



**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**WILLIAM PATERSON
UNIVERSITY**

Urban Science and Society Major (Bachelor of Arts)

CONCENTRATIONS: POLICY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT • COMMUNITY, CULTURE, AND DIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND URBAN SCIENCE

Why Study Urban Science and Society?

The urban science and society program is unique in its multidisciplinary nature and its primary focus on cities. Many major issues facing society are complex, multidimensional, and interconnected. They are shaped by a variety of environmental, social, economic, and political factors. In our globalizing and urbanizing world, cities and urban communities have become increasingly important as living environments, centers of economic activities, cultural interaction, politics, and as locations of many social, economic, and environmental problems. This program provides the training and ability to understand the complex urban environment, the challenges and opportunities on a local, regional, and global scale, as well as skills to address them.

Urban Science and Society Career Paths

Employment prospects in fields associated with urban studies are very promising. The major prepares students for careers in many fields in the private, non-profit, and public sectors including education, community service, social work, urban planning, real estate, and public affairs. The multidisciplinary nature of the program also offers a solid foundation for students who wish to pursue graduate studies in a wide range of areas including public policy, education, sociology, criminal justice, public health, public administration, law, and social work.

Major Requirements

The 33-credit degree allows for specialization in one of two concentrations:

- Policy, Planning, and Development
- Community, Culture, and Diversity

Course topics include:

- historical and contemporary patterns of urbanization
- city forms
- urban economic growth and decline
- issues around migration, race, ethnicity, and gender relationships in cities
- types of urban economies
- forms of urban governance
- social movements
- public education
- public health
- housing
- land-use planning
- poverty
- transportation
- crime
- community development

Internship Opportunities

William Paterson University's location in the northern New Jersey/New York metropolitan area provides students with many opportunities for internships in various private corporations, public and non-profit organizations, and agencies dealing with a wide range of urban-related issues, including:

- housing • transportation • education • real estate • research
- public health • community development • planning • recreation
- advocacy • law • law enforcement • criminal justice • business
- lobbying • data analysis • counseling • emergency management
- fundraising and development • historic preservation • human services • social services • market research and analysis
- program development • policy analysis • public relations
- project management • urban renewal • travel and tourism planning

Learning Outside the Classroom

In addition to the Internship in Urban Studies, students in the major have many other opportunities for applied experiences, including civic engagement and service learning. The program requires that students complete a civic and community engagement course, and offers a choice of community and civic engagement electives. Students may also conduct a research project through the required Senior Seminar (Capstone) course.

Faculty Expertise

Urban science and society faculty come from a wide variety of disciplines and divisions in the University, including **Africana world studies • anthropology • business • criminal justice • environmental science • geography • history • political science • psychology • public health • sociology • women's and gender studies**

Professors bring breadth and depth of expertise on urban-related issues and are distinguished in their teaching, research, and community engagement.

Our greatest strength is helping you find yours

At William Paterson, we help students not only reach, but expand their potential and discover abilities they may not have been able to see for themselves. As with other programs at WP, the urban science and society major provides:

- Hands-on experience to enhance career marketability
- Opportunity to get involved in research or scholarly activities with faculty
- Professors who bring real world experience to the classroom
- Chance to work with industry professionals through internships
- State-of-the-art campus facilities
- Civic engagement/service learning opportunities



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For more about the urban science and society major:
wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/geography/
For Admissions information: wpunj.edu/undergraduate

NEW PROGRAM

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND URBAN SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF ARTS URBAN SCIENCE AND SOCIETY (33 Credits)

Required Core Courses (12 Credits)

1. URBN 2010: Introduction to Urban Studies
2. GEO 2030: Introduction to GIS
3. GEO/URBN 2020: Research Methods
4. URBN 4800: Senior Seminar in Urban Studies

Concentrations

Community, Culture and Diversity - 12 credits

ANTH 2020: Diversity and Equity in Schools
ANTH 3250: Faces of Diversity
ARTH 3310: Art in New York
AWS 2040/ENG 2500: Harlem Renaissance
ANTH 3560: Urban Anthropology
CIED 2050: Foundations of Bilingual & Multicultural Education
ENG 3570: Becoming New York
GEO 2040: Multicultural Geography of the USA
GEO 3200: Cultural Geography
GEO 4500: Internship in Geography & Urban Science
HIST/ASN 2580: Asian American Experience
HIST/URBN 4900: Race, Ethnicity, & the Changing City
PSY 3650: Cross Cultural Psychology
PSY 3580: Psychology of African Americans
SOC 2720: Urban Sociology
SOC 2410: Minority Groups in America
SOC 2620: Violence in the Community
URBN 3790: Urban Spaces in the Cinema
WGS/URBN 3980: Women in the City
WGS 2020: Latinos/Latinas in the U.S.

Policy, Planning and Development - 12 credits

AWS 2800: Minority Enterprises
AWS 4200: Economic Structures of Black Community
AWS 3050: Community Development
CCJ 4030: Community Corrections
GEO 2300: Global Population Issues
GEO 4010: Computer Cartography
GEO 4030: Advanced GIS
GEO 4410: Urban Planning Issues
GEO 4500: Internship in Geography & Urban Science
ENV 3890: Environmental Land use and Planning
HIST 2910: History of the Civil Rights Movements
HIST/URBN 3240: US Urban History
HIST 3790: History of Suburbia
PBHL 3000: Introduction to Public Health
PBHL 3400: Environmental Health
POL 2230: Urban & Suburban Politics
POL 3280: Urban Policies & Problems
PSY 3450: Community Psychology
SOC/URBN 2730: The Global City
SOC 3700: Social Demography

Community Engagement Requirement (3 credits)

AWS/URBN 2980: Student Community Service
GEO/URBN 3410: Geography of North American Cities
GEO 3390: Geography of New Jersey
PSY 3450: Community Psychology
HIST 2100: U.S. Labor History
HIST 3510: Public History (WI)
HIST 4200: Politics and Social Movements (WI)

Enrichment Electives (6 credits)

Can be fulfilled by choosing any two courses from either concentration.

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