Twin Cities Campus

Urban Studies Minor

CLA Dean's Office

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- Required credits in this minor: 13 to 14

The minor in urban studies focuses on the conceptual and analytical frameworks and specialized skills needed for professions focused on urban change or development. The scope of the discipline is reflected in the main areas of specialization that make up the undergraduate curriculum: social and cultural analysis of urban life, urban political economy, urban infrastructure and environment, and international urban issues.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Minor Requirements

Students may earn up to one undergraduate degree in the urban studies program: a BA, a BS, or a minor. Students who major or minor in urban studies may combine those degrees with a major or minor in geography, or the other departmental minors: public health, geographic information science.

Introductory Course

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

- URBS 1001W - Introduction to Urban Studies: The Complexity of Metropolitan Life [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or URBS 3001W - Introduction to Urban Studies: The Complexity of Metropolitan Life [WI] (3.0 cr)

Electives

Take at least 6 credits of electives chosen from one of the four tracks: Social and Cultural Analysis of Urban Life, Urban Political Economy, Urban Infrastructure and Environment, and International Urban Issues.

Take 6 or more credit(s) including 1 or more sub-requirements(s) from the following:

Social and Cultural Analysis of Urban Life

Take 0 - 6 credit(s) from the following:

- AFRO 5910 - Topics in African American and African Studies (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4511 - Indigenous Political Economies (3.0 cr)
- CHIC 4275 - Theory in Action: Community Engagement in a Social Justice Framework [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- COMM 3451W - Intercultural Communication: Theory and Practice [WI] (3.0 cr)
- COMM 5451W - Intercultural Communication Processes [WI] (3.0 cr)
- ENGL 3013 - The City in Literature [LITR] (3.0 cr)
- GEOG 3371W - Cities, Citizens, and Communities [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- HIST 3821 - United States in the 20th Century to 1945 [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- HIST 3822 - Making America Modern: 1945 to Present (3.0 cr)
- HSG 4467W *{Inactive}*[WI] (4.0 cr)
- PA 5290 - Topics in Planning (0.5 - 4.0 cr)
- PA 5401 - Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy (3.0 cr)
- PA 5601 - Global Survey of Gender and Public Policy (3.0 cr)
- POL 3462 - The Politics of Race, Class, and Ethnicity in the United States, South Africa and Cuba (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3201 - Introduction to Social Psychology (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3451W - Cities & Social Change [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4108 - Current Issues in Crime Control (3.0 cr)
- SW 5101 - Historical Origins and Contemporary Policies in Social Welfare (3.0 cr)
- URBS 3301W *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)
- GLBT 3212 - Dissident Sexualities in U.S. History (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3212 - Dissident Sexualities in U.S. History (3.0 cr)
- GEOG 3374W - The City in Film [AH, WI] (4.0 cr)
  or GEOG 3374V *{Inactive}*[AH, WI] (4.0 cr)
  or GEOG 5374 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- AFRO 3865 - African American History: 1865 to the Present (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3865 - African American History, 1865 to Present (3.0 cr)

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•AMIN 3872 - American Indian History: 1830 to the Present [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or HIST 3872 - American Indian History: 1830 to the Present [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•AAS 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
or AFRO 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
or AMIN 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
or CHIC 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)

•Urban Political Economy

Take 0 - 6 credit(s) from the following:

•APEC 3611W - Environmental and Natural Resource Economics [ENV, WI] (3.0 cr)
•ECON 4821 - Public Economics (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3331 - Geography of the World Economy [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3362 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•HSG 5463 - Housing Policy (3.0 cr)
•LA 3004 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
•PA 4200 - Urban and Regional Planning (3.0 cr)
•PA 5004 - Introduction to Planning (3.0 cr)
•PA 5013 - Law and Urban Land Use (1.5 cr)
•PA 5211 - Land Use Planning (3.0 cr)
•PA 5221 - Private Sector Development (3.0 cr)
•PA 5261 - Housing Policy (3.0 cr)
•PA 5290 - Topics in Planning (0.5 - 4.0 cr)
•PA 5421 - Racial Inequality and Public Policy (3.0 cr)
•PA 5511 - Community Economic Development (3.0 cr)
•POL 3327 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•POL 3477 - Political Economy of Development [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
•POL 3462 - The Politics of Race, Class, and Ethnicity in the United States, South Africa and Cuba (3.0 cr)
•URBS 3771 - Fundamentals of Transit (3.0 cr)
•URBS 3861 - Financing Cities (3.0 cr)
•URBS 3871 - A Suburban World (3.0 cr)
•BSE 3361W *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)
or GEOG 3361W *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)
•LA 3514 *{Inactive}*[CIV] (3.0 cr)
or LA 5514 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

•Urban Infrastructure and Environment

Take 0 - 6 credit(s) from the following:

