

# URBAN STUDIES, B.A.

## Objectives

As an interdisciplinary program, Urban Studies encourages students to examine urbanization and the multitude of issues inherent in urban life from the perspectives of a wide range of disciplines and methodological traditions. The critical analysis of urban issues helps students evaluate the various political, sociocultural, and economic strategies available to urban planners, local governments, law enforcement agencies, social service organizations and others seeking to remedy the problems of contemporary cities.

Career options for Urban Studies majors may be found in local government, law enforcement, real estate development, and urban social services. The major is also appropriate preparation for students seeking careers or graduate education in urban planning, public administration, social welfare, policy analysis, or the law.

## Urban Studies Student Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the Urban Studies major should:

- Know-Understand:
  - The general history of urbanization and its associated economic and demographic processes
  - The structures and expressions of urbanization and urban life associated with modern and postmodern cities
  - The structures and expressions of urbanization and urban life associated with cities of the developed realms/core and those associated with cities of the less developed realm/periphery
  - The basic research questions and agendas associated with the various disciplines contributing to our understanding of urban issues
  - The general expressions of urbanization and urban life associated with contemporary Los Angeles
  - The common theories, practices, and methodologies employed in contemporary urban planning and policy analysis;
- Be able to:
  - Effectively employ contemporary social science methodology in the analysis of urban issues
  - Demonstrate written and oral competencies in the analysis of urban issues and policy
  - Identify and utilize appropriate primary data, including census materials, for the analysis of urban issues
  - Apply their understanding of urban issues to the development and critical analysis of programs and policies appropriate to addressing contemporary social and economic problems
  - Successfully pursue graduate education in such areas as urban planning, public administration, policy analysis, social welfare, and the law upon completion of their major;
- Value:
  - Diverse perspectives in the analysis and assessment of urban issues and policies
  - Thoughtful analysis of the implications of urbanization and urban policy in the context of social justice and sound environmental practices

- Rigorous, scientific research that enlightens the experience of urban populations and contributes to the resolution of the social and environmental problems associated with urbanization
- Community-based participation in the development of programs and policies that contribute to the social, economic, political, and environmental improvement of their communities and cities.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Hours
<b>Lower Division Requirements <sup>1</sup></b>		
URBN 1000	The Urban World	4
URBN 1010	Introduction to Geographical Information Systems	4
SOCL 2000	Qualitative Research Methods	4
SOCL 2100	Statistics	4
<b>Subtotal</b>		16
<b>Upper Division Requirements <sup>2</sup></b>		
URBN 3045	Urban Planning	4
URBN 3046	Sustainable Cities	4
URBN 3047	Community Development	4
URBN 4000	Senior Project	4
Select two of the following in one or more of the following areas:		8
<i>Law and Justice</i>		
POLS 3230	Courts, Law, and Society	
POLS 4210	United States Constitutional Law: Case Method I	
POLS 4220	United States Constitutional Law: Case Method II	
SOCL 3130	Sociology of Law	
SOCL 3200	Deviant Behavior	
SOCL 4100	Criminal Justice	
SOCL 4101	Criminal Law	
SOCL 4202	Crime and Delinquency	
<i>Urban Politics, Public Administration, and Policy Analysis</i>		
CLST 3320	Racial and Ethnic Politics	
CLST 4310	Chicana/o Politics	
ECON 3560	Urban Economics	
POLS 3340	Urban Politics	
POLS 4390	Politics of Los Angeles	
POLS 4250	Public Policy Analysis	
SOCL 3120	Social Organization	
<i>Urban Culture</i>		
HIST 4410	History of Los Angeles	
SOCL 3232	Applied Community Internship	
SOCL 3300	Urban Sociology	
URBN 3010	Metropolitan Los Angeles	
WGST 3800	Gender and Urban Geographies	
<i>Urban-Ethnic Communities</i>		
APAM 4327	Asian American Psychology	
APAM 4350	Immigration and Los Angeles	
CLST 3308	Contemporary Urban Issues	
SOCL 3221	Race and Ethnic Relations	
SOCL 3222		
<i>Urban Planning</i>		
BIOL 321	Urban Ecology	

ECON 3300	Econometrics	
ECON 5320	Advanced Econometrics	
SOCL 3310	Demography and Population Analysis	
SOCL 3360	Environment and Society	
URBN 3100	GIS Research	
URBN 3998	Special Studies	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>40</b>

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A grade of C (2.0) will be required in all lower division major courses.

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An average grade of C (2.0) must be obtained in the upper division courses included in the major.

**Note:**

An appropriate upper division course not listed for one of the area electives may be counted for the major with approval of the Department Chair.

## Urban Studies Model Four-Year Plan

The normal course load is 16 semester hours (4 classes). By following the model below, a student will complete all lower division core requirements by the end of the sophomore year as well as most major prerequisites. Note that core areas are suggested to provide a distribution of various disciplines every semester. Please be flexible implementing these suggestions, given your own interests and course availability. In four years, this plan meets all common graduation requirements.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
URBN 1000	The Urban World	4
FFYS 1000 or RHET 1000	First Year Seminar or Rhetorical Arts	4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
URBN 1010	Introduction to Geographical Information Systems	4
FFYS 1000 or RHET 1000	First Year Seminar or Rhetorical Arts	3-4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Sophomore Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SOCL 2000	Qualitative Research Methods	4
University Core		3-4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
SOCL 2100	Statistics	4
University Core		3-4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>

**Junior Year**

**Fall**

URBN 3046	Sustainable Cities	4
URBN 3047	Community Development	4
University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>

**Spring**

URBN 3045	Urban Planning	4
URBN Upper Division		4
University Core		3-4
Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>

**Senior Year**

**Fall**

URBN Upper Division		4
University Core		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>

**Spring**

URBN 4000	Senior Project	4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
Upper Division Elective		3-4
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Minimum Semester Hours</b>		<b>107-128</b>