Urban and Metropolitan Studies, Minor

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Do you daydream about improving your community? As the population in urban areas grows, so does the demand for leaders who have the skills to solve the challenges such growth generates. Through hands-on coursework and convenient internships, this minor can help you begin a career in which you can influence change.

Description

The minor program in urban and metropolitan studies offers students interested in the urban environment the opportunity to explore the wide variety of issues that influence the quality of life in urban communities.

Students are encouraged to learn about cities as historical, social, cultural, economic and political phenomena in order to gain a strong understanding of the complex relationships that contribute to the problems and opportunities of urban living.

The program allows students enrolled in other undergraduate programs at ASU to broaden their educational experiences. Students from various disciplines such as planning, business, political science, nonprofit management and leadership, communication, social work, geography and many others might find this program a beneficial supplement to their existing program.

At a Glance

- College/School: Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Program Requirements
This minor requires 15 credit hours of coursework, of which at least 9 credit hours must be upper-division. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required in each course. A minimum of 12 hours must be completed at ASU.

**Required Courses -- 6 credit hours**

- PAF 305: Urban Governance (3)
- PAF 351: Urban and Metropolitan Studies (3)

**Core Courses (choose two) -- 6 credit hours**

- PAF 220: Introduction to Urban America (3)
- PAF 240: Urban Policy (C) (3)
- PAF 302: Public Service Research Methods (3)
- PAF 352: Urban Theory (3)
- PAF 410: Building Leadership Skills (SB) (3)

**Urban Elective (choose one course from the following subjects) -- 3 credit hours**

- ASB OR COM OR CRJ OR GCU OR GPH OR HST OR MGT OR NLM OR PAF OR POS OR PRM
- OR SBS OR SOC OR SOS OR SWU OR TDM OR TWC OR WST Elective (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

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**Enrollment Requirements**

**GPA Requirement:** 2.00

**Incompatible Majors:** BA and BS in urban and metropolitan studies

**Other Enrollment Requirements:** None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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**Career Opportunities**
Students completing this minor are prepared to pursue a career in a field related to management and policy areas associated with towns, cities and regions. This may include opportunities as a policy analyst, entry-level manager or program coordinator in local, state or federal agencies; nonprofit organizations; and private organizations that interface with the public sector.

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