DOCTORAL MASTER’S  BACHELOR’S  CERTIFICATE

Undergraduate

Course descriptions

Spring 2017

Urban Studies office in Bolton 702

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UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

The Urban Studies major provides the opportunity for students to explore scholarship on cities, suburban communities, and metropolitan regions with an interdisciplinary lens. Coursework in the major is drawn from the affiliated areas of Africology, Architecture, Criminal Justice Educational Policy & Community Studies, Geography, History, Public and Nonprofit Administration, Political Science, Public Health, Sociology and Urban Planning, in addition to Urban Studies. Although interdisciplinary, the discipline of Urban Studies encompasses a distinct body of knowledge, one that combines both theoretical and applied approaches to understand urban processes. The major is designed to be flexible to allow the student to develop a strong foundation from the core courses and then build a set of elective courses that address particular urban histories and problems from different disciplines, depending on student interest and future goals.

Committee Interdisciplinary Major (CIM) in Urban Studies (L&S/BA)
To declare a major in Urban Studies, make an appointment with the Urban Studies Associate Director to complete the declaration form.
(Jamie Harris, jmh@uwm.edu)

Major Requirements:
1) Coursework from at least two L&S departments, no more than 9 credits in one department outside Urban Studies
2) Minimum of 30 credits; 18 credits must be in L&S, of which 15 credits must be 300 or above; A student wishing to major in Urban Studies must complete 30 credits in approved Urban Studies or urban-related courses that include:

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**Course Requirements:**

**Core Course, 3 Credits:**
Urban Studies 150 Multicultural America *(offered fall semesters)* 3 credits (course includes service learning component)

**Introductory Survey of Urban Studies, 3 Credits:**
Urban Studies 250 Exploring the Urban Environment*

**OR**
Urban Studies 360 Perspectives and the Urban Scene* (any topic) 3 credits *(Both courses offered fall/spring semesters)*

**Theory Course, 3 Credits:**
Urban Studies 377 Urbanism and Urbanization *(offered spring semesters)* 3 Credits

**Capstone Course, 3 Credits:**
Urban Studies 600: Capstone Seminar in Urban Studies(note this course satisfies the research requirement) *(offered spring semesters)* 3 Credits

**Statistics Course, 3 Credits:**
Sociology 261*, Geography 247, Political Science 390, History 595*, or an approved equivalent course (at least one course offered each semester)

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**15 Credits**

**Plus 15 credits of course electives** from Urban Studies, Africology, Architecture, Criminal Justice, Educational Policy & Community Studies, Geography, History, Political Science, Public & Nonprofit Administration, Public Health Sociology, and Urban Planning (see list of approved courses on the next page).

**Interested? Need more Information?**

**Contact:** Jamie Harris, Associate Director
Urban Studies Programs, Bolton 796
414-229-4629 or jmh@uwm.edu
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URBAN STUDIES: MAJOR COURSE ELECTIVES

An additional 5 course electives (15 credits) to reach the 30 credit minimum in the major can come from the following:

**All Urban Studies Courses:**
- 297: Study Abroad
- 360: A Second Course with a Different Topic*
- 289/489: Internship in Urban Studies
- 497: Upper Level Study Abroad

**Africology:**
- 125: Economics of Black Communities
- 300: Urban Violence
- 319: History of Blacks in the American City
- 341: Black Politics and City Government
- 417: Race, Injustice and Change in America

**Criminal Justice:**
- 291: Current Issues in Criminal Justice
- 295: Crime and Criminal Justice Policy
- 370: Criminal Justice Administration
- 372: Criminal Justice Policy and Community
- 674: History of Criminal Justice

**Educational Policy & Community Studies:**
- 111: Organizing for Social Action in Urban Communities
- 113: The Milwaukee Community

**Architecture:**
- 190: Special Topic: Buildings-Landscapes-Cultures Field School

534: Field Study
391/791: Independent Studies for Undergraduate/Graduate Students

