Over half of the world’s population now lives in cities

As the world rapidly urbanizes, understanding cities and urban life is becoming increasingly important.

Rapid urbanization raises multiple challenges regarding housing, infrastructure, nature, employment, poverty, health and social inclusion.

Skills to analyze, manage and design sustainable, diverse and inclusive cities are becoming increasingly valuable.

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Interdisciplinary Major in Urban Studies

Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Urban Studies
College of Arts and Letters
San Diego State University
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Main office and academic advisors:
Department of Geography – Storm Hall 314
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Urban Studies is an interdisciplinary undergraduate major that focuses on cities and urban life. It exposes students to a variety of approaches and provides them with cutting-edge tools required to understand urban environments, cultures, economies and politics. The program draws upon courses offered by dynamic faculty members from Anthropology, Chicano and Chicana Studies, Economics, Geography, Latin American Studies, Political Science, Sociology and Public Administration.

“Making Cities Better Places”

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Stimulating Learning Environment

Through a variety of courses, including lectures, class discussions, computer labs, practical field experiences and service learning, students gain intimate knowledge regarding urban problems and topics such as housing, land use, organization and management of urban governments, transportation, social movements, urban decline and gentrification, public space, border issues, health, and environmental or social justice in contemporary cities. Many of these topics are examined in the context of San Diego, the US-Mexico border region, and California.

Program structure and areas of specialization

Students begin their study with a preparation for the major, which includes introductory courses from several disciplines. They then select a number of core courses in urban theory and methods, and begin their specialization in one of following four cross-disciplinary areas:

- Urban Cultures and Societies
- Urban Planning, Design and Management
- Urban Political Economy and Public Policy
- Urban Sustainability

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Career Opportunities

Students with a BA in Urban Studies pursue a variety of careers in the private, public and nonprofit sectors. Several alumni have been accepted to various graduate programs and some have taken jobs with planning departments, community-based organizations, and research institutes.