

URBAN STUDIES ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (60 CREDIT HOURS)
ACCELERATED-ONLINE

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in **Urban Studies**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The mission of the Urban Studies program is to recruit, retain, and educate a diverse student body in the knowledge, skills and values of professional public service. In order to accomplish this mission, we will strive to do the following:

- Meet the professional development needs of students and those employed in the public, nonprofit, health and urban sectors by providing a quality program that builds skills in and knowledge of sociology, social work, urban affairs, public administration & leadership;
- Provide students with responsive, timely, and business friendly support services to promote retention and successful program completion;
- Conduct research and service activities supportive of these educational purposes; and
- Serve the public, nonprofit, health and urban sectors as a source of consultation, applied research, and knowledge of social programs, public policy & public management issues to the community.

Students transferring to TSU from a Community College with an Associate in Art (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree (or 60+ completed credits from TSU) can earn the BS in Urban Studies in 3 semesters utilizing a 5 week course format. Students take two classes per five week session (each semester has three five week sessions) and one or two full semester courses. The accelerated program (new in Fall 2014) accepts 10-12 students each semester as a cohort. The cohort works with one Urban Studies faculty mentor throughout the duration of their studies. This elite program allows students access to a non-traditional, cutting edge method of earning their degree.

Students with more than 60 credits will work with the faculty mentor to chart a flexible, fast graduation plan.

What is Urban Studies?

The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Urban Studies is an interdisciplinary degree designed to prepare students to enter careers in public policy, public administration, urban planning, and nonprofit management. Students gain knowledge across a diverse set of policy areas including education, health, housing, transportation, economics, and the environment. Students gain skills in research, policy analysis, nonprofit fundraising, community service, outreach, and leadership. This unique combination of knowledge and skills provides Urban Studies graduates with the training necessary to meet the demands of the changing urban workplace and new economy.

Flexible Learning

Students can complete the degree through a combination of online, hybrid, and on-ground courses or fully online. Online and hybrid courses give students the flexibility of reading course materials and working on assignments through the newly updated Desire2Learn course management system. Desire2Learn also provides students with an interactive forum to communicate with the Urban Studies faculty.

*Please Note: Students within this Cohort will receive a BS in Urban Studies and a Minor in Nonprofit Management & Leadership

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Fall I Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
URBS 2010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NPMN 2100	3	
Total Hours	6	

Fall II Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
URB 3030	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NPMN 3500	3	
Total Hours	6	

Fall II Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
URB 3670	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NPMN 3100	3	
Total Hours	6	

Full Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
		Meet with departmental advisor
ELECTIVE*	3	
URBS 4600	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	6	

*Lower and upper division electives may be selected from **ANY** academic discipline.

Spring I Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
SOC 3000	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required; Pre-requisite Course: Must be taken before SOCI 4510
URB 3910	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	6	

Spring II Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
NPMN 4100	3	
URB 4850	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	6	

Spring III Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
URB 4520	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	3	

Full Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Review Senior Standing Form with departmental advisor
ELECTIVE*	3	
SOCI 4510	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	6	

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Summer I Schedule		Milestones
Semester 9	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Review Senior Standing Form with departmental advisor (advisor will check to ensure that student will have 42 credits at the 3000-4000 level prior to graduation)
NPMN 4500	3	
ELECTIVE*	3	
Total Hours	6	

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Summer II Schedule		Milestones
Semester 10	Hrs.	Semester 8
ELECTIVE*	3	
ELECTIVE	3	
Total Hours	6	

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Full Summer Schedule		Milestones
Semester 11	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Apply for graduation, complete URBS Senior Exit Exam and Survey
URBS 4900/URBS 4905	3	An internship option is available to meet the Senior Project requirement; See academic advisor for guidance. Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	3	

Employment Information:

This Urban Studies major prepares students for a wide variety of urban professions, active engagement in public service, and problem-solving. Urban studies students are well prepared to begin careers in government, nonprofit, or private sector organizations, and/or to pursue graduate-level study in the social sciences, public administration or planning.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Urban Planner, Policy Analyst, Transportation Planner, Housing Coordinator, Demographer, Health Policy Researcher, Program Director, Community Development Specialist, Legislative Assistant, Nonprofit Program Manager

Representative Employers: Federal/State/Local Government Agencies (Departments of Transportation, Housing and Development Agencies, Planning Departments, Health and Human Services Programs, Economic Development Departments), Nonprofit Organizations, Policy Research Firms, Think tanks, State Legislature, University Research Centers, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Community Development Organizations, Housing Development Firms, Community Centers

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the academic map; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

This map is not intended to be a contract; either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum, which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.