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243: Public Administration
387: Seminar in American Politics: Urban Politics Subtitle
413: Governing Metropolitan Areas
444: Politics and Bureaucracy
450: Urban Political Problems
452: Administrative Law
323: Perspective on Latino Communities
324: Comparative Race Relations
325: Social Change
330: Economy and Society
423: Immigration and Incorporation (All Topics)
450: Environmental Sociology
472: Population and Society
610: Reproduction of Minority Communities

Public and Nonprofit Administration:
243: Public Administration
331: Comparative Public Administration
452: Administrative Law
462: Public Policy Planning

Public Health:
319: Introduction to Health Disparities

Sociology:
193: Freshman Seminar: College in the City
224: American Minority Groups
235: Social Change in Global Economy
307: Industrial Sociology

Urban Planning:
All Urban Planning courses

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Urban Studies Programs Certificate

The Urban Studies Certificate Program provides the undergraduate student with a coordinated set of courses. These courses focus on urban issues and policy alternatives examined from a variety of humanistic, social scientific, and professional perspectives. Particular emphasis is placed on the impact of gender, racial and ethnic diversity within the context of urban policy choices and delivery. This certificate will be of particular interest to those students considering careers of graduate work in urban areas and as a supplement to majors in the arts and sciences or professions.

-18 Credits (12 In Letters & Science; 6 SS, 6 HU [9 credits 300 and above, 6 Credits in L&S])
-Urban Studies 250 or 360 Required
-All Urban Planning Courses Count Toward Certificate (6 Credit Max.)

Take Urban Studies – Related Courses in:

-Anthropology -Geography
-Africology -Geosciences
-Art History -History
-Biological Sciences -Political Science
-Criminal Justice -Social Worker
-Comp Lit -Sociology
-Economics -Urban Planning
-Educational Policy/Community -Urban Studies
-English -Women’s Studies

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**Undergraduate Certificate Classes**

**Africology**
- **125:** Economic of Black Communities
- **300:** Urban Violence (SS)
- **319:** History of Blacks in the American City (SS)
- **341:** Black Politics and City Government (SS)
- **372:** African American Literary Movements: Harlem Renaissance (HU)
- **417:** Race, Injustice and Change in America

**Anthropology**
- **431:** Urban Anthropology (SS)
- **522:** Ancient Cities of the Americas (SS)

**Art History**
- **106:** Art Cities of Europe (HU)
- **360:** Modern Architecture II: The Rise of Modern Architecture (HU)
- **361:** Modern Architecture III: Contemporary Architecture (HU)
- **412:** Cities and Sanctuaries of Ancient Greece (HU)
- **425:** Romanesque Architecture (HU)
- **426:** French Gothic Architecture (HU)
- **429:** English Medieval Architecture (HU)
- **431:** Renaissance Architecture in Italy (HU)
- **458:** A Comparative History of Architecture and Urbanism (HU)
- **459:** American Architecture (HU)

**Biological Sciences**
- **204:** Urban Horticulture

**Comparative Literature**
- **230:** Literature and Society (HU)
- **232:** Literature and Politics (HU)

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Social Work
205: Social Welfare: A Societal Imperative
206: Society, Poverty, and Welfare Programs
630: Women, Poverty, and Welfare Reforms

Sociology
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224: American Minority Groups (SS)
235: Social Change in the Global Economy
307: Industrial Sociology (SS)
323: Perspectives on Latino Communities (SS)
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330: Economy and Society
377: Urbanism and Urbanization (SS)
423: Immigration and Incorporation
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472: Population and Society (SS)
610: Reproduction of Minority Communities (SS)

Urban Planning
All Available UG Courses

Urban Studies
All Available Courses

Women's Studies
489: Feminism in City: “Internship in Women’s Studies"
UWinteriM Courses Offered 2017

**URB STD 150** Multicultural America

**LEC 201** James Harris ONLINE

An interdisciplinary course that explores the intersection of multiculturalism and urban development. This course is a required course for the major in urban studies and counts toward the urban studies certificate. In this course we will examine how city building and suburbanization are linked to race, ethnicity, immigration, class, and other social attributes by drawing on a variety of case studies from several disciplines in the social sciences. We will consider how economic development, federal and local policies, urban politics, and local community actions have all served in different ways and at different times, to structure inequality and the marginalization and privilege of certain groups and communities. We will also consider the ways different groups and organizations have used urban space to construct community identities and foster movements for social change.

