

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.

Urban Design and Architecture Concentration

Fordham's pre-architecture program is designed to prepare students for professional training at the graduate level. Most design schools do not specify a particular undergraduate major for admission, but an urban studies major is an appropriate and useful preparation for programs in urban and regional planning, architecture, and landscape architecture.

For graduate school application advice and for admission requirements for all the design professions, please refer to the Pre-Architecture section of this Bulletin. For students who plan to work immediately after graduation, this program will support careers in real estate, construction, and community development. Urban studies students wishing to do a senior independent design project associated with their senior thesis (URST 4890 RESEARCH SEMINAR) should register for VART 4090 SENIOR PROJECT ARCHITECTURE, with the permission of the program director.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
VART 1101	URBANISM	3
SOCI 2690		4
URST 4800	URBAN STUDIES INTERNSHIP	4
Suggested Course		
It is strongly suggested that students also take the following:		
VART 2050	DESIGNING THE CITY	
Electives		
Select electives from design courses or cross-listed courses		
Total Credits		11

Design Electives

Electives may be drawn from all urban studies cross-listed courses, but students pursuing this concentration should give special emphasis to design courses.

Course	Title	Credits
VART 1160	ARCHITECTURAL LANGUAGE	4
VART 2055	ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	4
VART 3070	URBAN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN I	4
VART 4090	SENIOR PROJECT ARCHITECTURE	4
HIST 3626	SOCIAL HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE	4
PSYC 3340	URBAN PSYCHOLOGY	4

Early Admission to 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 "City Series" brings distinguished scholars of the city to Fordham Lincoln Center for lectures and faculty-student seminars. 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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