

Undergraduate Urban Studies Major

Advising Roadmap (2023-24)

- **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 (Introduction to applied econometrics)
- ___ 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)
- ___ PA 540 (Community mapping: Geographic information systems)
- ___ 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 before the end of your last semester on the Urban Studies Homeroom on Canvas. This requirement may be met with undergraduate research (GEOG 590) or an internship (GEOG 595). Other high impact courses involving service learning or research (e.g., GEN S 480 or 490, GEOG 499, HIST 495, PA 497 or 498) or study abroad may qualify if appropriate and preapproved by the undergraduate adviser.

- **Area of Specialization:**

Total of **15** units in **one** of the four following *specializations*:

(1) Urban Cultures and Societies

- ___ ANTH 529 (Urban Anthropology)
- ___ ANTH 333 (Race, Ethnicity, and Identity)
- ___ CCS 303 (Chicana and Chicano Community Studies)
- ___ CCS 375 (US-Mexico Border History)
- ___ GEOG 312 (Culture Worlds)
- ___ GEOG 342 (Food, Place, and Culture)
- ___ GEOG 354 (Geography of Cities) - if not taken as a theory course
- ___ GEOG 554 (World Cities)
- ___ HIST 581 (Topics in Urban History)
- ___ LATAM 320 (Culture and Society of Tijuana)
- ___ LATAM 545 (The Latin American City)
- ___ LATAM 550 (Mexico-US Border)
- ___ SOC 355 (Sociology of Race and Ethnicity)
- ___ SOC 443 (Crime and Society)
- ___ SOC 448 (Urban Sociology) - if not taken as a theory course
- ___ SOC 457 (Protests, Reforms, and Revolutions)
- ___ AFRAS 421* (Black Urban Experience)

(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 348 (Environment and Development)
- ___ GEOG 353 (Economic Geography)
- ___ GEOG 354 (Geography of Cities) - if not taken as a theory course
- ___ LATAM/POL SCI 430 (Immigration and Border Politics)
- ___ POL SCI 335 (Public Policy)
- ___ POL SCI 422 (Urban Politics) - if not taken as a theory course

(3) Urban Sustainability

- ___ ANTH/SUST 353 (Sustainability and Culture)
- ___ ANTH 532 (Anthropology of Development and Conservation)
- ___ CAL 400* (Sustainable Food Systems)
- ___ GEOG 341 (Feeding the World)
- ___ GEOG 348 (Environment and Development)
- ___ GEOG 360 (Human Dimensions of Climate Change)
- ___ GEOG 370 (Environmental and Natural Resource Conservation)
- ___ GEOG 375 (Environmental Hydrology)
- ___ GEOG 409 (Global Climate Change)
- ___ GEOG/POL SCI 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)
- ___ HIST 584 (Topics in Environmental History)
- ___ POL SCI/SUST 334 (Politics of the Environment)

(4) Urban Design, Planning and Management

- ___ ART 549* (Art, Environment and Place)
- ___ GEOG 354 (Geography of Cities) - if not taken as a theory course
- ___ GEOG 575 (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 Public 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)

*Advisor must submit a RAAR form to ensure credit

- **Questions?**

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