**Spring Semester Courses Offered 2017**

**URB STD 250** Exploring the Urban Environment

**LEC 001** Peter Lund TR 2:00-3:15 PM

What do Socialists, the Bucks, and a streetcar all have in common? Want to learn about Milwaukee’s history, neighborhoods, and politics? This course will answer these questions and others as well as highlight the multidisciplinary nature of the field of urban studies. Divided into six smaller two-week units, the course will introduce students to various (usually broad) approaches that scholars use to study the urban condition. Additionally, each of

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these smaller units will have readings that focus more specifically on concerns that are import or unique to the Milwaukee metropolitan area. These include, but are not limited to: the new Milwaukee Bucks arena, public transit, Milwaukee’s segregation issues, the plethora of cultural festivals, community organizations in Milwaukee, and Milwaukee’s unique political history.

**URB STD 360* Perspectives on the Urban Scene**

**Topic: “Food in the City: Urban Agriculture, Food Justice, and Environmental Sustainability”**

**LEC 201 Renee Scampini ONLINE**

In this course, students will have the opportunity to explore urban agriculture and food justice movements in the U.S. and abroad. The course will address the historical roots of growing food in the city as well as examining how urban agriculture represents both a social movement working to create a more just society and as an aid in the implementation of urban environmental sustainability. Along with this, the course will give special focus to the city of Milwaukee as a city on the cutting edge in the area of urban agriculture. Local organizations and city programs such as Growing Power, Walnut Way Conservation Corp, Milwaukee Urban Gardens, Home Gr/Own, as well as Milwaukee’s many farmers markets and community gardens will be studied as examples of urban agriculture at work for environmental sustainability and food justice. Looking at the topic of food through the lens of urban political economy, this course will emphasize inequality and neoliberal globalization and their respective impacts on where certain foods end up and who has access to them. Students will examine why certain areas of the city have plentiful access to organic food stores, farmers markets, and grocery stores, while in other areas residents are dependent on gas stations, corner stores and food banks. Finally, the course will touch on our relationship to food, the growth of distinct food
cultures in cities, and the larger meaning and significance of urban food geographies.

**URB STD 377  Urbanism and Urbanization**

LEC 001  Jamie Harris  R  4:30-7:10 PM

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the process of urbanization and the nature of urban society. Students will be exposed to a variety of classic and contemporary urban theorists and different methodological approaches to the study of urban areas as they investigate a number of substantive urban topics and case studies to account for the changing social and spatial patterns of cities and metropolitan regions. By the end of the semester, students will be able to identify and explain the significance of a number of central issues facing cities today such as globalization, urban growth and decline, immigration, concentrated poverty and urban sprawl, regional governance and sustainable development, among others, and the implications of each for the urban form. This course will be taught in a seminar style with emphasis on close reading of texts, considerable discussion, and student contributions in the way of class presentations and independent research. This is a required course for urban studies majors. Notes: Sociol 377 & Urb Std 377 are jointly-offered; they count as repeats of one another. Prereq: jr st & a Sociol 100-level course; or Urb Std 250(P).

**URB STD 600  Capstone Seminar in Urban Studies**

SEM 001  Jamie Harris  MW  12:30-1:45 PM

This course is designed to provide a capstone experience for urban studies majors in their senior year. This course will help students to develop a fuller understanding of urban studies as an interdisciplinary field, with its distinct subject areas, theoretical frameworks, and methodologies for conducting research—in short, what it means to be an urbanist. There are several goals in mind for
this course: 1) to provide exposure to the field of urban studies and urban studies scholarship; 2) to develop the skills necessary to plan, conduct, and evaluate urban research; 3) to apply these skills to a relevant urban-related subject matter; 4) to present research in a scholarly forum; 5) to engage and interact with scholars; 6) and, to gain understanding of what one can do with an urban studies major. This course also fulfills the L&S research requirement. This course will be run as a seminar with close reading and discussion of several articles that relate to urban studies scholarship and the research process. There will be a number of small assignments to help students develop their final research proposal.

