Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies
At Wayne State University

95 percent of the American population lives within commuter range of a city. Most jobs are urban-related. It pays to be knowledgeable about the urban world.

The Urban Studies Program is a rigorous, cross-disciplinary course of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies. The program also offers a minor in the field.

In the program, students gain in-depth understanding of:
- how cities and metro areas came to be;
- the physical forms urban areas take;
- the social, political, and economic relationships in these areas;
- the costs and benefits of urbanization;
- the role of planning and public policy in shaping the quality of life and opportunity for residents of metro areas.

The Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies prepares students for:
- advanced training in traditional academic disciplines, such as history, sociology or political science;
- training in professional fields with urban foci, such as law, public administration, and urban planning;
- vocational activities with an urban orientation such as community organizing, policy advocacy, and social service provision;
- citizenship in an increasingly urban world.

Requirements

To earn a bachelor’s degree in Urban Studies, students must complete eight core courses totaling 30 credits plus 8 credits of urban-related electives.

1. Core (26 credits)
Students must take all the following core courses:

- **PS 2240**: Introduction to Urban Politics and Policy Cr. 4
- **GPH 3130**: Introduction to Urban Geography Cr. 4
- **GPH 3600**: Intro to Geographic Information Systems Cr. 4
- **US 4510**: Cities and Regions (GPH 4510) Cr. 3
- **UP 5820**: Urban and Regional Economics (ECO 5800) Cr. 4
  (Prerequisite: ECO 2010 – Principles of Microeconomics Cr. 3-4)
- **US 4620**: (WI) Urban Studies Capstone Research Project Cr. 3

2. Research Methods (4 credits)
Students must take one of the following research methods courses:

- **US 4420**: Methods for Urban Studies Cr. 4
- **GPH 6420**: Quantitative Techniques Cr. 4
- **CRJ 4860**: Research Methods in Criminal Justice Cr. 4
- **PS 3600**: Methods of Political Inquiry Cr. 4
- **SOC 4200**: Methods of Social Research Cr. 4

3. Electives (8 credits)
Additionally, students must complete 8 credits in urban-related elective courses. The following have been identified as suitable electives. Elective courses not in this list must be approved in advance by the Urban Studies Academic Advisor.

- **AFS 3160**: Black Urban History (HIS 3160) Cr. 3
- **AFS 3860**: Race, Class, and the Criminal Justice System Cr. 3
- **AFS 5320**: Black Labor History Cr.
- **ANT 3020**: Introduction to Archaeology Cr.
- **ANT 3110**: Detroit Minorities: Arabs, Hispanics, and African Americans Cr. 3-4
- **ANT 3220**: Lost Cities and Ancient Civilizations (HIS 3200) Cr. 3
- **ANT 5060**: Urban Anthropology Cr.
- **ANT 5500**: Historical Archaeology Cr. 3
- **ANT 5280**: Field Work in Archaeology of the Americas Cr. 4
- **ECO 5520**: State and Local Public Finance Cr. 4
- **CRJ 3120**: Politics of the Criminal Justice System Cr. 4
- **GPH 4620**: Advanced GIS Applications Cr. 4
- **GPH 5060**: Urban and Regional Planning (GPH 5060) Cr. 4
- **HIS 5670**: Modern American Cities Cr. 4
- **N E 3030**: Great Cities of the Near East Cr. 3
- **P S 3250**: Detroit Politics: Continuity and Change in City and Suburbs (HIS 3240) Cr. 4
- **SOC 2020**: (SS) Social Problems Cr. 3
- **SOC 2600**: Race and Racism in America Cr. 3
- **SOC 3510**: (SS) The Nature and Impact of Population on Society Cr. 3
- **SOC 5400**: The Family: Cr. 3
- **SOC 5570**: Race Relations in Urban Society (AFS 5570) Cr. 3
- **SOC 6750**: Sociology of Urban Health Cr. 4
- **UP 3530**: Urban and Regional Planning (GPH 3530) Cr. 3
- **UP 5650**: Metropolitan Detroit (GPH 5650) Cr. 4
- **US 3650**: History of Detroit (HIS 3650) Cr. 3
- **US 5999**: Special Topics Cr. 1-4
- **US 6000**: Urban Studies Internship Cr. 1-4
At the turning point between the twentieth century and the twenty-first, a new kind of economy is coming into being, and a new kind of society, and a new kind of city: some might say no city at all, the end of the city as we know it, but they will doubtless be wrong.

Sir Peter Hall

But a city is more than a place in space, it is a drama in time

Sir Patrick Geddes