

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:

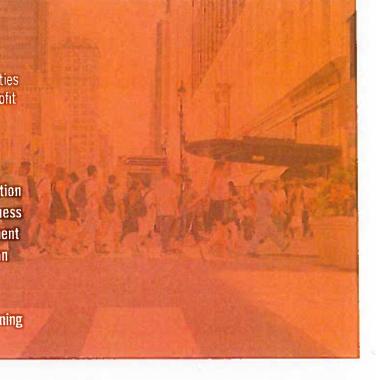
- historical and contemporary patterns of urbanization
- city forms
- urban economic growth and decline
- issues around migration, race, ethnicity, and gender relationships in cities
- types of urban economies
- · forms of urban governance
- social movements
- public education
- public health
- housing
- 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 urbanrelated 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

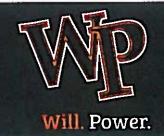
Urban science and society faculty come from a wide variety of disciplines and divisions in the University, including Africana world studies • anthropology • business • criminal justice • environmental science • geography • history • political science • psychology • public health • sociology • women's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



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 Policy, Planning and Development - 12 credits ANTH 2020: Diversity and Equity in Schools AWS 2800: Minority Enterprises ANTH 3250: Faces of Diversity AWS 4200: Economic Structures of Black Community ARTH 3310: Art in New York AWS 3050: Community Development AWS 2040/ENG 2500: Harlem Renaissance CCJ 4030: Community Corrections ANTH 3560: Urban Anthropology GEO 2300: Global Population Issues GEO 4010: Computer Cartography CIED 2050: Foundations of Bilingual & Multicultural GEO 4030: Advanced GIS Education GEO 4410: Urban Planning Issues ENG 3570: Becoming New York GEO 2040: Multicultural Geography of the USA GEO 4500: Internship in Geography & Urban Science ENV 3890: Environmental Land use and Planning GEO 3200: Cultural Geography HIST 2910: History of the Civil Rights Movements GEO 4500: Internship in Geography & Urban Science HIST/ASN 2580: Asian American Experience HIST/URBN 3240: US Urban History HIST 3790: History of Suburbia HIST/URBN 4900: Race, Ethnicity, & the Changing City PSY 3650: Cross Cultural Psychology PBHL 3000: Introduction to Public Health PSY 3580: Psychology of African Americans PBHL 3400: Environmental Health SOC 2720: Urban Sociology POL 2230: Urban & Suburban Politics SOC 2410: Minority Groups in America POL 3280: Urban Policies & Problems SOC 2620: Violence in the Community PSY 3450: Community Psychology URBN 3790: Urban Spaces in the Cinema SOC/URBN 2730: The Global City WGS/URBN 3980: Women in the City SOC 3700: Social Demography WGS 2020: Latinos/Latinas in the U.S.

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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