Urban Studies Minor

Subject abbreviation: URST
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

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The Urban Studies minor is an adaptation of a well-developed interdisciplinary focus on urban concepts, issues, and problems in order to offer the chance for increased understanding of urban processes. The minor also provides preparation leading to increased employment opportunities at the municipal, state, or federal level, or to graduate work in one of several areas related to urban studies.

Requirements for the minor (24 units)
1. URST 010/SOC 010
2. URST 143/SOC 143
3. URST 146/ECON 146
4. URST 172/POSC 172
5. URST 182/SOC 182
6. URST 184/AFHS 184

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Lower-Division Courses

URST 010. The City: An Introduction (4) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): none. An introductory exploration of urban processes. Subjects examined include definition, form, structure and growth of urban regions as seen from the viewpoint of various disciplines. Cross-listed with SOC 010.

URST 014. Popular Musics of the World (4) Lecture, 3 hours; discussion, 1 hour. Prerequisite(s): none. Introduction to issues surrounding popular and urban musics of the world, focusing on three major geocultural areas: Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Emphasizes the relationship between mass-mediated music and issues of cultural hegemony, resistance, subversion. Analyzes the cultural impact of media technology on music performance and reception. Cross-listed with ETST 014 and MUS 014.

URST 021. Introduction to Architecture and Urbanism (4) Lecture, 3 hours; discussion, 1 hour. Prerequisite(s): none. An introductory examination of metropolitan and other urban environments, including buildings, gardens, and cities, examined in terms of historical, cultural, social, technological, and political factors. Emphasis is on examples from Southern California. Cross-listed with AHS 021.

Upper-Division Courses

URST 143. Urban Sociology (5) Lecture, 3 hours; extra reading, 3 hours; field, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): SOC 001 or SOC 001H or consent of instructor. A comparative examination of metropolitan and other urban communities, with emphasis on processes of urbanization. Cross-listed with SOC 143.

URST 146. Urban Economic Problems (4) Lecture, 3 hours; individual study, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): ECON 102A. The application of economic principles to the major problems of the modern urban community, such as poverty, discrimination, deterioration of the environment, and housing problems. Programs for alleviation or solution. Cross-listed with ECON 146.

URST 172. Urban Politics and Policies (4) Lecture, 3 hours; term paper and extra reading, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing. POLS 010 or POSC 010H. A general analysis of urban politics in the United States. Topics include theories of urban politics, structure of political competition, leading political roles, and major policy problems. Cross-listed with POSC 172.

URST 178. The Modern City (4) Lecture, 3 hours; outside research, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Examines the modern metropolis from the Industrial Revolution to the present. Explores the history and theory of modern urbanism through case studies of metropolitan areas with a rich urban culture, architecture, and morphological features. Investigates approaches to the problems of the large urban agglomeration in the context of social, political, and cultural conditions. Cross-listed with AHS 178.

URST 182. Urban Problems (4) Lecture, 3 hours; term paper, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing or consent of instructor. An interdisciplinary examination of selected urban problems such as civil disorders, transportation, housing, welfare, and planning. Cross-listed with SOC 182.

URST 184. Modern Architecture (4) Lecture, 3 hours; individual study, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): AHS 017C or AHS 017H or URST 021I/URST 021I or upper-division standing or consent of instructor. Modern architecture and its sources from 1800. Cross-listed with AHS 184.

URST 185. Architectural Theory from Vitruvius to Venturi (4) Lecture, 3 hours; individual study, 3 hours. Prerequisite(s): AHS 017A or AHS 017B or AHS 017C or AHS 017H/URST 021I or consent of instructor. History of architectural thought from Vitruvius to the present, with emphasis on the modern period. Surveys the major themes of architectural theory and investigates the relationship between ideas about architecture and architectural production. Cross-listed with AHS 185. Morton

Western American Studies Minor

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The Western American Studies minor is intended to provide the student with a basic understanding of the history and institutional development of the Western United States — the Great Plains, the Southwest, and California — including the geographical and cultural factors that have shaped their history.

Requirements for the Western American Studies minor are 20 units distributed as follows:
1. HISA 137, HISA 138
2. One course from each of the following groups:
a) ETST 004/HIST 004, ETST 180/HISA 140, ETST 181/HISA 141, ETST 182/HISA 142, ETST 183/HISA 143