

BARNARD-COLUMBIA URBAN STUDIES PROGRAM CURRICULUM 2009-2010

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The Urban Studies program offers students the opportunity to explore the important political, economic, historical, and cultural issues that inform urbanism. By integrating study from numerous academic disciplines, students gain a strong understanding of the complex relationships that contribute to both the problems and opportunities of cities. The inter-disciplinary approach is further enhanced by two consecutive colloquia taken during the student's junior year. Then, in the senior year, each student completes a year-long research seminar.

Alongside the interdisciplinary study of cities, students are also encouraged to focus on one of the specific disciplines related to urban studies, and to do advanced and concentrated scholarly work in that discipline. Accordingly, **a major in Urban Studies is taken in conjunction with a five-course specialization in one of the participating departments.** Students should meet with the Director, or the Columbia College advisor to prepare an individual course of study.

We encourage our majors to use New York City as their laboratory. Many of the urban-focused courses that count towards the major draw on the enormous resources of the city, and integrate off-campus experiences into their syllabi. Also, the Suzanne Farkas Urban Studies Library Collection, located in the Urban Studies Seminar Room (421 Lehman Hall), is available to Urban Studies students for reading and research.

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for a major in Urban Studies are as follows:

- A. One course dealing primarily with urban subject matter from each of three of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology. Two such courses must be completed before taking the Junior Colloquium (V3545; V3546)
- B. One course dealing primarily with urban subject matter from a department not listed above (such as Art History, Architecture, English, Environmental Science, Religion, etc.)
- C. One course in Methods of Analysis, such as Urban Studies V 3200 *Spatial Analysis: GIS Methods and Urban Case Studies*. A list of eligible courses can be obtained from the Program Office or from 208 Hamilton Hall.
- D. Five courses in a specialization in one of the participating departments. In some circumstances, special approval for specializations other than those listed may be obtained, after consultation with the Director.
- E. In the junior year, two colloquia:
V 3545x The Shaping of the Modern City
V 3546y Contemporary Urban Issues
- F. In the senior year, a senior thesis written in conjunction with a two-semester research seminar, chosen from the following three options:
 - 1) Senior Research Seminar in the department of specialization
 - 2) Senior Seminar in Urban Studies: New York Field Research (V3994x-V3995y)
 - 3) Senior Seminar in Urban Studies: The Built Environment (V3992x-V3993y)
 - 4) Senior Seminar in Urban Studies: International Topics in Urban Studies (V3996x-97y)

NOTE ON COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS:

Not all courses are offered every year and sometimes students find appropriate substitutions which are not listed. Appropriate substitutions may be made with the permission of the Director or the CC advisor.

REQUIREMENT A

One course dealing primarily with urban subject matter from each of three of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology.

It is preferable, though not mandatory, to fulfill this requirement before the junior year, but two courses must be completed before taking the Junior Colloquium (V3545-V3546). Not all courses in these lists are offered in 2009-10; check the BC Course Catalog/Columbia Bulletin for details.

Anthropology:

ANTH V 2180	Harlem, "Global Harlem"
ANTH V 3903	Ethnoarcheology of Cities
ANTH V 3960	The Culture of Public Art and Display in New York City
ANTH V 3989	Urban Anthropology

Economics:

ECON BC 3011	Inequality and Poverty
ECON BC 3012	Economics of Education
ECON W 4228	Urban Economics

History:

HIST W 3441	Making of the Modern American Landscape
HIST W 3449	American Urban History
HIST W 3535	History of the City of New York
HIST BC 3980	World Migration
HIST BC 4323	The City in Europe
HIST BC 4360	London: From "Great Wen" to World City
HIST W 4417	African American Urban History
HIST BC 4651	Jewish Tales From Four Cities: NY, Buenos Aires, Paris, London
HIST BC 4791	Lagos: The City
URBS V 3460	Race, Gender, and Urban Violence

Political Science:

