Description

The minor 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.

As the population in the state's urban areas continues to grow, so will the demand for leaders who are skilled in new and innovative ways with which to address the challenges such growth generates.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Public Service and Community Solutions
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Program Requirements

1. 12 hours of residence credit at ASU
2. 15 hours of course work with a "C" (2.00 on a scale of 4.00) or better in each course
3. nine hours of upper-division course work from the approved list.

Eligibility to pursue the minor requires a major other than urban and metropolitan studies.

Required Courses
URB 300: Urban and Metropolitan Studies (3)
URB 305: Urban Governance (3)

Core Courses (choose two of the following)

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

Urban Electives

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 URB 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.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Majors Ineligible to Add This Minor: Urban and Metropolitan Studies BA or BS

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Students in most majors may pursue at least one minor and, upon successful completion of the prescribed coursework, have that accomplishment officially recognized on the ASU transcript at graduation if the college or department of the minor officially certifies, through established verification procedures, that all requirements for the minor have been met and the college (and in certain colleges, the department) of the student's major allows the official recognition of the minor.

A student wishing to pursue a specific minor should consult an academic advisor in the unit offering that minor to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. The student should also consult an academic advisor in the college or department of the major to make sure the college or department of the major allows the recognition of the minor.

Note: Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate either by the college or department of the major or minor. Courses taken as part of a minor may not count toward both the major degree and the minor. Students should contact the department for more information.
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