

URBAN STUDIES (URBN)

URBN 1000 The Urban World (4 semester hours)

An introduction to historic and contemporary cities, processes of urbanization, and urban society. Course topics include urban origins, urban economics, the internal structure of cities, urban infrastructure, urban social and cultural processes, urban physical and social environments, and city systems in the regional and global context. University Core fulfilled: Explorations: Understanding Human Behavior.

URBN 1010 Introduction to Geographical Information Systems (4 semester hours)

An introduction to geospatial and environmental research methods with an emphasis on the use of GIS as an essential methodology for the investigation and visualization of spatial data and multivariate environmental and urban issues. University Core fulfilled: Explorations: Nature of Sci, Tech, Math.

URBN 1998 Special Studies (1-4 semester hours)**URBN 1999 Independent Studies (1-4 semester hours)****URBN 2998 Special Studies (1-4 semester hours)****URBN 2999 Independent Studies (1-4 semester hours)****URBN 3010 Metropolitan Los Angeles (4 semester hours)**

An introduction of the social, economic, political, environmental, and spatial characteristics and dynamics of metropolitan Los Angeles in the context of postmodern urbanization in the United States.

URBN 3045 Urban Planning (4 semester hours)

An introduction to the problems, principles, and practices of contemporary urban planning, especially in California and the United States.

URBN 3046 Sustainable Cities (4 semester hours)

An examination of the challenges of and potential solutions to the sustainability of socioeconomic, environmental, and ecological systems associated with historic, contemporary, and future urbanization. Course topics include an analysis of the sustainability of historic and contemporary cities, the consideration of sustainable alternatives associated with such trends as New Urbanism, and the potential for alternative urban policies and practices designed to foster sustainability.

URBN 3047 Community Development (4 semester hours)

An exploration of the meanings and methodologies of community development, especially in contemporary urban America.

URBN 3100 GIS Research (4 semester hours)

Directed research in selected urban issues using GIS as a research tool and presentation method. Pre-requisite: URBN 1010 or equivalent.

URBN 3200 A Better World: Purpose and Place (4 semester hours)

Understanding theory, research, and practice related to "purpose," in this case the promotion of social justice and sustainability, and to "place," in the context of a community-based organization. Students will work for a minimum of 20 hours in a selected community organization. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Ethics and Justice.

URBN 3998 Special Studies (1-4 semester hours)**URBN 3999 Independent Studies (1-4 semester hours)****URBN 4000 Senior Project (4 semester hours)**

A supervised internship and directed research on a specific urban topic incorporating appropriate primary and secondary research methodologies and/or participant observation. Senior standing or permission of the Program Director required. University Core fulfilled: Flags: Engaged Learning.

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