

Urban Studies, Minor

The minor in urban studies is highly relevant to students interested in addressing emerging and persistent issues in cities of the 21st century, including climate change, environmental conservation, sustainable development, mobility and access, housing affordability, public health, and economic prosperity—each of which has local, urban, and regional dimensions.

Requirements

The undergraduate minor in urban studies requires 15 s.h. of coursework taken at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.00 in work for the minor. Coursework in the minor may not be taken pass/nonpass.

The minor in urban studies requires the following coursework.

Core Course

The core course provides an introduction to urban studies, policies, and practices.

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
URP:3001/ SEES:3920	Planning Livable Cities	3

Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 12 s.h. from these:		
URP:2020/ PBAF:2020	Environment and Society: Sustainability, Policy, and Politics	3
URP:2056/ PBAF:2056	The Splendor of Cities	3
URP:3134/ ECON:3640	Regional and Urban Economics	3
URP:3350/ ECON:3750/ SEES:3940	Transportation Economics	3
URP:4001	Foundations of Community Engagement	1
URP:4225/ PBAF:4225	Applied GIS for Planning and Policy Making	3
URP:4243	The Land Development Process	3
URP:4245	Growth Management	3
URP:4253/ PBAF:4253	Designing Sustainable and Healthy Cities (3 s.h. recommended)	1-3
URP:4256/ PBAF:4256	Environmental Policy	3
URP:4260/ PBAF:4260	Transportation Policy and Planning	3
URP:4262/CEE:4176	Transportation Research Methods and Analysis	3
URP:4266/ PBAF:4266	Transportation, Urban Form, and Sustainability	3
URP:4271	Housing Policy	3

URP:4273/ PBAF:4273	Community Development Through Creative Placemaking	3
URP:4280/ PBAF:4280	Planning for Disaster Mitigation and Recovery (3 s.h. recommended)	2-3
URP:4295	Economic Development Policy	3
URP:4297/ PBAF:4297	Financing Economic Development for Poverty Alleviation	3
PBAF:3560/ POLI:3560/ RHET:3560/ SJUS:3560	Public Policy and Persuasion	3
PBAF:3570/ GHS:3570/ POLI:3570	Poverty Policy	3
CRIM:4120	Environmental Criminology	3
HIST:3114	Divided Cities: Global Histories of Segregation	3

Admission

Students may declare the minor in MyUI as soon as they are enrolled in URP:3001 Planning Livable Cities.

Those interested in pursuing the minor must meet with the minor advisor, be briefed on the minor expectations for performance, and complete a plan of study that must be approved by the minor advisor.

For more information, contact the School of Planning and Public Affairs.