

URBAN STUDIES (M.A.)

Requirements

Depending on the number of courses taken each semester, the degree is a three- or four-semester program for full-time students (for example, three semesters plus field work in the summer).

The degree requires completion of 36 credits and a formal master's thesis. Three core courses establish a common base of knowledge and research skills, in addition to field work and a research project. Students then complete seven elective courses across a variety of disciplines depending on their individual interests.

Course	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
URST 5000	Issues in Urban Studies	3
URST 5020	Urban Political Processes	3
URST 6200	Research Skills in Urban Studies	3
Required Fieldwork/Thesis Writing Courses		
URST 6080	Urban Studies Fieldwork ¹	3
URST 6999	Urban Studies Research ¹	3
Seven elective courses ²		21
M.A. Thesis Completion ²		
Total Credits		36

¹ Please note:

- At least three credits each of URST 6080 Urban Studies Fieldwork and URST 6999 Urban Studies Research are required. In some exceptional circumstances, additional credits of URST 6080 and/or URST 6999 may be taken towards the elective requirement **with special permission of the Urban Studies director**.
- Students do not need to take all three credits of URST 6080 and URST 6999 as three-credit courses, but may complete the three credits of each course in smaller increments, if desired.
- Urban Studies graduate students must enroll in URST 6080 Urban Studies Fieldwork and URST 6999 Urban Studies Research under the supervision of a thesis adviser.
- The thesis adviser may be any full-time faculty member affiliated with the Urban Studies program. Students must obtain the permission of their chosen thesis adviser, as well as the program director, before enrolling in these classes.
- Students complete the field work research for their master's thesis in New York City or in another large-scale city in the United States or abroad. It may be completed during the academic year or the summer.
- Before registering for field work, a student must complete the core courses listed above and be in good academic standing. The thesis adviser or the Urban Studies director must approve and monitor all field work research. The field study must be directly related to the student's master's thesis.

² Electives can be chosen from any graduate-level Urban Studies course or any course with the URSG attribute, listed below.

Course	Title	Credits
BISC 5511	Conservation Law and Policy	3
CEED 6010	Research Ethics and Soc Justic	3
ECON 5015	Economic Development Policy	3
HIST 5750	Ethnicity, Race, and Politics in NYC	4
HIST 6531	Bombay–Shanghai–London	4
HUST 5350	Climate Change in the West African Sahel: Impact on Water and Migration	0-3
PMMA 5106	Race, Gender, and Digital Media	3
POSC 5140	Themes in Urban Public Policy and Power	3
POSC 5500	Comparative Pol Analysis	3
POSC 6530	Political Economy of Development	3
PSYC 6010	Research Ethics and Social Justice	3
SOCI 6100	Classical Social Theory	3
URST 5091	Art Communities and Urban Aesthetics	4
VART 5555	Urban Film Video Production	3

Urban Studies Electives offered by other departments

Courses in this group have the URSG attribute.