

URBAN STUDIES PROGRAM (URB STD)

Urban Studies Courses

URB STD 150 Multicultural America

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Cross-cultural study of U.S. ethnic and racial identities from an urban studies perspective, with attention to African-, Asian-, Hispanic-, and Native-American experiences.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Cultures and Communities Program course; required service learning component.

General Education Requirements: CD, SS

Last Taught: Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Summer 2024, UWinterIM 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 193 First-Year Seminar.

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Specific topics are announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the class is offered.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn cr in just one L&S First-Year Sem (course numbers 192, 193, 194).

General Education Requirements: SS

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 250 Exploring the Urban Environment

3 cr. Undergraduate.

The nature of the city, the processes that effect change, and the future of the city.

Prerequisites: none.

General Education Requirements: SS

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 289 Internship in Urban Studies, Lower Division

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Application of basic principles of Urban Studies in a business, organizational, educational, political, or other appropriate setting.

Prerequisites: introductory course in urban studies or related area; 2.25 GPA and consent of supervising faculty member.

Course Rules: One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hours in internship. May be retaken to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2021, Summer 2017, Fall 2015, Spring 2009.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 297 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: acceptance for Study Abroad Prog.

Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2022, UWinterIM 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 299 Ad Hoc:

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period.

Requires only dept & assoc dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one add'l sem.

Prerequisites: none; add'l prereqs may be assigned to specific topic.

Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 360 Perspectives on the Urban Scene:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Topics related to the structure, growth, and change of the urban environment.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to 6 cr max.

General Education Requirements: SS

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 377 Urbanism and Urbanization

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Theoretical perspectives, substantive themes, and methodological approaches to the study of cities. Impact of historical development and changing spatial patterns on social behavior in metropolitan areas.

Prerequisites: junior standing or higher and completion of a prior SOCIOL course or URB STD 250(P). Open to special students.

Course Rules: SOCIOL 377 and URB STD 377 are jointly-offered and count as repeats of one another.

Last Taught: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 381 Honors Seminar:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Selected topics.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing, HONORS 200(P), and consent of Honors College director.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

General Education Requirements: SS

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 450 Urban Growth and Development: A Global View

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Urban growth and development from an international perspective.

Prerequisites: jr st or cons instr.

Last Taught: Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 450G Urban Growth and Development: A Global View

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Urban growth and development from an international perspective.

Prerequisites: jr st or cons instr.

Last Taught: Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 489 Internship in Urban Studies, Upper Division

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Application of advanced principles of urban studies in a business, organizational, educational, political, or other appropriate setting.

Prerequisites: junior standing; 300-level or above course in urban studies or related area; 2.25 GPA and consent of supervising faculty member.**Course Rules:** One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hours in internship. May be retaken to 6 cr max.**Last Taught:** Summer 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 497 Study Abroad:**

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: jr st; acceptance for Study Abroad Prog, contact CIE Overseas Programs, PER 166, 229-5182.**Last Taught:** UWinterIM 2020, Spring 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 497G Study Abroad:**

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: jr st; acceptance for Study Abroad Prog, contact CIE Overseas Programs, PER 166, 229-5182.**Last Taught:** UWinterIM 2020, Spring 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 499 Ad Hoc:**

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period. Requires department and associate dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one additional semester.

Prerequisites: junior standing; additional prerequisites may be assigned to specific topic.**Course Rules:** May be retaken with change in topic.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Fall 2009, Summer 1986, Spring 1986.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 600 Capstone Seminar in Urban Studies**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Seminar on concepts, methods, and approaches to field of Urban Studies; readings and discussions on urban scholarship; students produce research proposals tailored to their interests.

Prerequisites: sr st; declared Urb Std major.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 699 Independent Reading**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Advanced readings and study in Urban Studies.

Prerequisites: jr st; 2.5 gpa; cons instr, dept chair, & asst dean for SAS.**Course Rules:** May be retaken w/chg in topic.**Last Taught:** Spring 2015, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2007.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 728 Urban Community Workshop**

3 cr. Graduate.

