URBAN STUDIES (UBNS)

Urban Studies Graduate Courses

UBNS 8000 SEMINAR IN URBAN STUDIES (3 credits)
This course provides an interdisciplinary overview of the forces influencing and influenced by urbanization and urbanism. (Cross-listed with GEOG 8830)
Prerequisite(s): Not open to non-degree graduate students.

UBNS 8020 RACE, ETHNICITY, AND AMERICAN URBAN CULTURE (3 credits)
This course explores two central themes, race and ethnicity, which have played a dominant role in the shaping of American society and American culture. (Cross-listed with BLST 8020).
Prerequisite(s): BLST 1000, BLST 1100, or permission by the instructor.

UBNS 8060 INTRODUCTION TO URBAN PLANNING (3 credits)
This course is an introduction to the development of urban planning as it has shaped and reacted to major trends in U.S. history. It provides students with major themes and traditions in the field of planning and includes planning practice, planning procedures and methods and contemporary issues in the field.
Prerequisite(s): Not open to non-degree graduate students.

UBNS 8200 COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & SOCIAL CHANGE (3 credits)
This course focuses on various theories and applications of organizing communities and neighborhoods to effect change. Of particular interest is the role of engaging citizens in improving their communities. (Cross-listed with PA 8200).
Prerequisite(s): Not open to non-degree graduate students.

UBNS 8400 URBAN LEADERSHIP (3 credits)
UBNS 8400 is an introduction to leadership in an urban setting. The course focuses on both theoretical and applied cases and strategies of effective urban leadership in a diverse society. Topics include leadership strategies for community engagement, neighborhood development, and nonprofit leadership. Profiles of urban leaders provide an applied setting for the course.
Prerequisite(s): Graduate student standing, but open to non-degree seeking students with Bachelor’s degree; open to certificate students.

UBNS 8500 URBAN POLICY (3 credits)
Seminar on urban policies and policymaking. Attention is given to various current urban issues and the policy options surrounding them. Policy theories, policy processes, and the institutions of policymaking in cities are covered. Topics of focus include polices related to policing, economic development, land use, transportation, education, poverty, housing, and ordinances.
Prerequisite(s): Graduate student standing, but open to non-degree seeking students with Bachelor’s degree; open to certificate students

UBNS 8820 COMPARATIVE URBAN STUDIES (3 credits)
Emphasis is upon contrasting the cities of the developed and developing areas of the world
Prerequisite(s): Not open to non-degree graduate students.

UBNS 8940 DIRECTED RESEARCH IN URBAN STUDIES (3 credits)
The course is intended for advanced graduate students in urban studies or geography. It is especially suited for those in-career students who have had their internships waived and who might profit more by in-depth research on a problem of urban studies rather than additional classroom courses. (Cross-listed with GEOG 8840).
Prerequisite(s): Completed 9 graduate hours in Urban Studies. Permission from the School. For Geography students, GEOG 8126 (Urban Geography) or permission from the School.