

# URBAN AND COMMUNITY STUDIES (BA)

The undergraduate major in Urban and Community Studies is an interdisciplinary program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a focus on educating citizens on the multiple dimensions of urban and community life and preparing students for careers in public and community service as well as graduate study in social work, public administration, law, planning, public health, or other related areas.

The major has three parts. First, students receive a broad education in the study of cities, suburbs, neighborhoods and communities through core courses in three fields drawn from Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Public Policy, Sociology, and Urban and Community Studies. Second, students acquire a solid foundation in analytical techniques such as statistical analysis, survey research, geographic information systems, qualitative methods, or archival research. Finally, students take additional electives in order to broaden their academic training or to develop a deeper specialization in selected areas.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Core</b>		
URBN 2000/2000W	Introduction to Urban and Community Studies	3
Select one of the following:		3
URBN 4000	Understanding Your Community	
URBN 4497W	Senior Thesis	
INTD 3594	Urban Semester Field Work Seminar	
<b>Core</b>		
Select three of the following with no more than one per department (cross-listed courses count towards the non-URBN department):		9
ECON 2439	Urban Development and Policy	
ECON 2456	Economics of Poverty	
GEOG/ URBN 3200/ GEOG 3200W/ URBN 3200W	Urban Geography	
GEOG 2000	Globalization	
GEOG 2400E	Introduction to Sustainable Cities	
GEOG 4210	Urban and Regional Planning	
HIST/URBN 2541/ HIST 2541W/ URBN 2541W	The History of Urban America	
HIST 3554	Immigrants and the Shaping of American History	
HIST/AFRA 3564	African American History Since 1865	
HIST 3674/ LLAS 3220	History of Latinos/as in the United States	
POLS 3842 or PP 3031	Public Administration	
POLS/ URBN 3632/ POLS 3632W/ URBN 3632W	Urban Politics	
PP 4034	Social Policy	

SOCI/URBN 2901/ SOCI 2901W/ URBN 2901W	Urban Sociology	
SOCI 2820/2820W	Sociological Perspectives on Poverty	
SOCI 3425	Social Welfare and Social Work	
URBN 2600	Work and Economic Justice	
URBN 3400E	Urban Parks and Sustainability	
<b>Methods</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
ECON 2327/2327W	Information Technology for Economics	
GEOG/CE 2500	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
GEOG 3500Q	Geographic Data Analysis	
POLS 2072Q	Quantitative Analysis in Political Science	
PP/URBN 2100	Survey Research Methods	
SOCI 3201	Methods of Social Research	
STAT 2215Q	Introduction to Statistics II	
URBN 2301Q	Research Methods and Analysis in Urban and Community Studies	
URBN 2302	Qualitative Methods in Urban and Community Studies	
<b>Supporting</b>		
Select two additional courses selected from Group 2, Group 3, or the following list:		6
AFRA/SOCI 2510	Ethnicity and Race	
ANTH 3150/3150W	Migration	
ECON 2328/2328W		
ECON 2431	Economics of Taxation and Government Spending	
ECON 3431/3431W	Public Economics	
ECON 3439/3439W/ URBN 3439	Urban and Regional Economics	
EDLR 3547/3547W	Introduction to Sport Based Youth Development	
ENGL 3235W		
GEOG 3000	Race, Sex, Space, and Place	
GEOG 4200W		
HIST/URBN 2650	History of Urban Latin America	
HIST/AMST 2550	Crime, Policing, and Punishment in the United States	
HIST 3102	Topics in Public History	
HIST 3520	Social and Cultural History of Connecticut and New England	
HIST/AAAS 2530	Asian American Experience Since 1850	
HIST/AFRA/HRTS 3563	African American History to 1865	
HIST/AFRA/ AMST/MUSI 3568	Hip Hop, Politics and Youth Culture in America	
HDFS 2001	Diversity Issues in Human Development and Family Sciences	

