

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE CITY

URBAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

DOCTORAL

MASTER'S

BACHELOR'S

CERTIFICATE



FALL 2024

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**URBAN STUDIES OFFICE
BOLTON 702**

[HTTPS://UWM.EDU/URBAN-STUDIES/](https://uwm.edu/urban-studies/)

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 African and African Diaspora Studies, 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.

Undergraduate Major in Urban Studies (L&S/BA); To Learn more about the major in urban studies or the accelerated urban studies BA - urban planning MUP program, contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Jamie Harris (jmh@uwm.edu), or complete the major declaration online at:

<https://uwm.edu/urban-studies/undergraduate/undergraduate-major/declare-your-major/>

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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:

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Core Course, 3 credits:

URB STD 150*: Multicultural America
(offered every other spring semester & includes a service-learning component). (URB STD 150 is an online course in Summer and/or Winter *without* the service-learning component.)

Introductory Survey of Urban Studies, 3 credits:

(lower and upper levels)

URB STD 250: Exploring the Urban Environment
OR

URB STD 360*: Perspectives and the Urban Scene
[Any Topic]

(Both courses offered fall/spring semesters)

Theory Course, 3 Credits:

URBSTD 377 Urbanism and Urbanization

Capstone Course, 3 Credits:

URB STD 600: Capstone Seminar in Urban Studies

(NOTE: this course satisfies the research requirement & is offered ONLY spring semesters)

Statistics Course, 3 Credits:

SOCIOL 261*, GEOG 247, POL SCI 390, HIST 595*, or an approved equivalent course (at least one course offered each semester)

15 Credits

PLUS 15 credits of course electives from:

- African & African Diaspora Studies
- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Art History
- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice
- Educational Policy/Community Studies
- Geography
- History
- Political Science
- Public & Nonprofit Administration
- Social Work
- Theatre
- Urban Planning
- Urban Studies
- In addition to other departments

See list of approved courses on the next page.

Interested? Need more Information?

Contact

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URBAN STUDIES - MAJOR & CERTIFICATE ELECTIVES

15 credits selected from the following courses (No more than nine credits from the same department outside of urban studies may apply to the 30 or 31 credit minimum in the major)

African and African Diaspora Studies

- 125: Economics of Black Communities
- 300: Urban Violence (SS)
- 319: African American Urban History (SS)
- 341: Black Politics and City Government (SS)
- 416: Race and Social Justice in the United States
- 417: Race, Injustice and Change in America

Anthropology

- 431: Cities and Culture

Architecture

- 190: Special Topic: Buildings- Landscapes- Cultures Field School
- 302: Architecture and Human Behavior
- 304: Contemporary Criticism and Urbanism

Art History

- 425: The Age of Pilgrimage and Crusades: Romanesque Art and Architecture (HU)
- 426: The Age of the Great Cathedrals: Gothic Art and Architecture (HU)
- 431: Renaissance Architecture in Italy (HU)

- 459: American Architecture (HU)
- 462: Frank Lloyd Wright (HU)

Business Administration

- 441: Diversity in Organizations

Criminal Justice

- 291: Current Issues in Criminal Justice
- 310: Race, Ethnicity, and Justice

Educational Policy

- 111: Intro to Community Change & Engagement
- 113: The Milwaukee Community (SS)
- 114: Community Problems
- 203: Communities and Neighborhoods in America
- 630: Race and Public Policy in Urban America

Geography

- 114: Geography of Race
- 140: Our Urban Environment: Introduction to Urban Geography (SS)
- 215: Introduction to Geographic Information Sciences* (SS)
- 441: Geography of Cities and Metropolitan Areas*
- 443: Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography (SS)
- 464: Environmental Problems

- 520: Physical Geography of the City (NS)
- 525: Geographic Information Science
- 540: Globalization of the City (SS)
- 564: Urban Environmental Change and Social Justice (SS)
- 625: Intermediate Geographic Information Science

History

- 192: Freshman Seminar: "The Burbs: History of American Suburbs" (HU)
- 200: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues (SS)
- 303: History of Greek Civilization: The Greek City-State (HU)
- 308: A History of Rome: The Empire (HU)
- 404: Topics in American History: Big City Life Viewed Through HBO's Wire* & Tale of Two Cities Milwaukee LA
- 436: Immigrant American Since 1880 (HU)
- 440: History of American Working Class (SS)
- 446: African Americans Since the Civil War
- 450: Growth of Metropolitan Milwaukee (HU)
- 460: History of Poverty (SS)
- 463: History of American City (HU)