Group research into specific milwaukee problems conducted jointly under the supervision of departmental faculty and community leaders stressing practical and theoretical applications.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Fall 1998, Fall 1997, Fall 1996.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 888 Candidate for Degree**

0 cr. Graduate.

Available for master's students who must meet minimum credit load requirement.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Fee for 1 cr assessed; unit does not count towards credit load for Fin Aid. Repeatable. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Summer 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 901 Urban Social Structure**

3 cr. Graduate.

Comprehensive analysis of the emergence and institutionalization of cultural and social patterns in urban settings; and future American urban social structures.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** SOCIOL 901 and URB STD 901 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 913 Seminar in Urban Political Process**

3 cr. Graduate.

Analysis of the forces and processes that shape urban political life, with particular emphasis on patterns of government, political culture, power structures, and civic participation in urban and metropolitan communities.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Pol Sci 913 & Urb Std 913 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Spring 2023, Fall 2019, Spring 2016, Spring 2013.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 921 Seminar: Research Methods in Urban Studies**

3 cr. Graduate.

Methodological orientations and techniques in urban studies: philosophy of science, conceptualization measurements, research designs, data collection, data analysis.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 927 Urban Internship**

2-3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced application and analysis of theory and acquired skills in supervised agency assignment.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Retakable to 6 cr max.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2024, Fall 2023.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

URB STD 945 The Internal Structure of the City

3 cr. Graduate.

The interaction of forces responsible for the evolution of the city as a spatial form and the allocation of economic and social activity within the spatial configuration.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Geog 945 & Urb Std 945 are jointly-offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 965 Municipal Management**

3 cr. Graduate.

The political, social, and economic contexts in which the urban manager functions, with an emphasis on managing municipal service delivery and resources.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Pub Adm 965(Pol Sci 965) & Urb Std 965 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2019, Spring 2017.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 971 Seminar on the History of American Urban Problems**

3 cr. Graduate.

Historical analysis of the current problems of housing, race relations, the powers and functions of municipal government, law enforcement, and city planning in the United States.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Hist 971 & Urb Std 971 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 979 Qualitative Research Methods**

3 cr. Graduate.

Seminar on logic, design, and presentation of social science research. Inductive and qualitative methods, theory construction, and ethics and procedures of research in natural settings.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** SOCIOL 979 and URB STD 979 are jointly-offered and count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2011.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 980 Growth of Urban Society**

3 cr. Graduate.

Seminar in historical, social, and ecological growth and development of urban agglomerations. Comparative framework will be used to examine the urban process.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Hist 980 & Urb Std 980 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Spring 2016, Spring 2014, Fall 2010, Spring 2009.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 981 Argument in Urban Studies Scholarship**

3 cr. Graduate.

Reading, recapitulating, critiquing, and writing urban-focused social science argument.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Fall 2012, Spring 2011, Spring 2009, Spring 2007.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 982 Advanced Quantitative Analysis**

3 cr. Graduate.

Evaluation of different methods of generating data and their applications to the analysis of public policies and programs.

Prerequisites: graduate standing and a minimum score of 85 on department diagnostic exam.**Course Rules:** SOCIOL 982 and URB STD 982 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Fall 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2016, Fall 2013.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 983 Contemporary Urban Social Structure and Change**

3 cr. Graduate.

Range of research issues conceptualized in terms of major categorical and more intentional social structures that bear on urban social actions.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 988 Seminar in Urban Social Institutions:**

3 cr. Graduate.

Historical and sociological forces shaping selected urban issues and social institutions.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.**Last Taught:** Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Spring 2001, Spring 2000.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 990 Master's Research or Thesis**

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Research or thesis work for students in the master's program in Urban Studies.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Summer 2023.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 991 Doctoral Research or Dissertation**

1-6 cr. Graduate.

Research or dissertation work for students in the doctoral program in Urban Studies.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Retakable.**Last Taught:** Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 998 Independent Study for Master's Students**

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Independent study in a subject area of special need or interest after consultation with a faculty member.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2022.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**URB STD 999 Independent Study for Doctoral Students**

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Independent study in a subject area of special need or interest after consultation with a faculty member.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.**Last Taught:** Summer 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2020.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>