

Urban & Community Studies Program - 2013/2014

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

One course = 3 credits

Introduction to Urban & Community Studies URBN 2000 (W)

➤ 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/AFAM 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 in UCS	URBN 2301Q*
Survey Research Methods	PP/URBN 2100		

➤ GROUP IV: SUPPORTING

Select three additional courses from group II, group III or from the list below = 9 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	EKIN 3547 (W)*	Race & Policy	PP 3033/AFAM 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 AFAM 3501*
African American History to 1865	HIST/AFAM/HRTS 3563	Sociology of Religion	SOCI 3521 (W)
Hip-Hop, Politics & Youth Culture in America	HIST/AFAM 3568	Sociology of Gender	SOCI 3601 (W)
Diversity Issues in Human Dev. & Family Studies	HDFS 2001	African Americans & Social Protest	SOCI/AFAM/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*	Understanding Your Community	URBN 4000 (W)
American Political Economy	POLS 3617*	Senior Thesis	URBN 4497*
African American Politics	POLS/AFAM 3642	Independent Study (With instructor consent)	URBN 4999

* These courses have been added to the major effective academic year 2014/2015. Majors may receive credit for these courses prior to 2014/2015 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.