**Additional Major and Certificate**

**Spring 2017 Courses**

*Note: Only courses in Africology, Criminal Justice, Educational Policy, Geography, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Public Health, Sociology and Urban Planning apply to major.*

**AFRICOL 125   Economics of the Black Community**
LEC 001    Abera Gelan    MW    9:30-10:45 PM

A survey of key economic principles, and elements that structure economic behavior in the black community.

**CRM JST 291   Current Issues in Criminal Justice**
LEC 001    TBA
LEC 002    TBA

Selected current issues in criminal justice.
ED POL 111*  Strategies for Community Engagement in Urban Communities
LEC 001  TBA  T  5:00-7:40 PM  
LEC 292  TBA  ONLINE

Basic techniques of strategy development for implementing community programs.

ED POL 113  The Milwaukee Community
LEC 001  Kalyani Rai  TR  11:00-12:15 PM  
LEC 002  TBA  MW  11:00-12:15 PM  
LEC 003  Florence Johnson  M  4:30-7:10 PM

An overview of communities and neighborhood groups in Milwaukee.

ED POL 114*  Community Problems
LEC 001  Gary Williams  W  4:30-7:10 PM  
LEC 002  TBA  R  4:30-7:10 PM  
LEC 292  Marie Sandy  ONLINE

This course will examine how social problems impact upon communities and neighborhoods, how they are defined, and how these definitions influence social policies and programs.

ED POL 203*  Communities and Neighborhoods in America
LEC 291  Michael Bonds  ONLINE

Students will construct a survey of their neighborhoods, examine theories of community structure, and analyze neighborhood improvement movements.
ED POL 501*  Concepts in Community Organizing: Conflict and Change
SEM 001   TBA    T  5:00-7:40 PM
SEM 292   TBA    ONLINE

Concepts informing community organizing or collective action for community change in the tradition of Saul Alinsky and related organizers. Introduces concepts such as "cutting an issue," "leadership," "targets."

ED POL 630  Race and Public Policy in Urban America
LEC 001 Michael Bonds  W  5:00-7:40 PM

Examination of the relationship between race and public policy with emphasis on issues (housing, crime, welfare reform, poverty, employment, discrimination, etc.) impacting urban communities.

GEOG 114*  Geography of Race in the United States
LEC 201   TBA    ONLINE

Contemporary geographic issues of segregation, assimilation, belonging, and exclusion facing African-American, white, Asian, Latino, Native American and either groups in the U.S.
**GEOG 215**  
**Introduction to Geographic Information Science**

| LEC 201 | Zengwang Xu | ONLINE |
| LEC 402 | Donna Genzmer | TR | 10:00-10:50 AM |
| LAB 801 | TBA | M | 11:00-12:50 PM |
| LAB 802 | TBA | T | 1:00-2:50 PM |
| LAB 803 | TBA | R | 11:00-12:50 PM |
| LAB 901 | ONLINE |
| LAB 902 | ONLINE |
| LAB 903 | ONLINE |

Geographic objects, their representation and analysis. Topics include special nature of spatial data; concepts of space, mapping, spatial relationships; and use of geographic information systems.

**GEOG 443**  
**Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography**

| LEC 201 | TBA | ONLINE |

Geographic analysis of world urban systems with emphasis on the cultural traditions, form, function and socio-economic development of cities.

**GEOG 464**  
**Environmental Problems**

| LEC 201 | Ryan Holifield | ONLINE |

General discussion and case studies of geographical contexts and historical roots of modern environmental problems. History of human concern over adverse environmental impacts.

*Online course available*
GEOG 564  Urban Environmental Change and Social Justice
LEC 001  Ryan Holifield  MW  11:00-12:15 PM

Spatial aspects of contributors to urban environmental change affecting social justice. Inequitable distribution of environmental risks and benefits; challenge of developing policies.