POLS W 3245	Race and Ethnicity in American Politics
POLS BC 3210	Power, Politics, Policymaking
POLS BC 3305	Politics of Urban and Social Policy
POLS V 3313	American Urban Politics
URBS V 3550	Community Building and Economic Development
URBS V 3920	Social Entrepreneurship
INAF U 4260	Critical Issues in Urban Public Policy

Sociology:

SOCI V 2420	Race and Place in Urban America
SOCI V 3247	The Immigrant Experience, Old and New
SOCI V 3324	Poverty, Inequality, and Policy
SOCI BC 3907	Communities and Social Change
SOCI W3970	Race and Place in Urban America
URBS V 3410	Race, Ethnicity and Immigration in Urban America
URBS V 3420	Introduction to Urban Sociology
URBS V 3810	Production, Consumption, and Control of Public Space
URBS V 3820	Suburbs: Race, Class, Conflict

REQUIREMENT B

One course dealing primarily with urban subject matter from a dept not listed in requirement A. Not all courses in these lists are offered in 2009-10; check the BC Course Catalog/Columbia Bulletin for details.

Architecture:

ARCH V 3114 Making the Metropolis

Art History:

AHIS W 3645 Twentieth Century Architecture and City Planning

AHIS BC 3655 The Discourse of Public Art and Public Space

AHIS BC 3948 Harlem Renaissance

Comparative Literature: English:

CLEN W 3970 Modernism and the City

CPLS W 3209 Modern and Postmodern Cities

English

ENGL BC 3184 House and Home in American Culture

ENGL BC 3196 Harlem Renaissance Literature

ENGL W 3237 Race and Racism

ENGL W 3934 The Harlem Renaissance

Environmental Science:

EESC W 2330 Science for Sustainable Development

EESC BC 3026 Case Study for Land-Use Dynamics

EESC BC 3032 Agricultural and Urban Land Use

EESC BC 3033 Waste Management

Religion:

RELI W 4620 Religious Worlds of New York

Urban Studies:

URBS V 3310 Science and Technology in Urban Environments

URBS V 3560 Land-Use Planning in the U.S.

URBS V 3565 Cities in Developing Countries: Problems and Prospects

REQUIREMENT C

One course in Methods of Analysis:

Economics:

ECON BC 2411 Statistics for Economics

Environmental Science

EESC BC 3017 Environmental Data Analysis
EAEE E 4009 GIS-RES,ENVIR,INFRASTRUCTR MGT

Political Science:

POLS BC 3100 Social Scientific Research
POLS W 4910 Quantitative Political Research

Sociology:

SOCI V 1205 Evaluation of Evidence
SOCI BC 3211 Quantitative Methods
SOCI V 2212 Statistics in the Social Sciences

Urban Studies:

URBS V 3200 Spatial Analysis: GIS Methods and Urban Case Studies

REQUIREMENT D - SPECIALIZATION

***Columbia College** students must take five courses from one of the following departments: Anthropology, Architecture, Economics, Environmental Science, History, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology. **The specialization listings below do not apply to Columbia College or GS students.** Instead, your selection of courses must be approved by your advisor. If you wish to specialize in a different department, CC students must consult with Dean Yatrakis, and GS students must consult with the Director.*

***Barnard College** students must complete a five-course specialization, as described below. To specialize in a department that does not appear below, consult with the Director.*

Anthropology: Three electives at the 3000-level or above

Plus, two introductory courses prior to the senior year:

ANTH V 1002 Interpretation of Culture or ANTH V 1008 The Rise of Civilization

ANTH V 3040 Anthropological Theory I or ANTH V 3041 Anthropological Theory II

Architecture and Urban Planning: One introductory studio course (V 1020, V3101 or V3103), any three history and theory courses, and one additional architecture course, either a studio or history/theory.

