

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. It is recommended that the student also complete one course in the natural sciences.
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 300	Urban Violence	3
AFRIC 319	African American Urban History	3
AFRIC 341	Black Politics and City Government	3
AFRIC 372	African-American Literary Movements: The Harlem Renaissance	3
ANTHRO 431	Cities and Culture	3
ARCH 584	Urban Landscape Architecture	3
ARTHIST 360	Modern Architecture II: The Rise of Modern Architecture	3
ARTHIST 361	Modern Architecture III: Contemporary Architecture	3
ARTHIST 412	Cities and Sanctuaries of Ancient Greece	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 458	A Comparative History of Architecture and Urbanism:	3
ARTHIST 459	American Architecture	3
ARTHIST 462	Frank Lloyd Wright	3
COMPLIT 230	Literature and Society:	3
COMPLIT 232	Literature and Politics:	3
CRM JST 370	Criminal Justice Administration	3
DANCE 370	World Movement Traditions: (Hip Hop)	2-3
ED POL 113	The Milwaukee Community	3
ED POL 114	Community Problems	3
ED POL 203	Communities and Neighborhoods in America	3
ED POL 500	Sociology and Policy of Urban Communities and Schools	3
ED POL 507	Action Research on Milwaukee Institutions	3
ENGLISH 248	Literature and Contemporary Life: (Mapping the City)	3
ENGLISH 394	Theories of Mass Culture:	3
GEOG 114	Geography of Race in the United States	3
GEOG 140	Our Urban Environment: Introduction to Urban Geography	3
GEOG 297	Study Abroad: (Urban Environmental Changes in Guatemala)	1-12
GEOG 443	Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography	3
GEOG 497	Study Abroad: (Urban Environmental Changes in Guatemala)	1-12
GEOG 520	Physical Geography of the City	3

GEOG 540	Globalization and the City	3	SOCIOL 472	Population and Society	3
GEOG 564	Urban Environmental Change and Social Justice	3	SOCIOL 495	Seminar in Sociology: (International Urban Sociology)	3
GERMAN 647	Seminar on Themes and Motifs in German Literature: (Cities of the German-Speaking World or Stories from Urban Landscapes of Ireland and Germany)	3	SOCIOL 610	Reproduction of Minority Communities	3
GLOBAL 321	The Global City in History	3	THEATRE 305	The Theatrical Experience: (Out and About in Milwaukee)	3
GLOBAL 421	Cities in the Global Economy	3	URBPLAN	All U and U/G courses	
HIST 192	First-Year Seminar: (Living in Ancient Rome or The Burbs: History of American Suburbs)	3	URB STD	All U and U/G courses	
HIST 200	Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues: (Making of the American Ghetto)	3	WGS 489	Internship in Women's and Gender Studies	1-3
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 371	Topics in European History: (Rome in the Age of Constantine – Society and Culture)	3			
HIST 404	Topics in American History: (Big City Life Viewed Through HBO's 'The Wire')	3			
HIST 436	Immigrant America Since 1880	3			
HIST 440	History of the American Working Classes	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	3			
HIST 600	Seminar in History: (American Suburban History or Milwaukee and the World)	3			
LINGUIS 432	Urban Dialects	3			
PHILOS 237	Technology, Values, and Society	3			
PHILOS 355	Political Philosophy	3			
POL SCI 213	Urban Government and Politics	3			
POL SCI 387	Topics in American Politics: (Municipal Finance)	3			
POL SCI 450	Urban Political Problems	3			
POL SCI 452	Administrative Law	3			
SOC WRK 206	Introduction to Social Welfare Policy	3			
SOC WRK 630	Families and Poverty	2-3			
SOCIOL 193	First-Year Seminar: (College in the City)	3			
SOCIOL 224	American Minority Groups	3			
SOCIOL 307	Industrial Sociology	3			
SOCIOL 323	Perspectives on Latino Communities	3			
SOCIOL 324	Comparative Race Relations	3			
SOCIOL 325	Social Change	3			
SOCIOL 330	Economy and Society	3			
SOCIOL 377	Urbanism and Urbanization	3			
SOCIOL 450	Environmental Sociology	3			

Contact Information

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