HDFS 3110	Social and Community Influence on Children in the United States
HDFS 3510	Planning and Managing Human Service Programs
HDFS 3530	Public Policy and the Family
HDFS 3540	Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy
INTD 3584	Seminar in Urban Problems
NRE 3265	Sustainable Urban Ecosystems
POLS 3240E	
POLS 3662/ LLAS 3270	Latino Political Behavior
POLS/AFRA 3642	African-American Politics
POLS/HRTS 3212	Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights
POLS 2622	State and Local Government
POLS 3406/3406W	Globalization and Political Change
POLS 3617	American Political Economy
POLS 3847	The Policy-making Process
PP 3020/3020W	
PP/AFRA 3033/ POLS 3633	Race and Policy
SOCI 2301/2301W	Criminology
SOCI 2651/2651W	Sociology of the Family
SOCI 2655/2655W	Sociology of Carework
SOCI 2670/2670W	Sociology of Religion
SOCI 2705E	Sociology of Food
SOCI 2709WE	Society and Climate Change
SOCI 2907/2907W	City Life
SOCI 3459/3459W or HDFS 3245	Aging in American Society
SOCI 3601/3601W	Sociology of Gender
SOCI/AFRA/HRTS 2530	African Americans and Social Protest
SOCI 3903W/ URBN 3276/3276W	Urban Problems
SOCI/WGSS 2680/ SOCI 2680W/ WGSS 2680W	Sociology of Sexualities
INTD 3594 or URBN 3981/3991	Urban Semester Field Work Seminar <sup>1,2</sup> Internship in Urban Studies: Seminar
AMST/URBN 2400	City and Community in Film
URBN 2998	Variable Topics
URBN 3993	Foreign Study
URBN 3995	Special Topics
URBN 4497W	Senior Thesis <sup>1</sup>
URBN 4999	Independent Study

**Total Credits****24**<sup>1</sup> Three credits combined<sup>2</sup> INTD 3594 Urban Semester Field Work Seminar and URBN 4497W Senior Thesis can be counted if not used to fulfill requirement number one above.

INTD 3594 Urban Semester Field Work Seminar and URBN 4497W Senior Thesis can be used to meet the Group 1: Core Requirement or as Group 4: Supporting course, but not both. Students must attain their UCS advisor's consent to use URBN 4497W Senior Thesis for their Group 1: Core Requirement prior to enrolling in the course.

In order to assure a breadth of experience, students are encouraged to take courses that include content in each of the following areas: change over time, structural and spatial dimensions, diversity, power and decision-making, and political and social processes. One unique option for students is to enroll in the 15 credit Urban Semester Program, which provides major credit for two courses INTD 3584 Seminar in Urban Problems and INTD 3594 Urban Semester Field Work Seminar.

Students interested in pursuing a program in Urban and Community Studies are advised to complete 1000-level courses in the social sciences, which may be prerequisites for courses in Urban and Community Studies. These include, but are not limited to:

Course	Title	Credits
GEOG/URBN 1200	Global Urbanization	3
ECON 1201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
POLS 1602	Introduction to American Politics	3
PP 1001	Introduction to Public Policy	3
SOCI 1001	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 1251	Social Problems	3
STAT 1000Q/1100Q	Introduction to Statistics I	4
URBN 1300/1300W	Exploring Your Community	3
URBN 1400/1400W	Site and Sound: Understanding Cities Through Popular Music	3
URBN 1600	Cities of Imagination	3

They should also plan on enrolling in URBN 2000 Introduction to Urban and Community Studies as soon as possible.

The writing in the major requirement can be met by taking any 2000-level or above W course approved for this major. Students should be aware, however, that availability of specific W courses varies by campus. The information literacy requirements are met by successfully completing URBN 2000 Introduction to Urban and Community Studies.

A minor in Urban and Community Studies is described in the "Minors" section.

## University General Education Requirements

Every student must meet a set of core requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree, in addition to those required by the student's major course of study and other requirements set by the student's school or college. For more information about these requirements, please see General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/gen-ed-requirements/>).

## **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements**

Students must meet a set of requirements established by the college in addition to the University's General Education requirements. For more information, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) section of this catalog.