

URBAN STUDIES

Urban Studies is an interdisciplinary approach to understanding cities, including their historical, social, cultural, economic and political contexts and processes. It includes both theoretical or descriptive approaches to the city and urban life and applied or practical approaches to urban planning, historic preservation and urban policy making. Urban studies also addresses urban problems including housing, education, suburbanization, segregation, gentrification, crime, public space, and others. Urban studies recognizes that cities are distinctive places to live and work and that urban life produces particular opportunities and issues.

The Urban Studies minor allows University of Mary Washington students to explore the particular dynamics of cities from an interdisciplinary framework. It emphasizes breadth. Students interested in obtaining a minor in Urban Studies should contact the program director or one of the affiliated faculty.

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following introductory classes:		3
HISP 209	Planning History and Practice	
GEOG 231	Introduction to Planning	
GEOG 237	Cities	
Select one of the following capstone classes: ¹		3-4
SOCG 475	Public Sociology	
HISP 469	Laboratory in Preservation Planning	
GEOG 490	Senior Seminar in Geography ²	
Select four electives in two different disciplines, with at least three at 2-13 the 300-level or beyond ³		
Total Credits		18-20

¹ Students can fulfill the capstone requirement with a 3-credit independent study or a 3-credit senior or honors thesis with the approval of the instructor and the Director of the program.

² Only specific GEOG 490 courses count. These include GEOG 490U (Policing the Planet), 490W (Revanchist City, Rebel City), and 490X (Suburbs)

³ One 3-credit Individual Study course may be substituted for one of the elective courses with the approval of the instructor and the Director of the minor program. One 3-credit internship can be substituted for one of the elective courses with the approval of a faculty sponsor and the Director of the minor program. One 3-credit study abroad class can be substituted for one of the elective courses with the approval of a faculty sponsor and the Director of the minor program.

Electives for Urban Studies Minor

Code	Title	Credits
AMST 203	American Protest	3
ANTH 211	Race in Global Perspective	3
ANTH 309	Anthropology of Art	3
ANTH 344	Urban Theory & Ethnography	3
ARTH 311	Roman Art	3
ARTH 355	Modern Architecture	3
CLAS 103	Ideas and Culture: The Ancient Greek World	3

CLAS 105	Ideas and Culture: The Ancient Roman World	3
CLAS 302	Democracy and Revolution in Ancient Athens	3
CLAS 318	Ancient Slavery and Its Legacy	3
CLAS 390	The Ancient City	3
ECON 351C	Poverty, Affluence, and Equality	3
ECON 352	Labor Economics	3
EESC 326	Pollution Prevention Planning	3
EESC 330	Environmental Regulations	3
GEOG 231	Introduction to Planning	3
GEOG 236	Globalization and Local Development	3
GEOG 237	Cities	3
GEOG 331	Race and Place in America	3
GEOG 337	The Nature of Cities	3
GEOG 490	Senior Seminar in Geography ²	3
HISP 209	Planning History and Practice	3
HISP 324	Urban Design	3
HISP 469	Laboratory in Preservation Planning	3
HISP 470	Historic Preservation Abroad	3
HIST 308	US Labor History	3
HIST 310	US Urban History	3
SOCG 313	Urban Sociology	3
SOCG 336	Community Power	3
SOCG 475	Public Sociology	4

Additional classes from American Studies, Anthropology, Geography, Historic Preservation, History, Sociology, and other disciplines will count with the approval of the Program Coordinator.

Urban Studies Program

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