Political Science

- 213: Urban Government and Politics (SS)
- 243: Public Administration
- 450: Urban Political Problems (SS)
- 452: Administrative Law (SS)

Public and Nonprofit Administration

- 243: Public Administration
- 452: Administrative Law (SS)

Social Work

- 306: Introduction to Social Welfare Policy
- 630: Families and Poverty

Sociology

- 224: Race and Ethnicity in the United States
- 235: Social Change in Global Economy
- 323: Perspective on Latino Communities (SS)
- 324: Comparative Race Relations (SS)
- 325: Social Change (SS)
- 330: Economy and Society
- 350: Environmental Sociology (SS)

Theatre

- 305: The Theatrical Experience: (Topic) Out and About in Milwaukee

Urban Planning

- All Urban Planning Courses
- 141: Urban Planning Solutions to Contemporary Urban Problems
- 315: Great Cities of the World: Their Growth and Guided Urbanization
- 692: Special Topics in Urban Planning

Urban Studies

- All Urban Studies Courses

*Online Course Available

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

- African & African Diaspora Studies
- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Art History
- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice
- Educational Policy/Community
Studies
- Geography
- History
- Political Science
- Public & Nonprofit Administration
- Social Work
- Theatre
- Urban Planning
- Urban Studies

-See All approved Courses, pages 5-6

*Online Course Available

SUMMER 2024 UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

URB STD 150* MULTICULTURAL AMERICA

(7/22/24-8/17/24) - NO SERVICE LEARNING IN SUMMER

LEC 201 JAMIE 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 race and ethnicity have shaped, and continue to influence, patterns of segregation and economic division across the American urban landscape. Specifically, we will focus on racial justice movements, historical and contemporary explanations for residential segregation, housing insecurity and the eviction crisis, neighborhood redevelopment and gentrification pressures, and sustainability and environmental justice movements. The course will also focus on the role of immigration and ethnic enclaves and economies in transforming urban spaces in the 20th and 21st centuries. We'll also look at the ways different groups have used urban space to construct distinct community identities and to foster movements for social change, as well as how gender and sexual difference have been defined and represented in urban space. This Course fulfills cultural diversity requirement for degree. No Service-Learning Requirement for Summer/WinterIM

URB STD 289/489 BUILDINGS-LANDSCAPES-CULTURES

FIELD SCHOOL

DATES: July 8-August 3, Weekdays 9-4 (required attendance) +

Required preparatory workshop via Zoom:

Monday, July 1, 2024 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

LOCATION: Midtown, Milwaukee (meeting location to be announced)

WEBSITE: [Thefieldschool.weebly.com](http://thefieldschool.weebly.com); MKEejLab.weebly.com

APPLICATION FORM: <http://thefieldschool.weebly.com/application.html>

THE BUILDINGS-LANDSCAPES-CULTURES (BLC) FIELD SCHOOL

The BLC Field School is a nationally recognized award-winning project that combines immersive learning with civic engagement. The Field School welcomes the participation of members of the community, and it is open to anyone who is interested and can make a full-time commitment (Mon-Fri 9am-4pm) over five weeks. Students may receive academic credit in the form of an Internship for undergraduates (URB STD 289 or 489, 3-credits) or Urban Internship for graduate students (URB STD 927, 3-credits), or other internship opportunities available to them.

*Online Course Available

If you don't need college credits, then you may join the field school for FREE as a community participant.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDS

Students participating in field schools or other training opportunities may apply for stipends of up to \$800 to attend such programs. Here is the website: <https://vafweb.org/Ridout-Fellowship>.

WHAT WE WILL DO

This summer we will collaborate with community residents to write a history of their neighborhood. The 2024 field school continues our previous engagement with Milwaukee's Midtown neighborhood, an underserved community with a rich history of civic resistance against environmental injustice. In Summer 2024 we will conduct oral history interviews to discover untold memories of this neighborhood and rich family histories of its long-term residents. We will visit local archives to learn about the past. We will organize history harvests, community led walks, and asset mapping sessions. We will learn how to read the city—its geography, material culture, and urban life.

DURING THE 5-WEEK PERIOD, WE WILL LEARN:

- How to interview community residents.
- How to observe and map physical spaces.
- How to organize community led walks and history harvests.
- How to engage the community in asset mapping exercises.
- How to do research in local archives.
- And how knowledge of place, environment, and history is remembered and passed down over generations.

