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...

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

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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

1. Introduction to Urban & Community Studies
   URB 2000 (W)
2. Understanding Your Community or Urban Semester: Seminar or Senior Thesis
   URB 4000 or INTD 3954 or URB 4497W*

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
- Economics of Poverty
  ECON 2456
- Globalization
  GEOG 2000
- Introduction to Sustainable Cities
  GEOG 2400E
- Urban Geography
  GEOG/URBN 3200 (W)
- Urban & Regional Planning
  GEOG 4210
- History of Urban America
  HIST/URBN 2541 (W)
- Immigrants & the Shaping of American History
  HIST 3554

GROUP III: METHODS

Select one of the following courses = 3 credits

- Information Technology for Economics
  ECON 2327
- New Digital World Geographic Information Science
  GEOG 2410
- Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
  GEOG/CE 2500 (formerly GEOG 4500)
- Visualizing Geographic Data
  GEOG 2510
- Geographic Data Analysis
  GEOG 3500Q
- Quantitative Analysis in Political Science
  POLS 2072Q
- Survey Research Methods
  PP/URBN 2100

GROUP IV: SUPPORTING

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

- Migration
  ANTH 3150 (W)
- Applied Regional Analysis: The CT Economy
  ECON 2328 (W)
- Economics of Taxation & Government Spending
  ECON 2431
- Public Finance
  ECON 3431 (W)
- Urban & Regional Economics
  ECON 3439 (W) or URB 3439
- Service Learning Through Sport & Physical Activity
  EDUR 3547 (W)
- Reading the American City
  ENGL 3235W
- Race, Sex, Space and Place
  GEOG 3000
- Geographical Analysis of Urban Social Issues
  GEOG 4200W
- Asian American Experience Since 1850
  HIST/AAAS 2530
- History of Urban Latin America
  HIST/URBN 2650
- Crime, Policing, & Punishment in the US
  HIST 2810
- Topics in Public History
  HIST 3102
- Social & Cultural History of CT & New England
  HIST 3520
- African American History to 1865
  HIST/AFRA/HRTS 3563
- African American Experience Since 1865
  HIST/URBN 2541 (W)
- History of Urban American
  HIST/URBN 2541 (W)
- History of Latino/a in the US
  HIST 3574/ILLAS 3220
- Urban Politics
  POLS/URBN 3632 (W)
- Social Policy
  POLS 3842 or PP 3031
- Social Welfare & Social Work
  SOCI 3425
- Urban Sociology
  SOCI/URBN 3901 (W)

RELATED COURSES (2000 OR ABOVE):

Select four courses related to the major = 12 credits

Students may take courses listed within the major as long as they are not in the program and 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
- Meets Content Area 1 General Education requirement.

URBN 1300 - Exploring Your Community
- Meets Content Area 2 and 4 General Education requirements.