

URBAN STUDIES, UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Undergraduate Certificate in Urban Studies 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.

Certificates are similar to minors in terms of credit requirements but draw on coursework from multiple fields of study rather than from a single department.

Eligibility

The Urban Studies Undergraduate Certificate program is open to all students seeking a bachelor's degree from UWM, to students who previously have received a bachelor's degree from UWM or any other accredited college or university, and to those who do not plan to pursue a college or university degree (non-degree students) but who have a strong interest in this subject. To be admitted to the University as non-degree students, individuals must meet regular University admission requirements. Students currently involved in baccalaureate studies who complete the requirements of the program successfully will be awarded the certificate at the time of graduation. Post-baccalaureate and non-degree students will receive the certificate upon successful completion of the program requirements.

Requirements

1. Completion of 18 credits in approved urban studies courses with a minimum GPA of 2.500.
2. Completion of URB STD 250 (Exploring the Urban Environment), URB STD 193 (First-Year Seminar), or URB STD 360 (Perspectives on the Urban Scene).
3. Of the 18 credits:
 - a. 6 must be in the humanities;
 - b. 6 in the social sciences; and
 - c. 9 must be at the 300 level or above taken in residence at UWM.
4. No more than 9 credits from any one department outside Urban Studies may count toward the certificate.
5. A maximum of 6 credits in independent study may be taken. In the senior year, a student may plan an independent study course to synthesize previous work in urban studies.
6. An internship in URB STD 289 or URB STD 489 is recommended highly.
7. While students may elect courses outside the College of Letters and Science to count toward the certificate, at least 12 credits must be completed in L&S courses, at least 6 of these at the 300 level or above.
8. Credits earned at other institutions in equivalent urban studies programs and accepted by UWM as transfer credits may count in partial fulfillment of the certificate requirements.

Urban Studies Approved Courses

The following courses in the College of Letters and Science are approved to count toward the Urban Studies Certificate. Each semester, the

Advisory Committee will review and approve variable content course sections for the Certificate. Contact the Urban Studies Program for the most current list of approved courses.

Code	Title	Credits
AFRIC 125	Economics of the Black Community	3
AFRIC 300	Urban Violence	3
AFRIC 319	African American Urban History	3
AFRIC 341	Black Politics and City Government	3
AFRIC 416	Race and Social Justice in the United States	3
ANTHRO 431	Cities and Culture	3
ARCH 190	Special Topics: (only with topic "Field School")	1-3
ARCH 302	Architecture and Human Behavior	3
ARCH 304	Contemporary Criticism and Urbanism	3
ARTHIST 425	The Age of Pilgrimage and Crusade: Romanesque Art and Architecture	3
ARTHIST 426	The Age of the Great Cathedrals: Gothic Art and Architecture	3
ARTHIST 431	Renaissance Architecture in Italy	3
ARTHIST 459	American Architecture	3
ARTHIST 462	Frank Lloyd Wright	3
BUS ADM 441	Diversity in Organizations	3
CRM JST 291	Current Issues in Criminal Justice:	1-3
CRM JST 310	Race, Ethnicity, and Justice	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 630	Race, Ethnicity, 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
GEOG 247	Quantitative Analysis in Geography ¹	3
GEOG 441	Geography of Cities and Metropolitan Areas	3
GEOG 443	Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography	3
GEOG 464	Environmental Problems	3
GEOG 520	Physical Geography of the City	3
GEOG 525	Geographic Information Science	4
GEOG 540	Globalization and the City	3
GEOG 564	Urban Environmental Change and Social Justice	3
GEOG 625	Intermediate Geographic Information Science	4
HIST 192	First-Year Seminar: (Living in Ancient Rome or The Burbs: History of American Suburbs)	3

HIST 200	Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues: (Making of the American Ghetto)	3
HIST 303	A History of Greek Civilization: The Greek City-State	3
HIST 307	A History of Rome: The Republic	3
HIST 308	A History of Rome: The Empire	3
HIST 404	Topics in American History: (Approved topics: Big City Life Viewed Through HBO's 'The Wire'; A Tale of Two Cities: Milwaukee and Los Angeles)	3
HIST 436	Immigrant America Since 1880	3
HIST 440	History of the American Working Classes	3
HIST 446	African Americans Since the Civil War	3
HIST 450	Growth of Metropolitan Milwaukee	3
HIST 460	The History of Poverty in America	3
HIST 463	History of the American City	3
HIST 595	The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data ¹	3
POL SCI 213	Urban Government and Politics	3
POL SCI 243	Public Administration	3
POL SCI 390	Political Data Analysis ¹	3
POL SCI 450	Urban Political Problems	3
POL SCI 452	Administrative Law	3
PUB ADM 243	Public Administration	3
PUB ADM 452	Administrative Law	3
SOC WRK 306	Introduction to Social Welfare Policy	3
SOC WRK 630	Families and Poverty	2-3
SOCIOL 224	Race and Ethnicity in the United States	3
SOCIOL 235	Social Change in the Global Economy	3
SOCIOL 261	Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology ¹	3
SOCIOL 323	Perspectives on Latino Communities	3
SOCIOL 324	Race and Ethnicity in Global Contexts	3
SOCIOL 325	Social Change	3
SOCIOL 330	Economy and Society	3
SOCIOL 350	Environmental Sociology	3
SOCIOL 377	Urbanism and Urbanization	3
THEATRE 305	The Theatrical Experience: (With topic: Out and About in Milwaukee)	3
URBPLAN	All U and U/G courses	
URB STD	All U and U/G courses	

¹ If a student takes one of these quantitative courses, it is not recommended to take another from this group because of their similarity.

Contact Information

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