

URBAN STUDIES ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)

Offered Evenings, Weekends, and Online

This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample 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 students 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.

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.

For admission into the upper division courses of the Urban Studies program, students must (a) remove all high school deficiencies, (b) complete General Education courses, (c) earn a “C” or better in URBS 2010 and (d) earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on college-level coursework. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor at least once a semester.

Once a student is approved to enroll in Urban Studies major courses, a “C” or higher must be earned in the major core courses. The core courses are: SOCI 3000, SOCI 4510, URBS 2010, URBS 3030, URBS 3520 URBS 3670, URBS 3910, URBS 4850 or URBS 489 URBS 4600, and URBS 4900. Students who do not earn the required grade must repeat the course until the requisite score is made.

The Urban Studies program offers concentrations in Community Leadership and Public Service, Planning, and Diversity (18 hours included with elective hours). The Urban Studies program also oversees the Nonprofit Management and Leadership minor (18 additional required credits). These 18 hours count toward your required elective credits. The chart below outlines the required courses for the three concentration options as well as the Nonprofit Management and Leadership minor.

Concentration: Community Leadership & Public Service	Concentration: Planning	Concentration: Access & Diversity	Minor: Nonprofit Management & Leadership
URBS 3601	URBS 3500	SOCI 3700	NPMN 2100
URBS 3000	URBS 4050	POLI 2220	NPMN 3100
MGMT 4250	AGSC 2510	SOCI 2300	NPMN 3500
MGMT 3400	*	SOWK 3200	NPMN 4100
MGMT 3010	*	SOWK 3601	NPMN 4500
URBS 4700	*	SOCI 4800	URBS 4905

*Four courses from the following: AGSC 4090, AGSC 3580, AGSC 3590, AGSC 3550, GEOG 3150, GEOG 3100, REUD3200, REUD 3130, REUD 4100, CIVEN 3000

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category "Prior Learning Assessment" (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963-7001 or adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
UNIV 1000*	1	
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
Humanities**	3	
Social Science Elective***	3	
COMM 2200	3	
Total Hours	13	Declare Urban Studies as a major

*An Orientation course taken at another University does NOT meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

**Humanities-Students must take 3 credit hours from the following list: AREN 2310, ART 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1000 or RELS 2010.

***The Department recommends SOCI 2010; however, the following courses will also meet the Social Science requirement
AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 101 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before taking HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
Natural Science*	4	
Humanities **	3	
Lower Division Elective***	3	
MATH 1110 or MATH 1013	3	
Total Hours	16	Meet with departmental advisor

*Natural Science- Students must have semester hours which includes the appropriate lab. The recommended courses are: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2010/2011 or ASTR 1010

**Humanities-Students must take 3 credit hours from the following list: AREN 2310, ART 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1000 or RELS 2010. Students must remember not to duplicate Humanities course option from previous semester.

***Lower Division Electives may be taken in any academic department, however the Urban Studies program recommends taking electives leading to a minor in Non-Profit Management and Leadership or concentration in Planning, Access and Diversity, or Community Leadership and Public Service for courses see the chart above in the narrative.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
HIST 2010*	3	
Lower Division Elective**	3	
URBS 2010	3	Pre-requisite Course: Must be taken before enrolling in 3000 Level Courses; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ENGL LIT***	3	
Upper Division Elective**	3	
Total Hours	15	

*The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

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***Courses within the range of ENGL 2011-2220 will meet this requirement.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
		Students should make application to the Upper Division and meet with Departmental Advisor to discuss program options.
Natural Science*	4	
HIST 2020**	3	
Lower Division Elective	3	
Upper Division Elective***	3	
Upper Division Elective***	3	
Total Hours****	16	

*Natural Science- Students must have semester hours which includes the appropriate lab. The recommended courses are: BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1040/1041, PHYS 2020/2021 or ASTR 1020.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
		Students Should meet with Departmental Advisor to discuss program options
SOCI 3000	3	Pre-requisite Course: Must be taken before SOCI 4510; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
URBS 3030	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
URBS 3670	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Total Hours	15	

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
URBS 4850 or URBS 4890	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
URBS 4600	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Total Hours	15	Begin to review Senior Standing Form with Departmental Advisor

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
		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)
SOCI 4510	3	
URBS 3910	3	
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Total Hours	15	

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Apply for graduation; complete URBS Senior Exit Exam and Survey; complete TSU Senior Exit Exam
URBS 3520	3	
URBS 4900	3	An internship option is available to meet the Senior Project requirement; see academic advisor for guidance. Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Upper Division Elective*	3	
Total Hours	15	

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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, Community Organizer, Youth Development Coordinator, Issue Advocate, Nonprofit Fundraiser, Transportation Planner, Housing Coordinator, Demographer, Health Policy Researcher, Program Director, Community Development Specialist, Legislative Assistant, Neighborhood Outreach Manager, Strategic Planning Consultant, Political Aid

Representative Employers:

Political Offices, 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.