

Exploring the Urban Environment

URBAN STUDIES 250 (GER Course - SS)

Spring 2017 3 cr. T/R 2:00-3:15



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 these smaller units will have readings that focus more specifically on concerns that are important 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. Additionally, typical course work will be augmented by guest speakers and chances to participate in extracurricular activities and events, both within the department as well as the community at large. Whether an undergraduate with a curiosity about the social sciences and humanities; a potential graduate student looking to enrich your understanding of the urban disciplines; or simply someone who is interested in Milwaukee's past, present, and future, Urban Studies 250 casts a wide net of social exploration that each student will find useful.

Questions? Feel free to contact Peter Lund, plund@uwm.edu