Economics:

1) BC1003 Intro to Economic Reasoning or W1105 Principles of Economics

2) BC3035 or W3211 Intermediate Microeconomics

3) W4228 Urban Economics

4) Two of the following electives:

ECON BC3019 or W4400 Labor Economics

ECON BC3011 Inequality and Poverty

ECON BC3012	Economics of Education
ECON BC3029 or W4321	Economic Development
ECON W4438	Economics of Race in the U.S.
ECON W4465	Public Economics

Education: Consult the Education Program.

English: Consult the English Department.

Environmental Science: Five courses selected from the following, including no more than 2 courses at the 1000 level. Consult the Environmental Science Department with questions about additional course selections.

EESC BC 1001	Introduction to Environmental Science I with lab
EESC BC 1002	Introduction to Environmental Science II with lab
EAAE E 1100	A Better Planet by Design
EESC V 1201	Environmental Risks and Disasters
EAAE E 2002	Alternative Energy Resources
EESC V 2100	EES: Climate with lab
EESC V 2200	EES: Solid Earth with lab
EESC W 2330y	Science of Sustainable Development
EESC BC 3016	Environmental Measurements
EESC BC 3019	Energy Resources
EESC BC 3025	Hydrology
EESC BC 3026	Case Studies in Land Use Dynamics
EESC BC 3032	Agricultural & Urban Land Use
EESC BC 3033	Waste Management
EESC BC 3040	Environmental Law
EESC BC 3200	Ecotoxicology
URBS V 3310x	Science, Technology and Urban Environments
EAAE E 4001	Applied Industrial Ecology
EEEB G 4130	Restoration and Urban Ecology

History: Four courses in an area of concentration (for example American History or European History) and one course outside of the area of concentration. At least one of these courses must be a seminar.

Political Science: Any five Political Science courses

Psychology:

PSYC BC 1001	Introduction to Psychology
PSYC BC 1101	Statistics

AND three courses from the following list

PSYC BC 1125	Personality
PSYC BC 1138	Social Psychology (without lab)
PSYC BC 2134	Educational Psychology
PSYC BC 2141	Abnormal Psychology

PSYC BC 2151 Organizational Psychology
PSYC BC 3166 Social Conflict

Sociology:

SOCI BC 1001 Introduction to Sociology

AND any four 3000-level courses

REQUIREMENT E - JUNIOR COLLOQUIA

In the junior year, two Junior Colloquia are required. If you intend to study abroad during your junior year, see the Director during your sophomore year to plan your program.

V 3545x Junior Colloquium: The Shaping of the Modern City.

An introduction to the historical process and social consequences of urban growth. Topics include immigration, economic development, segregation, suburbanization, and urban revitalization. (Fall term)

V 3546y Junior Colloquium: Contemporary Urban Issues.

An evaluation of current political, economic, social, cultural and physical forces that are shaping urban areas. (Spring term)

REQUIREMENT F - SENIOR SEMINARS

In the senior year, a senior thesis written in conjunction with a two-semester research seminar, chosen from the following three options:

- 1) Senior Research Seminar in the department of specialization
- 2) V3992x-3993y Senior Seminar in Urban Studies: The Built Environment
Emphasizes the study of the built environment of cities and suburbs, and the related debates. Seminar readings, class presentations, and written reports culminate in major individual projects that combine written work and design work. Readings will include architecture, urban design, urban planning, and urban history. Topic rotates annually.
- 3) V3994x-3995y Senior Seminar in Urban Studies: New York Field Research
Students engage in a social research project from conceptualization to final report, using New York City as a research laboratory. Working individually and in small groups, under the guidance of the faculty coordinator: students clarify basic theoretical issues related to the research problem; find ways of making a series of empirical questions operational; collect evidence to test hypotheses; analyze the data using a variety of social science techniques; and produce reports of basic findings.
- 4) V3996x-3997y Senior Seminar in Urban Studies: International Topics in Urban Studies
A year-long research seminar for students who wish to conduct a senior thesis project that focuses on cities outside of the United States. Topics relating to the rapid urbanization of Latin America, Africa, and Asia are particularly welcome. Seminar meetings will include discussion of relevant readings, as well as occasional class presentations and peer-editing assignments.