

URBAN STUDIES (UBNS)

Urban Studies Undergraduate Courses

UBNS 1010 INTRODUCTION TO URBAN STUDIES (3 credits)

Introduction to history, concepts, development and literature of urbanism. An interdisciplinary examination of issues confronting contemporary urban society and how various academic disciplines relate to those issues. (Cross-listed with PA 1010).

UBNS 2500 CITIES: PLANNING, POLICIES, & CONTEMPORARY ISSUES (3 credits)

Course on urban policies, policymaking, and planning. Attention is given to various current urban issues and the policy options surrounding them. Policy processes and the institutions of policymaking in cities are covered. Topics of focus include policies related to policing, economic development, land use, transportation, education, poverty, housing, and ordinances. Additionally, issues in city planning and design are covered as they apply to the city policymaking processes and politics.

Distribution: Social Science General Education course

UBNS 3200 SUMMER IN THE CITY: EXPLORING THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT (3 credits)

This experiential course explores the urban fabric of Omaha, Nebraska, bringing students to a new location in the city every week. Students will interact with local communities, neighborhoods, festivals and events, institutions, and the urban landscape of businesses, people, historical and cultural sites, and one another. As true participant/observers, we will reflect on how the city functions as an interactive metropolitan environment both supporting and placing demands on its residents and visitors. We will consider Omaha's current role in Nebraska and the Great Plains, as well as its internal functionality for its many constituents as we envision the futures of interactive urban, metropolitan areas.