HIST 404  Topics in American History

Topic: Politics & the Supreme Court in U.S. History
LEC 202  Lex Renda  ONLINE

Topic: Big City Life Viewed Through HBO’s “The Wire”
LEC 001  Marc Levine  MW  12:30-1:45 PM

HBO’s The Wire is acclaimed by many critics as the finest series in the history of U.S. television. Set in the mean streets of Baltimore, The Wire combines memorable characters, riveting and often heartbreaking drama, and wry humor. The Wire may also be the most penetrating study-in books or on film-of the crisis of the contemporary American city. This course will examine the urban crisis through the lens of The Wire, exploring such issues as urban poverty, drugs, and inner city neighborhoods, shrinking economic opportunity, the follies of political leaders, and the failures of urban institutions such as the schools, police, and media. The course will include viewings and discussion of The Wire, selected readings on the urban crisis, and occasional guest lecturers from experts in the areas of urban life highlighted by The Wire.

POL SCI 452  Administrative Law
LEC 001  Erin Olsen  MW  11:00-12:15 PM

An examination of due process, privacy, and other constitutional and legal issues as they arise in the regulatory, investigatory, and enforcement activities of administrative agencies.
SOCIOL 224  American Minority Groups
LEC 001  Stephanie Brian  TR  9:30-10:45 AM

Nature of minority-dominant group relations. Stability and change in status in American society of Blacks, Native Americans, Spanish-speaking peoples, and other minority groups.

SOCIOL 325  Social Change
LEC 001  Alexander Bryan  MW  11:00-12:15 PM

Study of change in society; integration and various theories of social change; examination of contemporary instances of social change. Prereq: jr st & any Sociol 100-level course.

URBPLAN 141  Urban Planning Solutions to Contemporary Urban Problems
LEC 401  Kirk Harris  TR  2:00-2:50 PM
DIS 601  Kimberly Albrecht  T  3:00-3:50 PM
DIS 602  Kimberly Albrecht  T  4:00-4:50 PM
DIS 603  Sarah Bregant  R  3:00-3:50 PM
DIS 604  Sarah Bregant  R  4:00-4:50 PM

Community facilities planning, policy planning, private sector involvement, and community participation are explored as four of the avenues open to planners.

URBPLAN 315  Great Cities of the World: Their Growth and Guided Urbanization
LEC 001  Larry Kilmer  W  5:30-8:10 PM

Great cities of the world, how they were built and developed. Culture, politics and economics, their role in urban planning and the built form.
URBPLAN 591  Introduction to Urban Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Planning
LEC 401 David Flark  T  4:30-6:20 PM
LAB 801 Kelly Strausberger  T  1:30-4:10 PM

Use of spatially related information including GIS and land record systems for improved productivity and decision making in service delivery, management, policy planning and land development.

URBPLAN 655  Negotiation Theory and Practice for Urban Planners
LEC 001 Kirk Harris  T  6:30-9:10 PM

Negotiation theory and practice, focusing on skills used by planners in balancing the needs of general public with those of private interests. Notes: Counts as repeat of UrbPlan 692 with same title. Prereq: sr st or cons instr.

URBPLAN 662  Land Use Planning for Urban Redevelopment
LEC 001 Nathaniel Protowski  R  5:30-8:10 PM

Introduction to contemporary trends in urban redevelopment; focus on planning and development techniques used to revitalize declining urban areas. Prereq: jr st.
UPCOMING USP EVENTS

10th Annual Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit

A Frank Conversation about Race in Milwaukee

Moderator:
Prof. Rob Smith, History and Urban Studies

Panelists:
Prof. Anne Bonds, Geography and Urban Studies
Rev. Willie Brisko, MICAH
Ashanti Hamilton, Common Council President
Keisha Krumm, Common Ground
Susan Lloyd, Zilber Family Foundation

Thursday, November 10, 2016 – 7:00 PM
Zelazo Center for the Preforming Arts, Room 250
Milwaukee, WI 53211

22nd Annual Student Research Forum

Stefanie DeLuca
Johns Hopkins University

Union – Fireside Lounge
Friday, April 28, 2017
12:00-6:00 pm

All Events are Free and Open to the Public

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