Duluth Campus

Urban and Regional Studies B.A.

Geography & Philosophy

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2017
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 51
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The urban and regional studies program is an interdisciplinary major, which prepares students for careers in planning, public administration policy analysis, community activism, and other fields related to urban development and urban change. The program incorporates resources from many departments and stresses the inherent interdependence in urban life, such as the connection between urban and rural development, cultural change and economic change, and uneven development. Students gain insight into the complexities of life in urban areas and are encouraged to understand the global context of current urban problems. The program also prepares students for graduate study in planning, public administration, law, and the social sciences.

Honors Requirements: Candidates must have a 3.00 overall GPA and a 3.30 in the major. An honors project and paper must be completed in GEOG 4999. Students who wish to have such work considered for honors must complete a departmental form prior to the second semester of their senior year. Completed project and papers must be approved by the sponsoring faculty member and other members of the faculty in the department.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites

Introductory Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement.
New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.
UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the Liberal Education Program.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

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1. The study of foreign language is recommended, but not required.
2. Study abroad is encouraged for all students and the department makes every effort to facilitate such experiences.

Lower Division (20 cr)
SOC 1101 - Introduction to Sociology [LE CAT, LECD C, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
SOC 2155 - Introduction to Research Methods and Analysis (4.0 cr)
URS 1001 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT8, SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
GEOG 1202 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT8, LEIP CAT08, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
or GEOG 1304 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT6, LECD CAT06, SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
ECON 1022 - Principles of Economics: Macro [LE CAT, SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
or ECON 1023 - Principles of Economics: Micro [LE CAT, SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
POL 1011 - American Government and Politics [LE CAT6, SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
or POL 1610 - Introduction to Political Theory [LE CAT, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)

Upper Division (16 cr)
ARTH 2300 - The City as a Work of Art [LE CAT, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)
GEOG 3334 - Urban Geography (3.0 cr)
GEOG 3335 - Urban Planning (3.0 cr)
GEOG 3481 - The Ecology of Cities (3.0 cr)
GEOG 4612 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
or SOC 3155 - Quantitative Research Methods and Analysis (4.0 cr)
or SOC 3156 - Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis (4.0 cr)

Internship (3 cr)
Students must take a minimum of 3 credits.
URS 3097 - Internship (3.0 cr)

Elective Categories (8 cr)
Students are required to complete one of the following categories consisting of three or more classes. URS 3991 (independent study) may be applicable to an area with departmental consent.

Sustainability, Public Policy, and Public Administration
Take 3 or more course(s) from the following:
•ECON 3570 - Public Finance (3.0 cr)
•ECON 3721 - Natural Resource and Energy Economics (3.0 cr)
•ECON 3777 - Environmental Economics (3.0 cr)
•ES 3500 - Ecological Economics (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3422 - Natural Hazards (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 4446 - Water Processes and Management (3.0 cr)
•POL 3015 - State and Local Government (4.0 cr)
•SOC 3901 - Social Change and Social Policy (3.0 cr)
•WS 3600 - Ecofeminism: Theories and Sustainable Practices [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
or **Urban Society and Culture**
Take 3 or more course(s) from the following:
•SOC 3821 - Sociology of Community (3.0 cr)
•SOC 3945 - Social Stratification (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4949 - Race and Ethnic Relations [RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
•WS 2101 - Women, Race, and Class [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
or **Spatial Analysis and Planning**
Take 3 or more course(s) from the following:
•FORS 3205 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•GEOG 2552 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT2, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3532 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
•GIS 4533 - Distributed Geographic Information Services: Mobile and Web Based Solutions (4.0 cr)
•GIS 3563 - Geographic Information Science I: Theory and Analysis (4.0 cr)
•GIS 3564 - Geographic Information Science II: Applied GIS (4.0 cr)
•GIS 3580 - Earth Imagery (4.0 cr)
•GIS 4585 - Advanced GIS Analytics (4.0 cr)
•GIS 5571 - Geographic Information Science in Urban Analysis (4.0 cr)
•GIS 5572 - Environmental Application of GIS (4.0 cr)
•GIS 5573 - GIScience in Regional Sustainability Applications (4.0 cr)
•GIS 5581 - Digital Image Processing and Analysis (4.0 cr)
or **Cities in a Global Society**
Take 3 or more course(s) from the following:
•AAAS 3306 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•ANTH 4500 - The New Commons: Governing Shared Resources for Present and Future Generations [SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)

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- ECON 3150 - Development Economics (3.0 cr)
- FORS 3167 - GEOG 3167 Cultural Geography of Iceland (3.0 cr)
- FORS 3800 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- GEOG 3370 - Geographies of Development (3.0 cr)
- POL 3451 - Theories of International Relations (4.0 cr)
- POL 3570 - Politics of Developing Nations (3.0 cr)
- POL 3575 - Latin American Politics and Development (3.0 cr)
- WS 3000 - Transnational Perspectives on Feminism [SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3001 - Gender Relations in the Global South [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)

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