The Urban Studies Program offers a major for students who have an interest in unraveling the complexities of the urban world. The major is interdisciplinary, meaning that students learn about cities as historical, social, cultural, economic, and political phenomena. The major is real world, meaning that students take this learning with them and apply it to the world beyond the classroom. Finally, the major is career-oriented, meaning that students attempt to find a role for themselves in the urban environment. To accomplish all of these goals, the Urban Studies Program has designed a curriculum which integrates knowing with doing. The urban studies major combines courses offered by the program itself with courses offered through other social science departments. Students are encouraged to take URBNST 0010 Introduction to Urban Studies as early as possible, ideally in the fall or spring of the freshman year, and to develop a broad background in the social sciences among lower-level social science courses.

Required courses for the Urban Studies major
The urban studies major requires the completion of 36 credits distributed as follows.

Urban Studies core courses
All of the following courses; these courses should be completed early in the student’s academic program
URBNST 0010 Introduction to Urban Studies
URBNST 0030 Introduction to GIS
URBNST 0050 Introduction to Urban Research
URBNST 0070 Urban Social Theory

Intermediate-level elective courses
Students must take at least four courses according to the following guidelines.

At least two of the following Urban Studies courses
URBNST 0100 World Urban Patterns
URBNST 0108 Urban Economic Geography
URBNST 0112 Social Justice and the City
URBNST 0114 Urban Sustainability
URBNST 0120 Urban Geography
URBNST 0130 Applied GIS
URBNST 0140 Crime and Punishment
URBNST 0150 GIS & Community Data
URBNST 0160 Data Visualization

At least one of the following courses
URBNST 0200 Internship
URBNST 0400 'Global City' Study Abroad Courses
URBNST 0413 Sustainable Cities 1
URBNST 0415 Sustainable Cities 2
URBNST 0600 Independent Research
URBNST 0810 Field Analysis of Global Urbanism
URBNST 0820 Advanced International Field Placement
ARC 0110 Approaches to the Built Environment
COMMRC 1103 Rhetoric and Culture
ECON 0230 Introduction to Public Economics
ENGLIT 0628 Working Class Literature
FR 0017 Paris: Urbanism Past and Present
HIST 1019 Cities in Historical Perspective
PUBSRV 0030 Public Policy Process
SOC 0444 Urban Sociology

Advanced elective courses
Students must take three courses according to the following guidelines.

Advanced Urban Studies courses; choose two courses
URBNST 0300 Remaking Cities
URBNST 0320 US Housing & Property
URBNST 0340 Urban Ethnography
URBNST 0360 International Urbanism
URBNST 0380 Field Research Seminar
URBNST 0710 Urban Culture: Special Topics
URBNST 0750 Urban Methods: Special Topics
URBNST 0770 Urban Theory: Special Topics

Advanced courses from another discipline; choose one course
ANTH 1530 Origins of Cities
ARC 0300 Intro to Historic Preservation
ARC 1180 World Cities
ARC 1181 Pittsburgh Arch. & Urbanism
HIST 1135 Berlin: History of a European Metropolis
JS 1160 Jerusalem: History and Imagination
PS 1251 Urban Government and Politics
PUBSRV 1100 Practices in Public Administration
SOC 1286 Race and the City
SOCWRK 1000 Introduction to Social Work
SOC 1476 Urban Policy and Planning

Capstone course
URBNST 0900 Urban Studies Research Seminar

Note: All four of the Urban Studies core courses must be completed prior to enrolling in URBNST 0900.
**Grade requirements**
A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental and concentration courses is required for graduation.

**Satisfactory/No Credit option**
There is no limit to the number of courses in the major that can be taken on an S/NC basis.

**Writing (W) requirement**
Students must complete one W-course in the major. URBNST 0900 Urban Studies Research Seminar fulfills this requirement.

**Study Abroad**
It would be desirable for students to add an international dimension to their undergraduate education through their participation in a study abroad program.

**Urban Students Association**
The Urban Students Association (U.S.A.) is an official student organization formed by students in the Urban Studies Program. Through U.S.A., students have been actively involved in issues related to the major throughout the Pittsburgh region. U.S.A. has invited guest speakers to appear on campus, organized field trips, and participated in numerous community projects.

Advising note: Students considering the urban studies major are encouraged to speak with the major advisor as early in the decision-making process as possible.

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**Checklist for the Urban Studies major**

**Urban Studies core courses**
All of the following courses

- URBNST 0010
- URBNST 0030
- URBNST 0050
- URBNST 0070

**Intermediate-level elective courses**
Students must take at least four courses according to the following guidelines.

- At least two of the following Urban Studies courses
  - URBNST 0100
  - URBNST 0108
  - URBNST 0112
  - URBNST 0114
  - URBNST 0120
  - URBNST 0130
  - URBNST 0140
  - URBNST 0150
  - URBNST 0160
  - URBNST 0170
  - URBNST 0180
  - URBNST 0190
  - URBNST 0200
  - URBNST 0210
  - URBNST 0220
  - URBNST 0230
  - URBNST 0240
  - URBNST 0250
  - URBNST 0260
  - URBNST 0270
  - URBNST 0280
  - URBNST 0290
  - URBNST 0300
  - URBNST 0310
  - URBNST 0320
  - URBNST 0330
  - URBNST 0340
  - URBNST 0350
  - URBNST 0360
  - URBNST 0370
  - URBNST 0380
  - URBNST 0390
  - URBNST 0400
  - URBNST 0410
  - URBNST 0415
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  - URBNST 0450
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  - URBNST 0870
  - URBNST 0880
  - URBNST 0890
  - URBNST 0900

- At least one of the following courses
  - URBNST 0200
  - URBNST 0400
  - URBNST 0413
  - URBNST 0415
  - URBNST 0600
  - URBNST 0810
  - URBNST 0820
  - ARC 0110
  - COMMRC 1103
  - ECON 0230
  - ENGLIT 0628
  - FR 0017
  - HIST 1019
  - PUBSRV 0030
  - SOC 0444

**Advanced elective courses**
Students must take three courses according to the following guidelines.

- Advanced Urban Studies courses; choose two of the following courses
  - URBNST 0300
  - URBNST 0320
  - URBNST 0340
  - URBNST 0360
  - URBNST 0380
  - URBNST 0710
  - URBNST 0750
  - URBNST 0770

- Advanced courses from another discipline; choose one course
  - ANTH 1530
  - ARC 0300
  - ARC 1180
  - ARC 1181
  - HIST 1135
  - JS 1160
  - PS 1251
  - PUBSRV
  - SOC 1286
  - SOCWRK
  - SOC 1476

**Capstone course**
- URBNST 0900