•APEC 3611W - Environmental and Natural Resource Economics [ENV, WI] (3.0 cr)
•ARCH 3711W - Environmental Design and the Sociocultural Context [SOCS, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
•ARCH 4671 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•ARCH 4701W - Introduction to Urban Form and Theory [WI] (3.0 cr)
•ARCH 5672 - Historic Building Conservation (3.0 cr)
•ARCH 5673 - Historic Property Research and Documentation (3.0 cr)
•ARCH 5711 - Theory and Principles of Urban Design (3.0 cr)
•CEGE 3201 - Transportation Engineering [TS] (3.0 cr)
•CEGE 5212 - Transportation Policy, Planning, and Deployment (3.0 cr)
•ESPM 3011W - Ethics in Natural Resources [CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
•ESPM 3245 - Sustainable Land Use Planning and Policy [ENV] (3.0 cr)
•ESPM 3251 - Natural Resources in Sustainable International Development [GP] (3.0 cr)
•LA 3003 - Climate Change Adaptation (3.0 cr)
•LA 3501 - Environmental Design and Its Biological and Physical Context [ENV] (3.0 cr)
•LA 4755 *{Inactive}*[TS] (3.0 cr)
•LA 5204 - Metropolitan Landscape Ecology (3.0 cr)
•LA 5401 - Directed Studies in Emerging Areas of Landscape Architecture (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
•PA 5013 - Law and Urban Land Use (1.5 cr)
•PA 5212 - Managing Urban Growth and Change (3.0 cr)
•PA 5231 - Transit Planning and Management (3.0 cr)
•PA 5232 - Transportation Policy, Planning, and Deployment (3.0 cr)
•PA 5421 - Racial Inequality and Public Policy (3.0 cr)
•SUST 4004 - Sustainable Communities (3.0 cr)
•URBS 3751 - Understanding the Urban Environment [ENV] (3.0 cr)
•URBS 3771 - Fundamentals of Transit (3.0 cr)
•CEGE 5211 - Highway Design & Traffic Operations (4.0 cr)
or CEGE 4211 - Highway Design and Traffic Operations (4.0 cr)
•APEC 5651 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or PA 5722 - Economics of Environmental Policy (3.0 cr)

•International Urban Issues

Take 0 - 6 credit(s) from the following:

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•ARCH 3722 *{Inactive}*[GP, AH] (3.0 cr)
•ARCH 4674 - World Heritage Conservation (3.0 cr)
•ARGN 3009 - Argentina: Stereotypes and Identity (3.0 cr)
•CHIC 3352 - Transborder Theory: Global Views/Borderland Spaces (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3212 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3331 - Geography of the World Economy [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3373 - Changing Form of the City [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3388 - Going Places: Geographies of Travel and Tourism [CIV] (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 5385 - Globalization and Development: Political Economy (4.0 cr)
•HIST 3415 - Migrations in Modern Global History [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
•HSG 4465 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•PA 5522 - International Development Policy, Families, and Health (3.0 cr)
•PA 5561 - Gender and International Development (3.0 cr)
•PA 5880 - Exploring Global Cities (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
•POL 3451W - Politics and Society in the New Europe [GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
•POL 3464 - The Politics of Economic Inequality [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•POL 3462 - The Politics of Race, Class, and Ethnicity in the United States, South Africa and Cuba (3.0 cr)
•ANTH 3009 - Prehistoric Pathways to World Civilizations [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or HIST 3066 - Prehistoric Pathways to World Civilization [HIS] (3.0 cr)
•GLOS 3145 - Global Modernity, the Nation-State, and Capitalism (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 3145H - Honors: Global Modernity, the Nation-State, and Capitalism (3.0 cr)
•GLOS 3278 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or HIST 3478 - Tigers and Dragons: The Rise of the East Asian Economies, 1930-Present (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3331 - Geography of the World Economy [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 3231 - Geography of the World Economy [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 3379 - Environment and Development in the Third World [SOCS, ENV] (3.0 cr)
or GLOS 3303 *{Inactive}*[SOCS, ENV] (3.0 cr)
•HIST 3402W - Modern Latin America 1825 to Present [HIS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)
or LAS 3402W - Modern Latin America 1825 to Present [HIS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)
•GLOS 3422 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or HIST 3722 - Studies in 20th-Century Europe From the End of World War II to the End of the Cold War: 1945-91 [HIS, GP] (3.0 cr)
•AFRO 3432 - Modern Africa in a Changing World [HIS, GP] (3.0 - 4.0 cr)
or HIST 3432 - Modern Africa in a Changing World [HIS, GP] (3.0 - 4.0 cr)
•AFRO 3433 - Economic Development in Contemporary Africa [SOCS, GP] (3.0 cr)
or APEC 3061 - Economic Development in Contemporary Africa [GP, SOCS] (3.0 cr)

Urban Studies Colloquia
Any combination of credits from 3201 and 3202 is acceptable.
Take 2 or more credit(s) from the following:
•URBS 3201 *{Inactive}*(1.0 cr)
•URBS 3202 *{Inactive}*(1.0 cr)

Urban Studies Workshop or Internship Seminar
Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling 2 - 3 credit(s) from the following:
•URBS 3500 - Urban Studies Workshop (3.0 cr)
or URBS 3896 - Urban Studies Internship Seminar (2.0 cr)

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