**URBAN STUDIES, BA**

The Urban Studies major draws from classes in sociology, geography, history, political science, economics, urban studies, and urban planning to explore issues related to cities, suburban communities and metropolitan regions such as transportation, education, housing, population shifts, crime, discrimination, and more.

The Department of Urban Studies develops students analytical and critical thinking abilities through an examination of the history and growth of urban centers and the challenges they face today and into the future. Our faculty includes international specialists, but much of our curriculum focuses on American cities, and Milwaukee in particular. Our home city is unique, vibrant, and a wonderful place for hands-on study and research.

Because of their interest in urban populations and problem-solving, many graduates work in the areas of community development, land-use planning, public works, community organization, housing policy development and implementation, public education administration, social services, construction management, public health, journalism and fundraising. Entry-level roles can include tasks ranging from research to planning to program implementation to customer support.

Students in Urban Studies take courses in a variety of disciplines with elective classes that reflect their specific interests and goals. Classes may come from the History Department, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, and more. An internship or study abroad experience is a popular option for students to gain real-world experience working in urban environments. We believe so strongly that experiential learning is an essential part of an urban studies education that we require a service learning experience for all of our majors. An undergraduate certificate in Urban Studies (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/urban-studies/urban-studies-undergraduate-certificate) is also available for students seeking a program that is closer to a minor.

### Requirements

**Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree**

Complete 120 credits including 90 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

**University General Education Requirements (GER)**

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**Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement**

### Quantitative Literacy

#### Part A

Select one of the following:

- MATH 103 Contemporary Applications of Mathematics
- MATH 105 Introduction to College Algebra
- MATH 108 Algebraic Literacy II
- MATH 111 Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning
- or PHILOS 111 Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning
- Or equivalent course

#### Part B

Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

- **Arts**
  - Select 3 credits
- **Humanities**
  - Select 6 credits
- **Social Sciences**
  - Select 6 credits
- **Natural Sciences**
  - Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab)

**UWM Foreign Language Requirement**

Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:

- Two years (high school) of a single foreign language
- Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language
- Or equivalent

**UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement**

One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM’s Cultural Diversity requirement

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1. Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

### College of Letters & Science Requirements

**I. English Writing Requirement**

Students must satisfy the English Writing Requirement by completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher or by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT).

**Note:** This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part A. The College of Letters & Science does not have a specific requirement for a writing course beyond English 102, but students must complete the University-wide requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part B listed above.

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**II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning**

To satisfy the Mathematics and Formal Reasoning Requirement, students must satisfy the following two requirements:

1. Achieve a Math Placement score of at least 30 or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:
III. Foreign Language Requirement

Placement testing may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Foreign Language GER, but not vice versa.

**Note:** This requirement is NOT the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part B. To complete the BA, students must take one of the L&S approved courses. The courses listed here will satisfy the QL-B requirement.

IV. International Requirement

See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement) for course options.

**Note:**

1. Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

2. Complete one course (at least 3 credits) at the 200 level or above chosen from courses in Mathematics, PHILOS 211, or Letters and Science statistics courses.

V. Breadth Requirement

Along with completing the University General Education Requirements of 3 credits in the Arts (A); 6 credits in the Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), and Natural Sciences (NS/NS+); and a course with the Cultural Diversity (CD/+) designation, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

**Note:** Students should check their course selections carefully with the list of approved L&S Breadth Courses (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list). Students are advised to select at least 6 credits worth of courses in each of the Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences areas that can satisfy both the campus-wide General Education Requirements and the L&S Breadth requirement.
Students are advised to select a course that satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement as well as a Humanities or Social Science breadth/GER requirement.

VI. The Major
The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement
Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement).

VII. The Minor
The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

Urban Studies Major Requirements
Four required urban studies courses form the foundation of the major: URB STD 150, a core course in which students conduct service learning by working in an urban organization or agency; one of two urban studies survey courses; a theory course on urbanism and urbanization; and a capstone course (URB STD 600) taken in the senior year. Students also take a statistics course, which is a standard requirement for social science majors. In addition, students complete five elective courses selected from urban studies and approved courses in the affiliated areas.

To declare a major in Urban Studies, students make an appointment with the Urban Studies Associate Director in order to complete the "declaration of major" form.

