

# Urban Studies

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**Undergraduate minor:** urban studies

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The minor in urban studies is offered for undergraduate students who seek to understand and address urban issues; want to work in urban communities; and are interested in community well-being, social justice, sustainable development, climate change, mobility and access, public health, and economic prosperity.

It is well suited for students in a wide range of majors, including but not limited to education, political science, sociology, economics, criminology, pre-law, human rights, social justice, social work, geography, sustainability, environmental policy and planning, civil and environmental engineering, health and public health, business, anthropology, history, journalism and mass communication, African American studies, Native American and Indigenous studies, international studies, and gender, women's, and sexuality studies.

Students who complete the minor will have an understanding of urban issues, urban policies, and innovative urban practices. They will be prepared to improve the quality and sustainability of the built and natural environments, to promote equity and justice, and to make communities more resilient, inclusive, and prosperous.

The minor in urban studies is awarded by University College.