

Urban Studies (BA)

Admission

Freshman Admission

Applicants should use the ApplyTexas online application and select the Urban Studies major listed in the College of Liberal Arts as a first-choice major.

External Transfer Admission

Students who wish to transfer to the University from another college or university must apply to the Office of Admissions as described in the General Information Catalog.

Internal Transfer Admission

1. Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at the University with at least 12 hours in residence for a letter grade.
2. Must be prior to fifth long semester, cumulative, including transfer work. Students with four or more semesters in transfer credit may only apply in their first semester.
3. Compelling statement of interest in the major touching on academic and extracurricular preparation.

Applications will be accepted twice per year and will be reviewed after grades are posted. Decisions will be made prior to the start of the following long semester. The admission committee may consider the following factors, among others, when considering applications:

- GPA and GPA trend relative to cumulative GPA
- Strength of essay and prior experience (academic or extracurricular) with key urban dilemmas
- Time to graduation
- Intent to declare Urban Studies as a single major

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency		6
First-Year Signature Course (090)		3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
URB 301	Introduction to Urban Studies	3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
SDS 301	Elementary Statistical Methods	3
Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
Humanities (040)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Visual and Performing Arts (050)		3

Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
URB 315	Urban Studies Research Methods	3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
American and Texas Government (070)		3
Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		3
Minor/Certificate course		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: Upper-division URB		3
American and Texas Government (070)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)		3
Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		3
Minor/Certificate course		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Hours chosen from: Upper-division URB		3
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Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Free Elective		3
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Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
URB 360	Internship and Service Learning	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division URB		3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Free Elective		6
Hours		15
Semester 2		
URB 370	Senior Project	3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division URB		6
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Major		
URB 301	Introduction to Urban Studies	3
URB 315	Urban Studies Research Methods	3
URB 360	Internship and Service Learning	3
URB 370	Senior Project	3
	or URB 379H Honors Tutorial Course	
Hours chosen from: Upper-division Urban Studies		15
<i>Subtotal</i>		27
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		12
<i>Subtotal</i>		63
General Education		
Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)		30
Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency		

<i>Subtotal</i>	30
<u>College Requirements - Liberal Arts</u>	
<u>General University Requirements</u>	
Total Hours	120

Additional Requirements and Policy

Students must earn a grade of at least B- in SDS 301 Elementary Statistical Methods or an approved statistics course. This requirement must be satisfied prior to enrollment in URB 315 Urban Studies Research Methods.

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
<i>Literature and Writing</i>		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		6
Choose a sequence below:		12
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
E 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
	or T C 303C Plan II World Literature Part I	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
E 316L	British Literature	
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		3
Choose a sequence below: <i>Social Science</i>		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
S S 302C	Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory	
or S S 302D	Honors Social Science: Psychology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302F	Honors Social Science: Economics	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
M 310P	Modern Mathematics: Plan II	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
Hours chosen from: Mathematics		
Choose a sequence below:		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
T C 310	Modes of Reasoning	
	or PHL 313QLogic and Scientific Reasoning	

Sequence 2: Plan I	
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>	
Choose a sequence below:	
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
BIO 301E	Problems in Modern Biology
PHY 321	Modern Physics: Plan II
Three Hours chosen from:	
Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance	
Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy	
Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies	
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.	
Sequence 3: Other Plan I	
Hours chosen from:	
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought	
Total Hours	51

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University
- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and

professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here](#).