

Bachelor of Arts in Urban & Community Studies

A Major that Changes Lives



The Urban and Community Studies (UCS) major at the University of Connecticut is a Bachelor of Arts degree program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The UCS major integrates the study of cities, suburbs, neighborhoods, and communities through core courses drawn from the fields of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Public Policy, Sociology and Urban Studies. It offers a solid foundation in analytical techniques, including quantitative and qualitative methods, survey research, geographic information systems and archival research.

The UCS major provides students with...

- a comprehensive education on the forces that transform communities and urban areas
- a flexible and interdisciplinary curriculum
- opportunities for service learning and community-based internships
- a solid foundation for many rewarding careers
- first-rate preparation for graduate school

UCS is an interdisciplinary major for students who seek meaningful career opportunities in public service, human services, urban and social change, as well as many other rewarding fields. Our flexible curriculum offers students the ability to take courses within the major based on their own personal career or graduate school aspirations. The program offers emphasis areas in Criminal Justice and Law, Nonprofit and Public Management, Public Health, Public Policy and Social Service and Community Organizing as well as a Fast Track to the Master of Public Administration or coursework information for those interested in pursuing a Pre-Med concentration. Students are welcome also to personalize their degree plan based on their academic interests.

UCS is a perfect major for those who are interested in pursuing a career in fields such as or graduate studies in...

Social Work
Counseling
Criminal Justice
Public Policy

Public Administration
Community Organizing
Public and Nonprofit Management
Urban & Regional Planning
Business Administration
&
many more rewarding fields

Law
Education
Public Health
Survey Research

Students may earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban and Community Studies at the Greater Hartford, Storrs and Waterbury campuses. For the greatest variety, students are welcome to enroll in courses across campuses.

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Urban & Community Studies Program - 2014/2015

Degree Requirements

UCS MAJORS COMPLETE A TOTAL OF 36 COURSE CREDITS, 24 WITHIN THE MAJOR PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 12 RELATED, TOWARD THE MINIMUM 120 CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

➤ GROUP I: REQUIRED CORE COURSE

Two required core courses = 6 credits

Introduction to Urban & Community Studies	URBN 2000 (W)	Understanding Your Community	URBN 4000 (W)
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➤ GROUP II: CORE

Select three courses from three different departments = 9 credits (Cross-listed courses count towards the non-URBN department)

Urban Development & Policy	ECON 2439	Urban Politics	POLS 3632 (W) or URBN 3632W
Economics of Poverty	ECON 2456	Public Admin. or Public Admin. in Theory & Practice	POLS 3842 or PP 3031
Urban Geography	GEOG/URBN 3200	Social Policy	PP 4034
Urban & Regional Planning	GEOG 4210	Social Welfare & Social Work	SOCI 3425
History of Urban America	HIST/URBN 3541 (W)	Urban Sociology	SOCI 3901/URBN 3275 (W)
Immigrants & the Shaping of American History	HIST 3554	Communities	SOCI 3911
African American History Since 1865	HIST/AFRA 3564	Urban Anthropology	URBN 3000
History of Latino/as in the US	HIST 3674/LLAS 3220		

➤ GROUP III: METHODS

Select one of the following courses = 3 credits

Information Technology for Economics	ECON 2327	Public Policy Research Methods I (Program Evaluation)	PP 3010
Geographic Data Analysis	GEOG 3500Q	Methods of Social Research	SOCI 3201
Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	GEOG 4500	Introduction to Statistics II	STAT 2215Q
Quantitative Analysis in Political Science	POLS 2072Q	Research Methods & (Quantitative) Analysis in UCS	URBN 2301Q
Survey Research Methods	PP/URBN 2100	Qualitative Analysis of UCS	URBN 2302*

➤ GROUP IV: SUPPORTING

Select two additional courses from group II, group III or from the list below = 6 credits

Applied Regional Analysis: The CT Economy	ECON 2328 (W)	Latino Political Behavior	POLS 3662/LLAS 3270
Economics of Taxation & Government Spending	ECON 2431	The Policy-making Process	POLS 3847
Public Finance	ECON 3431 (W)	Public Policy	PP 3001
Urban & Regional Economics	ECON 3439 (W) or URBN 3439	Cases in Public Policy	PP 3020 (W)
Service Learning Through Sport & Physical Activity	EDLR 3547 (W)	Race & Policy	PP 3033/AFRA 3033/POLS 3633
Reading the American City	ENGL 3235W	State & Local Fiscal Problems	PP 4033
Geographical Analysis of Urban Social Issues	GEOG 4200W	Criminology	SOCI 2301 (W)
Topics in Public History	HIST 3102	Sociological Perspectives on Poverty	SOCI 3429 (W) or HRTS 3429
Social & Cultural History of CT & New England	HIST 3520	Aging in American Society	SOCI 3459/HDFS 3240 (W)
Asian American Experience Since 1850	HIST 3530/AASI 3578	Ethnicity & Race	SOCI 3501 (W) or AFRA 3501
African American History to 1865	HIST/AFRA/HRTS 3563	Sociology of Religion	SOCI 3521 (W)
Hip-Hop, Politics & Youth Culture in America	HIST/AFRA 3568	Sociology of Gender	SOCI 3601 (W)
Diversity Issues in Human Dev. & Family Studies	HDFS 2001	African Americans & Social Protest	SOCI/AFRA/HRTS 3825
Social & Community Influence on Children in the US	HDFS 3110	Urban Problems	SOCI 3903 or URBN 3276 (W)
Planning & Managing Human Service Programs	HDFS 3510	City Life	SOCI 3907 (W)
Public Policy & the Family	HDFS 3530	Internship in UCS or Urban Semester: Seminar	URBN 3981 or INTD 3594 (W)
Child Welfare, Law & Social Policy	HDFS 3540	Foreign Study	URBN 3993
Semester in Urban Problems (Urban Semester)	INTD 3584	Special Topics	URBN 3995
State & Local Government	POLS 2622	Variable Topics	URBN 3998
Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights	POLS/HRTS 3212	Senior Thesis	URBN 4497W
American Political Economy	POLS 3617	Independent Study (With instructor consent)	URBN 4999
African American Politics	POLS/AFRA 3642		

* This courses has been added to the major effective academic year 2015/2016. Majors may receive credit for this course prior to 2015/2016 with approval of their UCS academic advisor.
(W) = These courses may be offered by the university with or without a Writing Competency component.

➤ RELATED COURSES:

Select four courses related to the major = 12 credits

Students may take courses listed within the major as long as they are not URBN or cross-listed with URBN. Courses to be counted towards the related requirement must be pre-approved by the student's UCS advisor.

➤ GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES:

The program offers two General Education courses which meet Content Area requirements, both are strongly recommended for students interested in pursuing the UCS major.

URBN/GEOG 1200 - The City in the Western Tradition

A broad discussion of the role and structure of the city in the western tradition from the Classical period to contemporary America. Special emphasis will be placed on the mechanisms by which cities and ideas about them have been diffused from one place to another and on the changing forces that have shaped the western city. Meets Content Area 1 General Education requirement.

URBN 1300 - Exploring Your Community

Various aspects of urban and community life emphasizing the interplay of social justice, diversity, individual and social well being. Theories, concepts, and methods in community studies. This course may contain a service learning component and/or be offered with a "W" writing component. Meets Content Area 2 and 4 General Education requirements.