DETAILED SCHEDULE

PREPARATORY VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: Monday July 1, 2024, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Week 1; July 8-12: Understanding Place.

Week 2; July 15-19: Oral History and ethnographic data collection.

Week 3; July 24-28: Archives.

Week 4; July 22-July 26: Analysis and dissemination.

Week 5; July 29-August 2: Analysis and dissemination.

August 3, 2023: Final event

STUDENT TASKS:

Student will attend the field school in person and participate in data collection, analysis, documentation, and final presentation. They have the option to create their own small research project from this experience.

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UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

URB STD 250 Exploring the Urban Environment

LEC 001

TBA

TR 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

This course examines the various dimensions of urban environments, exploring their physical, social, economic, and environmental aspects, and provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the urban environment, focusing on the principles and dynamics that shape cities. Through a multidisciplinary approach, students will gain insights into the planning and design considerations necessary for creating sustainable and livable urban spaces and explore the physical, social, economic, and environmental aspects of urban spaces. The course will spark curiosity about the spaces and places present within the urban, as we look to understand their morphology and how they impact our way of life, including daily routine, behavior, spending, and relationships. We will consider why individuals and families are drawn to a range of urban environments, tied to relational networks, employment, mobility, and affordability. By the end of the course, students should be able to analyze and critically assess urban environments. The course incorporates perspectives and knowledge from various disciplines, including architecture, urban planning, urban design, history, and others to expose students to a range of contexts, societies, landscapes, perspectives, and variables that impact urban environments and life.

URB STD 360* Perspectives on the Urban Scene: Green Cities: Urban Agriculture, Sustainability and Environmental Justice

LEC 202 TBA ONLINE & W 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

(Course will meet fully Online. Students will be expected to attend virtual class meetings at the time stated in schedule of classes, as well as complete activities in a self-paced manner.)

Urbanization, with a pace that is growing ever faster, prompts both opportunities and challenges to satisfy the needs of the ballooning urban population. While this may boost technological innovations, economic growth, as well as more efficient and integrated lifestyles; the fast-paced urbanization leads to predicaments when our urban lifestyles counter resilient environmental stewardship and worsen social equity. Thus, sustainable development, by its very definition, brings hope to the establishment of a thriving and just urban environment, and a remedy to the dire ecological damages and deterioration caused by human beings. Before desperately embracing sustainability as the panacea-like guidelines to treat the current conditions for humanity, we need to understand the

ED POL 113 The Milwaukee Community

LEC 001 Florence Johnson MW 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

An overview of communities and neighborhood groups in Milwaukee. This course includes an extended field trip to different sites in Milwaukee. The \$15 course fee pays for transportation. Students who cannot fit the field trip for their section into their schedule will have the option of going on the trip for a different section.

ED POL 114 Community Issues, Policies, and Solutions

LEC 001 STAFF T 5:00 PM - 7:40 PM

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 & Neighborhoods in America

LEC 201 STAFF R 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

GEOG 215* Introduction to Geographic Information Science

LEC 201	Zengwang Xu	ONLINE
LAB 901	Staff	ONLINE
LAB 902	Staff	ONLINE
LAB 903	Staff	ONLINE
LAB 904	Staff	ONLINE

LEC 402	Changshen Wu	TR 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM
LAB 801	Staff	R 11:30 AM - 1:20 PM
LAB 802	Staff	R 2:30 PM - 4:20 PM

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 520 Physical Geography of the City

LEC 001 Woonsup Choi MW 4:30 PM - 5:20 PM

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

GEOG 525* Geographic Information Science

LEC 201	Zengwang Xu	ONLINE
LAB 901	Staff	ONLINE
LAB 902	Staff	ONLINE

Geographic and information theoretical foundations of geographic information science (GIS). Use of macro languages in a software project to expand GIS functionality. 3 hrs lec, 2 hrs lab.

Prerequisite Enforcement: Geog 215(P) & Junior or above; or Special Student (including School Special, Post-Baccalaureate, Certificate, Univ Specials, 2nd Degree). Not open to graduate students.

GEOG 540 Globalization and the City

LEC 001	Linda McCarthy	M 5:30 PM - 8:10 PM
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This course attempts to understand the many issues, processes, and outcomes at the intersection of globalization and cities. Topics covered include globalization processes and their implications for cities involving social and cultural concerns, economic and technological factors, and political and governance issues, as well as world/global cities, global city regions, and globalizing cities. Although London, New York, and Tokyo may immediately come to mind when we think of a topic like globalization and the city, globalization has implications for all cities and so this course incorporates cities from around the world, not just the biggest or most well-known!

