Are you interested in cities?

If so, the Urban Studies Program at Wayne State University offers you an in-depth understanding of:
- How cities and metro areas came to be;
- How they work (or not);
- How people and activities relate to each other in urban areas;
- Why some cities thrive while others decline;
- How to improve urban communities.

Students learn about neighborhood issues during a field trip to Detroit’s Corktown neighborhood.

I was so excited to be a part of the class! I walked away from each lecture feeling so inspired. So much so that I am considering changing career paths from medical research to Urban Planning!


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What is Urban Studies?

Urban Studies is an interdisciplinary field that examines the dynamics of cities and urban settlements. As the world becomes more urban—80 percent of Americans now live in urban areas—understanding cities becomes more urgent and exciting.

Cities are centers of production, wealth-creation, innovation, and recreation. They also present problems such as poverty and persistent segregation as well as new challenges and priorities, such as sustainability, community development, climate change, and shrinkage.

Wayne State’s Urban Studies major enables students to explore these complexities of urban communities, in the midst of Detroit’s revival in midtown.

What can I do with a BA in Urban Studies?

Urban Studies majors pursue diverse careers, including those related to improving urban places and solving urban problems.

With a BA in Urban Studies you can:

- Gain valuable skills, such as critical thinking, communication, data collection and analysis, and research design, that are relevant for jobs in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors;
- Pursue graduate studies in professional fields such as law, public administration, and urban planning;
- Pursue graduate studies in traditional disciplines, such as history, sociology or political science;
- Become a better citizen by learning how to think about important social issues.

How do I know it’s right for me?

Do you like living in an urban environment? Do you wonder about how neighborhoods grow (or decline)? Do you want to become involved in making your city a better place to live? Do you care about how to increase opportunities for racial and ethnic minority populations? Do you wish to pursue a career focused on urban communities or urban policies and plans?

If you answered “yes” to any of these, you would do well to consider a BA in Urban Studies at Wayne State.

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