion of the major gives students a fuller understanding of contemporary cities from a variety of perspectives: social, physical, political, and economic.

The major consists of components A, B, C, and D as listed below. Courses not listed may be selected with special permission of the urban studies program adviser.

- A. Urban Studies Core12 cr**
 URBS 101 Urban Life: Personal and Observational View3 cr
 URBS 102 Structure of Urban Region3 cr
 URBS 201 Plans and Policies for Contemporary Urban Community3 cr
 URBS 310 Methods of Urban Research and Policy Analysis3 cr
- B. Urban Studies Electives3 cr**
 Select one from:
 URBS 401 Managing Urban Physical Environment3 cr
 URBS 402 Urban Social and Economic Development3 cr
 URBS 404 Urban Budgeting and Fiscal Policy3 cr
 Component B can also be met by another 400-level URBS course approved by adviser.
- C. Fieldwork Component3 cr**
 Select one from:
 URBS 420 Urban Studies Internship3 cr
 URBS 498 Internship3 cr
 POLSC 411 Seminar/Internship in NYC Government and Politics4 cr
- D. Basic Social Science Component6 cr**
 Select two from:
 ECO 335 Urban Economics3 cr
 GEOG 341 Urban Geography3 cr
 HIST 250.45 History of New York City(3 cr)
 HIST 317 History of the American City(3 cr)
 POLSC 212 Urban Politics(3 cr)
 SOC 211 Urban Sociology(3 cr)

Minor

Urban studies majors must complete a 12-credit minor in one or two programs leading to a BA degree and related to the major. For information concerning appropriate courses in the minor, students should consult with an urban studies adviser.

Minor for Non-Majors

If a student's major department approves urban studies as a minor, the student should meet with an urban studies adviser to discuss course selections.

COURSE LISTINGS**URBS 101(W) Urban Life: Personal and Observational View**

GER 2/B

Introduction to urban studies allowing students to translate personal knowledge and experience of New York City to more theoretical understanding of urbanism. Includes four projects dealing with mapping, immigration, census data analysis, and local development issues.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.***URBS 102(W) Structure of Urban Region**

GER 2/B

Introduction to forces shaping institutions and life of contemporary American urban regions. Focus on evolving metropolitan economic, social, demographic, spatial, and political systems, and their relevance to current policy.

prereq: URBS 101 or relevant intro course (e.g., ECO 100 or 201-202; GEOG 101, POLSC 111, SOC 101) or perm instr.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.***URBS 201(W) Plans and Policies for Contemporary Urban Community**

GER 2/B

Exposure to human and institutional consequences of economic, social, and political forces confronting metropolitan America. Review of activities of public and private agencies dealing with urban problems.

prereq: URBS 102 or 6 cr. intro social science courses or perm instr.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.***URBS 310 Methods of Urban Research and Policy Analysis**

GER 3/B

Survey of research skills necessary for analysis of contemporary urban issues. Includes review of data sources, methods of forecasting, use of computer, and methods of information presentation.

prereq: URBS 102 or perm instr.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.***URBS 401 Managing Urban Physical Environment**

GER 3/B

Examination of components of metropolitan land use. Focus on planning and management of physical environment by public and private agencies at local, state, and national levels.

prereq: URBS 201 or perm instr.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.***URBS 402 Urban Social and Economic Development**

GER 3/B

Detailed review of social and economic concerns confronting urban communities, focusing on major problem areas: poverty, health, crime, economic development, unemployment, and racial discrimination.

prereq: URBS 201 or perm instr.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.***URBS 403 Selected Topics in Urban Affairs**

GER 3/B

Intensive examination or investigation of specialized topics or new developments in literature and research.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.***URBS 420 Urban Studies Internship**

GER 3/B

Open only to declared urban studies major within 45 credits of graduation. Internship experience in urban-related public or nonprofit agency providing firsthand involvement in urban planning or policy issues, under careful supervision, in professional field setting.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.***URBS 498 Internship**

GER 3/B

1-6 hrs, 1 cr. per hr.

The following graduate courses are open to senior urban studies majors. Other graduate-level courses may be taken by senior majors with special permission:

URBP 701 History of Planned Urban Development**URBP 702 The Structure of the Urban Region****Courses Not Offered During 2004-2007:****URBS 202 Urban Futures****URBS 404 Urban Budgeting and Fiscal Policy**