URBAN STUDIES

Designed as an interdisciplinary program, the urban studies major offers a broad introduction to the city and the urban environment. Students combine coursework and research on urban issues with hands-on experience in New York City as well as other American and international cities. The curriculum prepares majors for graduate school and professional programs in teaching, social work, public policy, architecture and urban planning as well as for careers in government service and community development, the nonprofit sector, journalism and law.

Accelerated Master's Program

Undergraduate students from the Fordham Colleges with a GPA above 3.5 will be invited to apply for early admission to the master's degree program in Urban Studies in the second semester of their junior year. Students applying for this option are not required to submit GRE scores. Students admitted to the Urban Studies Master's Program under the early admissions policy will take the two 5000-level required core courses during their senior year (Issues in Urban Studies and Urban Political Processes). These courses will count toward the bachelor's degree (which is awarded at the end of the fourth year) and are accepted for the master's, which can be completed by the May of the following year under full-time study.

Program Activities

The Urban Studies Program hosts a wide variety of events throughout the academic year, including lectures, field trips, and tours, and informational lunches. The Urban Studies Week takes place every spring, bringing urban scholars and practitioners to Fordham University for lectures and faculty-student seminars revolving around one particular issue, such as climate change and sustainability, Hip Hop as a culture of (urban) resistance, or immigration. The annual Senior Thesis Dinner presents the outstanding research of graduating seniors. Urban Studies students also take part in undergraduate conferences and research forums.

Urban studies majors have received numerous prestigious awards, including the New York City Teaching Fellows and the City of New York Urban Fellows Programs.

For more information

Visit the Urban Studies program web page.

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