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

Sustainable development is defined as: development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. 

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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 course of study in the field.

The Urban Studies program is flexible enough to serve a wide variety of student needs and interests. The "urban" in Urban Studies includes suburban and exurban. That is, students explore the spatial patterning of metropolitan systems as well as the inner-life of individual cities; as well as the broad historical, international comparative, economic or cultural concerns, and specific practical problems. As a highly interdisciplinary program, students are required to take courses in at least five separate disciplines, but may, with elective requirements, take courses in many more disciplines.

The Urban Studies degree prepares students for:

- Professional activities with an urban orientation, or advanced training in traditional academic disciplines
- Advanced training in specialized academic disciplines with urban foci, including law, public administration, and urban planning
- The wide variety of vocations present in an urban setting, including community building with for profit and non-profit organizations
- Citizenship in an urban world

Urban Studies Major Requirements

Students majoring in Urban Studies are required to complete eight core courses totaling 29 credits and 9 credits of additional urban-related electives.

Core Requirements (22 credits)

Students must take all of the following core courses towards a Bachelor’s degree in Urban Studies:

- **PS 2240**: Introduction to Urban Politics and Policy: Cr. 4
- **GPH 3130**: Introduction to Urban Geography: Cr. 4
- **US 4510**: Cities and Regions (GPH 4510): Cr. 4
- **ECO 5800**: Urban and Regional Economics (UP 5820): Cr. 4

(Prerequisite: ECO 2010, Principles of Microeconomics: Cr. 3-4)

- **U S 4620**: (WI) Urban Studies Capstone Research Seminar: Cr. 2

Research Methods Requirement (4 credits)

Students must take one of the following research methods courses towards a Bachelor’s degree in Urban Studies:

- **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

Cognate Requirement (3 Credits)

Students must take one of the following four cognate courses towards a Bachelor’s degree in Urban Studies:

- **AFS 3160**: Black Urban History (HIS 3160): Cr. 4
- **ANT 5060**: Urban Anthropology (SOC 5540): Cr. 3

(Prerequisite: ANT 2100: Introduction to Anthropology: Cr. 3-4)
- **SOC 5500**: Urban and Metropolitan Living (UP 5210): Cr. 3
- **SOC 5570**: Race Relations in Urban Society (AFS 5570): Cr. 3

Elective Course Requirements (9 credits)

The University offers numerous urban-related courses suitable as electives. Students must complete nine credits in urban-related electives. The following list is not exhaustive:

- **AFS 3860**: Race, Class and the Criminal Justice System Cr. 3
- **AFS 5320**: Black Labor History Cr. 4
- **ANT 3110**: Detroit Minorities: Arabs, Hispanics, and African Americans Cr. 3-4
- **ANT 3200**: Lost Cities and Ancient Civilizations (HIS 3200) Cr. 3
- **ANT 5060**: Urban Anthropology Cr. 3
- **ECO 6520**: State and Local Public Finance Cr. 4
- **ECO 6810**: Political Economy of the Urban Ghetto (SOC 6850) (UP 6670) Cr. 3
- **CRJ 4300**: Corrections Cr. 4
- **CRJ 3120**: Politics of the Criminal Justice System Cr. 4
- **GPH 3600**: Intro to Geographic Information Systems Cr. 4
- **GPH 5650**: Metropolitan Detroit (UP 5650) Cr. 4
- **GPH 5700**: Urban Canada (GPH 5700) (U P 5700) Cr. 4
- **GPH 6150**: Internal Structure of the City (UP 5420) (GPH 6150) Cr. 4
- **GPH 6240**: Industrial Geography (UP 5520) (GPH 6240) Cr. 4
- **GPH 6280**: Marketing Geography (UP 5620) (GPH 6280) Cr. 4
- **GPH 6830**: Advanced GIS Applications Cr. 4
- **HIS 2050**: United States Since 1877 Cr. 3-4
- **HIS 5220**: The Changing Shape of Ethnic America: Cr. 3-4
- **HIS 5300**: Economic History of the United States (HIS 7300) Cr. 4
- **HIS 5340**: History of Ancient Rome (HIS 7340) Cr. 3
- **HUM 1030**: Exploring the Arts in Detroit Cr. 4
- **NE 3030**: Great Cities of the Near East Cr. 3
- **PS 3250**: Detroit Politics: Continuity and Change in City and Suburbs (HIS 3240) Cr. 4
- **PS 5220**: Issues in Urban Public Policy & Management Cr. 4
- **PSY 5580**: Consumer Psychology Cr. 3
- **SOC 2020**: (SS) Social Problems: Cr. 3
- **SOC 2600**: Race and Racism: 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. 3
- **UP 3530**: Urban and Regional Planning (GPH 3530): Cr. 3
- **UP 5500**: Urban and Metropolitan Living (SOC 5510): Cr. 3
- **UP 5650**: Metropolitan Detroit (GPH 5650) Cr. 4
- **US 4540**: African Cities
- **US 5999**: Special Topics Cr 3-4
- **US 6000**: Urban Studies Internship: Cr. 1-4