

# URBAN STUDIES (B.A.)

The field of urban studies explores contemporary cities and urban trends and addressed some of today's most pressing problems. Globally, complex systems of urban settlement house the overwhelming majority of the population and dominate their residents' social, economic, cultural, and intellectual lives. In the U.S., in particular, exploring the development and transformation of metropolitan regions is essential to understanding some of the most significant dynamics affecting the nation. Especially pertinent are the powerful forces of suburbanization, political fragmentation, and residential segregation along lines of race and class that reshaped our society in the latter half of the 20th century. These forces structure the resources, activities, and opportunities that unite and divide Americans. Wayne State's Detroit location offers a powerful vantage point from which students may gain valuable insight these complex dynamics.

## Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for this program are satisfied by the general requirements for undergraduate admission (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/admission/>) to the University.

## Program Requirements

Candidates must complete 120 credits in course work including satisfaction of the University General Education Requirements (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education/>) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Group Requirements (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/bachelors-degree-requirements/>), as well as the Departmental major requirements cited below. All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the University (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-regulations/>) and the College (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations/>) governing undergraduate scholarship and degrees.

## Major Requirements

Students majoring in Urban Studies are required to complete a minimum of thirty-four credits. This consists of the completion of eighteen credits in five core courses, six credits of core Urban Studies electives, and one three or four-credit research methods course. Students are also required to select at least six credits of additional electives from the list of Urban Studies electives or from additional courses not included in the list but approved by the undergraduate director within the Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
US 2000	Introduction to Urban Studies	4
GPH 3130	Introductory Urban Geography	4
GPH 3600	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	4
US 4510	Cities and Regions	3
US 4620	Urban Studies Senior Capstone Research	3
<b>Research Methods Courses</b>		
Select one of the following:		3-4
CRJ 3550	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	
GPH 6420	Quantitative Techniques I	
PS 3600	Methods of Political Inquiry	
SOC 3200	Methods of Social Research	
<b>Urban Studies Core Electives</b>		
Select at least two of the following courses:		6

US 2200	Global Urbanism
US 3530	Urban and Regional Planning
US 3550	Public Health and the City
UP 3140	Urban Visualization
UP 4460	Sustainable Cities

### Electives

Select a minimum of six credits from the course list below. 6-7

## Elective Courses

Code	Title	Credits
AFS 2010	African American Culture	4
AFS 2210	Black Social and Political Thought	4
AFS 2350	Black Detroit	3
AFS 2600	Race and Racism in America	3
AFS 3160	Black Urban History	4
AFS 3180	Black Social Movements	4
ANT 2200	Lost Cities and Ancient Civilizations	3
ANT 2020	Global Detroit	3
ANT 2400	Food and Culture	3
ANT 3020	Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANT 3100	World Cultures	3
ANT 3111	Digital Storytelling and Ethnic Detroit	3
ANT 3410	Global Health	3
ANT 5060	Urban Anthropology	3
CRJ 3050	Mental Health and Crime	3
CRJ 3120	Politics of the Criminal Justice Process	3
CRJ 3200	Police and Society	3
CRJ 3350	Corrections	3
ELR 2500	Introduction to Labor Studies	4
GLS 2700	Introduction to Global Stories	3
GLS 2800	Introduction to Global Issues and Institutions	3
GLS 2900	Intercultural Competence for a Global World	3
GPH 4600	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	4
PCS 2000	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies	3
PCS 2050	The Study of Non-Violence	3
PH 2100	Introduction to Public Health	3
PH 3100	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health	3
PH 3300	Epidemiology	3
PH 3500	Environmental Health	3
PS 2240	Introduction to Urban Politics and Policy	4
PS 2410	Introduction to Public Policy	4
PS 2420	Ethics and Politics of Public Policy	4
PS 3250/ HIS 3240	Detroit Politics: Continuity and Change in City and Suburbs	4
PS 4460	Techniques of Policy Analysis	4
UP 3530	Urban and Regional Planning	3
SOC 2201	Race Relations in Metro Detroit	3
SOC 2203	Social Psychology	3
SOC 2205	Sociology of the Environment	3
SOC 2207	Sociology of Development	3
SOC 2300	Social Inequality	3
SOC 2510	People on the Move	3
SOC 2210	Sociology of Health and Medicine	3
UP 4460	Sustainable Cities	3
UP 5430	Cities and Food	3

US 3900	Topics in Urban Studies and Geography	3
US 3650	History of Detroit	3
US 4000	Internship	1-4
UP 5650	Metropolitan Detroit	3
UP 5820	Urban and Regional Economics	4

## Urban Studies Honors Program

Students with a grade point average of 3.3 or higher may be admitted to the Honors Program in Urban Studies. Department requirements (15 credits minimum):

- Maintain a 3.3 grade point average.
- Complete one HON 42xx-level Honors seminar (3 cr)
- US 4620 honors section: Thesis. (3 cr.): A senior thesis under the direction of a full time faculty advisor in their major
- Accumulate at least 9 credits in honors-designated course work, honors section, or honors option, within the major of Urban Studies coursework.

The Accelerated Graduate Enrollment (AGRADE) program allows students to enroll simultaneously in the Master of Urban Planning and the undergraduate major in Urban Studies, or an aligned field. Students can apply a maximum of 16 credits towards both their undergraduate degree and the Master of Urban Planning. The 16 credits are paid at the undergraduate tuition rate. Because the Master of Urban Planning is a professional degree, the program accepts AGRADE students from all undergraduate majors, though students from Urban Studies or closely aligned fields are more likely to benefit from having all 16 credits double counted.

Students must apply to the AGRADE program during the semester in which they earn 90 credits toward their undergraduate degree (typically during junior year). Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 and final approval from their major department. Early planning is essential. Courses in the Master of Urban Planning that typically count toward AGRADE include:

Code	Title	Credits
UP 5010	Resources and Communication in Planning	3
UP 5110	Urban Planning Process	3
UP 6120	Planning Studies and Methods	4
UP 6320	Quantitative Techniques I	4
UP 6510	Urban and Regional Systems	3
UP 6700	Geographic Information Systems	4

For more information on AGRADE, contact the Graduate Director for the Master of Urban Planning program.