

Over half of
the world's
population
lives in cities

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

Global urbanization raises multiple challenges, including housing, infrastructure, environmental sustainability, poverty, health and social tensions.

Skills to analyze, manage, and design environmentally sustainable, economically prosperous, and socially inclusive cities are extremely valuable.



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Urban Studies

College of Arts and Letters
San Diego State University

*Interdisciplinary Major
in*

Urban Studies

**Bachelor Degree in
Liberal Arts and Sciences**

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**SAN DIEGO STATE
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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 in Anthropology, Chicano/a Studies, Economics, Geography, Latin American Studies, Political Science, Sociology and Public Administration



MAKING CITIES BETTER PLACES

STIMULATING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Through lectures, class discussions, computer labs, practical field experiences, research projects and service learning, students gain intimate knowledge of urban issues, including housing, land use, governance, transportation, social movements, urban decline, gentrification, public space, border issues, health, and environmental and social justice. These topics are examined in the context of San Diego, the US-Mexico border region, California and the world.

CAREERS

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

CURRICULUM

PREPARATION

Students begin their studies with introductory courses in the major disciplines.

CORE

Students select several courses in urban theory and urban methods.

SPECIALIZATION

Students specialize in one of four cross-disciplinary areas:

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

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