

**BARNARD-COLUMBIA URBAN STUDIES PROGRAM
FALL 2009 SENIOR SEMINAR PREFERENCE SHEET**

Your Name _____ E-mail _____
School/major _____ Graduation (mo/yr) _____

Please rank the following senior seminars from 1-3, 1 being the course you would most prefer:

- ___ URBS V3992x The Built Environment: Planning and Designing the City (Prof. D. Smiley)
- ___ URBS V3994x New York Area Undergraduate Field Research (instructor TBA)
- ___ URBS V3996x International Topics in Urban Studies (Prof. S. Gladstone)

List all related courses you have taken to date, including those within your area of specialization. For reference, an overview of the Urban Studies curriculum requirements is listed on the back of this sheet. Not every blank has to be filled.

	Course name	Year/semester taken
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Submit this form to Flora Davidson (office: Lehman 416B, e-mail: fdavidso@barnard.edu) as soon as possible, and no later than Friday, April 17, 2009.

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A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR IN URBAN STUDIES

Requirement A: Urban-related Social Science (3 courses)

One course dealing primarily with urban subject matter *from each of three* of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology. (Many courses offered through Urban Studies may count towards Requirement A. For example, Introduction to Urban Sociology counts as a Sociology course, Community Building counts as a Political Science course, etc.)

Requirement B: Urban-related Non-Social Science (1 course)

One course dealing primarily with urban subject matter from a discipline not listed above (such as Architecture, Art History, English, Environmental Science, etc.)

Requirement C: Methods of Analysis (1 course)

One course in Methods of Analysis, such as URBS V3200 (GIS Methods and Urban Case Studies).

Requirement D: Specialization (5 courses)

Five or more courses in a specialization from one of the participating departments.

Requirement E: Junior Colloquia (2 courses)

URBS V3545x (The Shaping of the Modern City) and URBS V3546y (Contemporary Urban Issues)

Requirement F: Senior Seminar (2 courses)

A senior thesis written in conjunction with a two-semester research seminar, either within department of the student's specialization, or chosen from the following three options:

URBS V3992x-93y (The Built Environment) - Emphasizes the study of the built environment of cities and suburbs, and the related debates. Readings, class presentations, and written work culminate in major individual projects, under the supervision of faculty trained in architecture, urban design, or urban planning.

URBS V3994x-95y (New York Area Undergraduate Field Research) - Using New York City as a research laboratory, under the guidance of the faculty coordinator, students clarify basic theoretical issues related to their chosen 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.

URBS V3996x-97y (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.

Appropriate substitutions may be made for courses listed above with the approval of the Director. For more information, consult our website: <http://www.barnard.edu/urban/>