Undergraduate Urban Studies Major

Advising Roadmap (2020-21)

• Preparation for the Major:
  Total of 15 units from the following courses:
  ___ ANTH 102 (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology)
     or PA 200 (The Urban Scene)
  ___ ECON 101 (Principles of Microeconomics)
     or ECON 102 (Principles of Macroeconomics)
     or POL SCI 101 (American Politics in Global Perspectives)
     or POL SCI 102 (American and California Government and Politics)
  ___ GEOG 102 (Principles of Cultural Geography)
  ___ SOC 101 (Introductory Sociology: The Study of Society)
  ___ ECON 201 or POL SCI 201 or SOC 201 or STAT 250 (Introduction to Statistics)

A total of 36 upper division units is required for the Urban Studies Major – 18 units of required core courses, 3 units of high impact learning, 15 units in one of the specializations, and the submission of a capstone project – as described below.

• Required Core Courses:
  Total of 9 units from the following substantive courses in Urban Theory:
  ___ CCS/LAS 355 (US-Mexico international border)
  ___ GEOG 354 (Geography of Cities)
  ___ POL SCI 422 (Urban Politics)
  ___ PA 320 (Introduction to Urban Planning)
  ___ SOC 448 (Urban Sociology)

  Total of 9 units from the following courses in Urban Methods:
  ___ ECON 301 (Collection and use of data in economics)
  ___ GEOG 380 (Map investigation)
  ___ GEOG 381 (Computerized map design)
  ___ GEOG 385 (Spatial data Analysis)
  ___ GEOG 484 (Geographic Information Systems)
  ___ GEOG 584 (Geographic Information Systems Applications)
  ___ GEOG 585 (Quantitative Methods in geographic research)
  ___ GEOG 586 (Qualitative methods in geographic research)
  ___ GEOG 589 (GIS-based Decision Support Methods)
  ___ GEOG 590 (Community-based Geographic Research)
  ___ PA 420 (Methods of analysis in city planning)
  ___ SOC 301 (Social Research Methods)
  ___ SOC 406 (Intermediate social statistics)
  ___ SOC 407 (Survey and experimental research design)
  ___ SOC 408 (Qualitative Research Methods)

• High Impact Learning and Capstone Portfolio:
  You will need to complete 3 units of High Impact Learning and the submission of a Capstone Portfolio to the undergraduate advisor. This requirement may be met with undergraduate research (Geography 590) or an internship (Geography 595). Other high impact courses involving service learning or research (e.g., Geography 499, General Studies 480) or study abroad may qualify if appropriate and preapproved by the undergraduate adviser.
• **Area of Specialization:**
  Total of 15 units in one of the following *specializations*:

(1) *Urban Cultures, Politics and Societies*
  
  __ ANTH 533 (Race, Ethnicity, and Identity)  
  __ CCS 303 (Chicana and Chicano Community Studies)  
  __ CCS 375 (US-Mexico Border History)  
  __ GEOG 312 (Culture Worlds)  
  __ GEOG 354 (Geography of Cities) - if not taken as a theory course  
  __ GEOG 554 (World Cities)  
  __ LAS 320 (Culture and Society of Tijuana)  
  __ LAS 550 (Mexican-US Border from a Latin American Perspective)  
  __ SOC 355 (Minority Group Relations)  
  __ SOC 443 (Crime and Society)  
  __ SOC 457 (Protests, Reforms, and Revolutions)

(2) *Urban Political Economy and Public Policy*
  
  __ CCS 301 (Political Economy of the Chicano people)  
  __ CCS 306 (Mexican Immigration)  
  __ CCS 355 (US-Mexico Intl. Border) - if not taken as a theory course  
  __ ECON 401 (Public Finance)  
  __ ECON 489 (Economics and Population)  
  __ GEOG 353 (Economic Geography)  
  __ GEOG 354 (Geography of Cities) - if not taken as a theory course  
  __ LAS/POL SCI 430 (Immigration and Border Politics)  
  __ POL SCI 335 (Public Policy)  
  __ POL SCI 422 (Urban Politics)

(3) *Urban Sustainability*
  
  __ ANTH/SUST 353 (Sustainability and Culture)  
  __ ANTH 532 (Anthropology of Development and Conservation)  
  __ ECON 455 (Environmental Economics)  
  __ GEOG 340 (Geography of Food)  
  __ GEOG 348 (Environment and Development)  
  __ GEOG 354 (Geography of Cities) - if not taken as a theory course  
  __ GEOG 370 (Environmental and Natural Resource Conservation)  
  __ GEOG 375 (Environmental Hydrology)  
  __ GEOG 440 (Food Justice)  
  __ GEOG 454 (Sustainable Cities)  
  __ GEOG 572 (Land Use Analysis)  
  __ GEOG 591 and 591L (Remote Sensing of the Environment)  
  __ GEOG 592 and 592L (Intermediate Remote Sensing of Environment)  
  __ POL SCI/SUST 334 (Politics of the Environment)

(4) *Urban Design, Planning and Management*
  
  __ GEOG 354 (Geography of Cities) - if not taken as a theory course  
  __ GEOG 375 (Geography of Recreational Land Use)  
  __ PA 310 (Management of Urban Governments)  
  __ PA 320 (Introduction to Urban Planning) - if not taken as a theory course  
  __ PA 350 (Contemporary Urban Issues)  
  __ PA 460 (Administration and Policy Development)  
  __ PA 485 (Planning and Public Policy in US-Mexico Border Region)  
  __ PA 520 (Decision Making in the Urban Community)  
  __ PA 525 (The US City Planning Process)

• **Questions?**
  Contact the Urban Studies Director and Undergraduate Advisor (Dr. Pascale Joassart-Marcelli) at pmarcell@sdsu.edu or visit the Urban Studies Website at https://urbanstudies.sdsu.edu/