GEOG 625 Intermediate Geographic Information Science

LEC 401	Changshen Wu	TR 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM
LAB 801	Staff	F 11:30 AM - 1:20 PM

Concepts and techniques of geographic information science (GIS), with emphasis on GIS-based spatial analysis, associated applications, and technology.

HIST 303 A History of Greek Civilization: The Greek City-State

LEC 001	Andrew Larsen	MW 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM
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Greek history from prehistoric times to the death of Alexander the Great.

SOC WRK 306 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy

LEC 001 Staff MW 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

An analysis of the relationships between poverty, welfare programs, and the society which creates and sustains them; the origins, structures, and goals of welfare programs.

SOC WRK 630 Families and Poverty

LEC 001 Staff M 5:30 PM - 8:10 PM

Description of families in poverty and analysis of historical and contemporary national and state policies aimed at reducing poverty.

SOCIOL 224* Race and Ethnicity in the United States

LEC 201 Esther Chan ONLINE

Examines racial and ethnic relations in the U.S. in historical and contemporary contexts. Addresses racial inequality and American institutions (such as education, employment, healthcare, criminal justice, housing, and the environment).

SOCIOL 323* Perspectives on Latino Communities

LEC 201 William Velez ONLINE

This course aims to achieve an understanding of the social and economic processes currently facing the Latino population in the United States as well as their historical experiences in various regions of the country. Special attention will be given to the three largest Latino subgroups: Puerto Ricans, Chicanos (Mexican-Americans), and Cubans. We will also consider theories of migration and related concepts such as that of the refugee. An examination of the available data and sociological materials on such social institutions as schools, the family, labor markets, and housing will be undertaken.

SOCIOL 325 Social Change

LEC 001 Reggie Wynn MW 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Study of change in society; integration and various theories of social change; examination of contemporary instances of social change.

**THEATRE 305 The Theatrical Experience:
Out and About in Milwaukee**

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Robin Mello

W 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Students “attend” theatre in the Milwaukee area. Students analyze and evaluate the productions they see--making specific connections between theory and practice. Students develop an aesthetic language that may be applied toward their professional and personal lives. Students engage in critical analysis and engagement through interacting with performances, performers, and productions.

What am I learning?

- To experience a wide variety of theatre in the Milwaukee community.
- To expand your ability to analyze and discuss theatre.
- To develop your critical thinking skills and personal criteria for evaluating performance.
- To participate in a collaborative process: the audience experience.

How will I know I am learning? You will recognize learning when you...

- Examine and explore ways that a play is realized.
- Apply critical perspectives in compassionate and mindful ways as a response to performances.
- Express personal perspectives in response to performances.
- Examine a variety of cultural viewpoints in response to theatre.
- Develop your aesthetic perspectives as a response to theatre.
- Engage in writing and presenting your responses to seeing theatre.

URBPLAN 140 Issues in Contemporary Urban Planning

LEC 401

Lawrence Witzling

TR 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

DIS 602 Deja Taylor

T 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM

DIS 603 STAFF

T 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM

DIS 604 Deja Taylor

R 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM

DIS 605 STAFF

R 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM

To examine issues that cities are working on, including sustainability, transportation, economic development, and housing, and learn how planners address these.

URBPLAN 316* Planning for the Great Cities of America

LEC 201

Yaidi Cancel Martinez

TR 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM

The study of planning and development programs of large American cities and their approaches to growth, change, and decay, with a view to future solutions.

**URBPLAN 350 Social Justice, Urban Planning and the New
Multicultural America**

LEC 002

Kirk Harris

T 2:30 PM - 5:10 PM

Examination of historical, sociological, economic and political relationships that impact urban communities. Community and social justice issues are addressed from a planning perspective.

**URBPLAN 591* Introduction to Urban Geographic Information
Systems (GIS) in Planning**

LEC 201

Michael Benedict

M 5:30 PM - 6:25 PM

LAB 902 STAFF

M 6:30 PM - 8:00 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

26TH ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM

“THE URBAN FORUM @ CITY HALL: HEARING COMMUNITY VOICES”

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

MILWAUKEE CITY HALL ROTUNDA

200 E WELLS STREET
MILWAUKEE WI

SCHEDULE

2:30 - 3:00 PM INTRODUCTION & REFRESHMENTS
3:00 - 4:00 PM POSTER SESSION
4:00 - 5:15 PM PANEL SESSION
5:15 - 6:00 PM RECEPTION

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC