

URBAN STUDIES AND PLANNING (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 (<https://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 (<https://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education/>) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Group Requirements (<https://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 (<https://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-regulations/>) and the College (<https://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations/>) governing undergraduate scholarship and degrees.

Major Requirements

Students majoring in Urban Studies and Planning are required to complete a minimum of thirty-four credits. This consists of the completion of three or four credits (one course) in Fundamentals of Urbanism, 16 credits (five courses) in Fundamentals of Urban Planning, 12 credits (4 courses) in Planning Practice, and one 3-credit Urban Studies and Planning Elective from the approved list 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
Fundamentals of Urbanism		
Select one of the following:		
US 2000	Introduction to Urban Studies	4
US 2200	Global Urbanism	3
GPH 3130	Introductory Urban Geography	4
Fundamentals of Urban Planning		
The following courses are required:		3-4
UP 3530		
UP 4420	Methods for Urban Studies	3
US 4510	Cities and Regions	3
US 4620	Urban Studies Senior Capstone Research	3

GPH 3600	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	4
Planning Practice		
Select four of the following courses:		6
GPH 4600	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	
US 3550	Public Health and the City	
UP 3730	Introduction to Land Use and Transportation	
UP 3830	Community and Economic Development	
UP 4460	Sustainable Cities	

Electives		
Select a minimum of three credits from the course list below. Any required course not already taken may also serve as an elective.		3

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		3
SOC 2201	Race Relations in Metro Detroit	3
SOC 2203	Social Psychology	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 3140	Urban Visualization	3
US 4000	Internship	1-4
UP 4460	Sustainable Cities	3
UP 5650	Metropolitan Detroit	3
UP 5820	Urban and Regional Economics	4
UP 6320	Quantitative Techniques I	4
US 2350	Black Detroit	3
US 3650	History of Detroit	3
US 3900	Topics in Urban Studies and Geography	3

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.