Course of Study
The Urban Studies major requires a minimum of 30-31 credits, including at least 18 credits in the College of Letters and Science with coursework from at least two L&S departments. No more than 9 credits in a single curricular area outside of urban studies may count toward the major. SOCIOL 377, which is jointly offered in the Urb Std curricular area, will count as an Urb Std course for this purpose. Students must complete at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 and above) L&S courses for the major in residence at UWM. In addition, students must attain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all UWM credits attempted for the major. The College of Letters and Science also requires that students attain a 2.0 GPA in all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. The following are required:

**Code** | **Title** | **Credits**
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URB STD 150 | Multicultural America | 3
**Survey**
URB STD 360 | Perspectives on the Urban Scene: Exploring the Urban Environment | 3
**Statistics**
Select one of the following: | 3-4
GEOG 247 | Quantitative Analysis in Geography |
HIST 595 | The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data |
POL SCI 390 | Political Data Analysis |
SOCIOL 261 | Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology |
Or equivalent course approved by the program director
**Theory**
SOCIOL/URB STD 377 | Urbanism and Urbanization | 3
**Capstone**
URB STD 600 | Capstone Seminar in Urban Studies (satisfies L&S research requirement) | 3
**Electives**
Select 15 credits (see below) | 15
Total Credits | 30-31

Electives
15 credits selected from the following courses or other appropriate courses approved by the program director. (No more than nine credits from the same department outside of urban studies may apply to the 30- or 31-credit minimum in the major.)

**Code** | **Title** | **Credits**
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URB STD | All U and U/G courses |
URBPLAN | All U and U/G courses |
AFRIC 125 | Economics of the Black Community | 3
AFRIC 300 | Urban Violence | 3
AFRIC 319 | African American Urban History | 3
AFRIC 417 | Race, Class and Gender in Southern Africa | 3
ARCH 190 | Special Topics: | 1-3
CRM JST 291 | Current Issues in Criminal Justice: | 1-3
CRM JST 370 | Criminal Justice Administration | 3
ED POL 111 | Introduction to Community Change and Engagement | 3
ED POL 113 | The Milwaukee Community | 3
ED POL 114 | Community Problems | 3
ED POL 203 | Communities and Neighborhoods in America | 3
ED POL 501 | Community Change and Engagement | 3
ED POL 630 | Race and Public Policy in Urban America | 3
GEOG 114 | Geography of Race in the United States | 3
GEOG 140 | Our Urban Environment: Introduction to Urban Geography | 3
GEOG 215 | Introduction to Geographic Information Science | 3
### Letters & Science Advising

The College of Letters and Science provides general academic advising for all students with a major in the College, particularly as it relates to campus' general education requirements and the College's degree requirements. We also provide specialized advising for pre-professional students (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, etc.) regardless if their major is in Letters and Science or not. Prospective students, including high school students and students seeking to transfer to a program in Letters and Science may also receive advising from our admissions counselors.

Upon admission, students are assigned an advisor in the College advising office. Academic advising is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Appointments outside of these times may be available and phone appointments are available for online students. The advising office (https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/contact-advising) is located on the first floor of Holton Hall. Current students should call (414) 229-4654 to schedule an appointment or use the Student Success Collaborative website (https://uwmilwaukee.campus.eab.com) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor; online scheduling is only available if you already have a Letters & Science advisor assigned to you. Prospective students should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

When students declare a major, they will receive an additional faculty advisor located within the major department who will assist with requirements for that major. Students should read the "Declaration of Major" information on the website of the major that they are interested in. In some cases, the student will need to choose a faculty advisor as part of the declaration process.

All students are cautioned to consult their Letters & Science academic advisor AND their major advisor prior to each registration period to ensure they understand all requirements. Do not rely on pre-printed sample plans, as they are intended to be samples only and may not be right for your particular situation.

### Honors in the College of Letters and Science

#### Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student’s GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

#### Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/honors-college) section of this site.

#### Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. In schools and colleges in which fewer than 15% of the traditional students have a 3.500 GPA, all-university honors will be awarded to approximately the top 15% of graduating students. A criterion GPA (not lower than 3.200) for this 15% will be calculated based on statistics from the previous comparable semester. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is not rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

#### Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.

### Contact Information

Current Students contact Senior Lecturer Jamie Harris, jmh@uwm.edu

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