Urban Studies

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The Certificate in Urban Studies is for undergraduate students at the University of Iowa who seek to understand and impact urban issues through a planning perspective. Students learn urban policy and planning concepts and skills that enhance their ability to succeed in their chosen field. Urban policy planning principles, theories, applications, and methods are essential for students who seek to improve the quality and sustainability of the built and natural environments, and to promote equity and justice.

Certificate students will have an understanding of enduring and emerging urban issues and will be prepared to apply policy and planning concepts to making communities more resilient, inclusive, and prosperous. The Certificate in Urban Studies is awarded by University College.