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
- Law
- Education
- Public Health
- Survey Research
- & many more rewarding fields

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  
   URBN 2000 (W)
2. Understanding Your Community or Urban Semester: Seminar or Senior Thesis  
   URBN 4000 or INTD 3594 or URBN 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  
  African American History Since 1865  
  HIST/AFRA 3564
- **Economics of Poverty**  
  ECON 2456  
  History of Latinos/as in the US  
  HIST 3674/LLAS 3220
- **Globalization**  
  GEOG 2000  
  Urban Politics  
  POLS/URBN 3632 (W)
- **Introduction to Sustainable Cities**  
  GEOG 2400E  
  Public Admin. or Public Admin. in Theory & Practice  
  POLS 3842 or PP 3031
- **Urban Geography**  
  GEOG/URBN 3200 (W)  
  Social Policy  
  PP 4034
- **Urban & Regional Planning**  
  GEOG 4210  
  Sociological Perspectives on Poverty  
  SOCI/HRTS 2820 (W) formerly 3629
- **History of Urban America**  
  HIST/URBN 2541 (W) formerly 3541  
  Urban Sociology  
  SOCI/URBN 2901 (W) formerly 3801/3976
- **Immigrants & the Shaping of American History**  
  HIST 3554  
  Social Welfare & Social Work  
  SOCI 3425

### 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
- Introduction to Geographic Information Systems  
  GEOG/GE 2500 formerly 6686 4600  
  Methods of Social Research  
  SOCI 2301
- Visualizing Geographic Data  
  GEOG 2510  
  Introduction to Statistics II  
  STAT 2215Q
- Geographic Data Analysis  
  GEOG 3500Q  
  Research Methods & (Quantitative) Analysis in UCS  
  URBN 2301Q
- Quantitative Analysis in Political Science  
  POLS 2072Q  
  Qualitative Analysis of UCS  
  URBN 2302
- 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)  
  American Political Economy  
  POLS 3617
- Applied Regional Analysis: The CT Economy  
  ECON 2328 (W)  
  African American Politics  
  POLS/AFRA 3642
- Economics of Taxation & Government Spending  
  ECON 2431  
  Latino Political Behavior  
  POLS 3662/LLAS 3270
- Public Finance  
  ECON 3431 (W)  
  The Policy-making Process  
  POLS 3847
- Urban & Regional Economics  
  ECON 3439 (W) or URBN 3439  
  Cases in Public Policy  
  PP 3020 (W)
- Introduction to Sport Based Youth Development  
  EDUR 3547 (W)  
  Race & Policy  
  PP 3033/AFRA 3033/POLS 3633
- Reading the American City  
  ENGL 3235W  
  Criminology  
  SOCI 2301 (W)
- Race, Sex, Space and Place  
  GEOG 3000  
  Ethnicity & Race  
  SOCI 2510 (W) / AFRA 2510 formerly 3032
- Geographical Analysis of Urban Social Issues  
  GEOG 4200W  
  African Americans & Social Protest  
  SOCI/AFRA/HRTS 2530 formerly 3825
- Asian American Experience Since 1850  
  HIST/AAAS 2530 formerly HIST 2530  
  Sociology of the Family  
  SOCI 2651 (W)
- History of Urban Latin America  
  HIST/URBN 2650 formerly 3624  
  Sociology of Religion  
  SOCI 2670 (W) formerly 3621
- Crime, Policing, & Punishment in the US  
  HIST 2810  
  Sociology of Sexuality  
  SOCI/ WGSS 2680 (W) formerly 3623
- Topics in Public History  
  HIST 3102  
  Sociology of Food  
  SOCI 2705E
- Social & Cultural History of CT & New England  
  HIST 3520  
  Society and Climate Change  
  SOCI 2709WE
- African American History to 1865  
  HIST/AFRA/HRTS 3563  
  City Life  
  SOCI 2907 (W) formerly 3807
- Hip-Hop, Politics & Youth Culture in America  
  HIST/AFRA 3568  
  Aging in American Society  
  SOCI 3459/HDFS 3240 (W)
- Diversity Issues in Human Dev. & Family Studies  
  HDFS 2001  
  Sociology of Gender  
  SOCI 3601 (W)
- Social & Community Influence on Children in the US  
  HDFS 3110  
  Urban Problems  
  SOCI 3903 (W) or URBN 3276 (W)
- Planning & Managing Human Service Programs  
  HDFS 3510  
  City & Community in Film  
  URBN/AMST 2400
- Public Policy & the Family  
  HDFS 3530  
  Internship in UCS or Urban Semester: Seminar  
  URBN 3981/3991* or INTD 3594 (W)
- Child Welfare, Law & Social Policy  
  HDFS 3540 (W)  
  Foreign Study  
  URBN 3993
- Semester in Urban Problems (Urban Semester)  
  INTD 3584  
  Special Topics  
  URBN 3995
- Sustainable Urban Ecosystems  
  NRE 3265  
  Variable Topics  
  URBN 3998
- State & Local Government  
  POLS 2522  
  Senior Thesis  
  URBN 4497W
- Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights  
  POLS/HRTS 3212  
  Independent Study (With instructor consent)  
  URBN 4999
- Environmental and Climate Justice  
  POLS 3240E
- Globalization & Political Change  
  POLS 3406 (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 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**  
  Meets Content Area 1 General Education requirement.
- **URBN 1300 - Exploring Your Community**  
  Meets Content Area 2 and 4 General Education requirements.
- **URBN 1400 - Site & Stoud: Understanding Cities Through Popular Music**  
  Meets Content Area 2 and 4 General Education requirements.