



What Can I Do with an Urban Studies Degree?

Urban studies students share an interest in urban problem-solving and many graduates go on to work in the areas of community development, land-use planning, transportation, community organization, housing policy development and implementation, public education administration, social services, construction management, public health, journalism and fund-raising. Entry-level roles can include tasks ranging from research to planning to program implementation. For more information, visit our undergraduate alumni pages on our website.

An urban studies major also provides excellent preparation for a number of graduate school programs including law, education, urban planning, public administration, public health, urban studies, public policy, nonprofit management, history, political science and any number of other social science disciplines.



Majors listening to a speaker during the Student Research Forum

Consider declaring a major or certificate in Urban Studies, and Shape the Future of the City.

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Urban Studies – Shape the Future of the City

The **undergraduate major or certificate** in Urban Studies allows students to explore and study neighborhoods, cities, suburban communities, and metropolitan regions with an interdisciplinary approach. Both the major and certificate are designed to be flexible to allow students to develop a strong foundation from the core courses and then build a set of elective courses from different disciplines based on student interest and future career goals.

As a major or certificate student, you will study urban challenges such as poverty, segregation, public education systems, mass transportation, public policy, sustainability, urban sprawl, crime, immigration, and economic development.

The urban studies major includes a service learning component that allows students to apply classroom knowledge in a real-world setting in the urban community. Semester-long internships are strongly encouraged. And a new exchange program in Dublin, Ireland and a winterim course in Havana, Cuba offer study abroad opportunities.

Community Engagement and Student Activities

Students in the major and certificate are encouraged to participate in various urban studies-sponsored events. The annual **Urban Studies Student Research Forum** provides a comfortable venue for students, alumni and faculty to come together to investigate and discuss the complexities of the urban milieu. Undergraduates have the opportunity to hear from nationally-known speakers and students in the capstone seminar present their research projects during a poster session, two of whom receive the annual Undergraduate Best Poster award that includes financial support to attend the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) conference. And students can submit essays for publication in the urban studies ejournal, *e.polis*.

The **Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit** focuses on one specific urban issue each year and brings together a panel of experts from southeastern Wisconsin to discuss pressing issues that Milwaukee and the region face in the 21st century. Past topics of the Milwaukee Summit have included urban agriculture, housing, transit, and urban inequality.

Undergraduate students, alumni, and faculty during a poster session



Requirements

The **Urban Studies major** consists of 30 to 31 credits in courses from across at least two departments. No more than 9 credits in any one department outside of urban studies can count towards the total. At least 15 credits from L&S must be at the 300-level or higher and completed at UWM. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for all courses for the major. The curriculum is as follows:

Course #	Course Title
UrbStd 150	Multicultural America
UrbStd 250	Exploring the Urban Environment
OR	
UrbStd 360	Perspectives on the Urban Scene
UrbStd 377	Urbanism and Urbanization
UrbStd 600	Capstone Seminar in Urban Studies
One of:	
Sociol 261	Intro to Statistical Thinking in Sociology
Geog 247	Quantitative Analysis in Geography
Pol Sci 390	Political Data Analysis
Hist 595	Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data
Choose from 75+ electives across 10 departments and 4 schools/colleges to reach a total of 30-31 credits.	

The **Urban Studies certificate** consists of 18 credits. Urban Studies 250 or 360 is required. Five additional elective courses must be chosen that include six credits from L&S social sciences, and six credits from the humanities. For more information about major and certificate requirements:

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