

URBAN STUDIES (URBS)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (<https://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/university-fees/>).

URBS 505. GIS for Planning & Policy 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Prerequisite(s): For students enrolled in URBS 505 only: URBS 201, URBS 202, and completion of at least 60 credit hours of prior coursework; no prerequisites for students enrolled in URBS 605.

Description: This course will introduce students to geographic information systems (GIS) as an analytical tool with which to study urban demographic issues. The material will be geared towards students in the urban planning, public administration, and urban studies programs, with a focus on demographic data and issues frequently encountered by planners, policymakers, and policy analysts. Topics that will be covered include migration, housing and neighborhood development, segregation, and land use.

Note: Cross-listed with URBS 605.

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URBS 601. Planning Theory & History 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Description: This course will introduce the historic foundation of modern urban planning, and investigate the central themes in planning theory, using both historical and contemporary contexts to assist in the understanding of its role in shaping planning thought and practice.

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URBS 602. Urban Economics 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): PLAN 500 and ECON 500, or consent of instructor.

Description: Application of economic theory to urban policy issues including metropolitan development and job creation, poverty, crime, transportation, environment, spatial structure, and other issues.

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URBS 603. Applied Research Methods 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Description: This course is designed to provide students with the basic analytic tools that are commonly used by professional planners and policy analysis in their daily practice, with a special emphasis on techniques for population and economic analysis. The course will instruct students in foundational statistical methods and techniques, as well as additional analytical tools, including the assumptions underlying the tools and methods and strengths and weaknesses of the tools and methods.

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URBS 604. Land Use & Planning Law 2-3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Description: This course examines legal issues related to planning and land use activities in the U.S. Students will study various legal and regulatory tools, including ordinances, state and federal legislation, and judicial decisions. Considerable attention will be given to planning perspectives on legal problems, as well as legal perspectives on planning problems, and thus has an interdisciplinary focus.

Note: Cross-listed with LAW 904.

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URBS 605. Urban Demography and GIS 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Only

Prerequisite(s): For students enrolled in URBS 505 only: URBS 201, URBS 202, and completion of at least 60 credit hours of prior coursework; no prerequisites for students enrolled in URBS 505.

Description: This course will introduce students to geographic information systems (GIS) as an analytical tool with which to study urban demographic issues. The material will be geared towards students in the urban planning, public administration, and urban studies programs, with a focus on demographic data and issues frequently encountered by planners, policymakers, and policy analysts. Topics that will be covered include migration, housing and neighborhood development, segregation, and land use.

Note: Cross-listed with URBS 505.

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URBS 606. Site Planning 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Description: This course introduces art and aesthetics of site planning through lectures, readings, discussions, site visits, and a studio project.

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URBS 610. Internship and Professional Practice 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Description: Application of internship experience to government organization; the role of planning in governmental decision-making; the planner's relations with citizens, politicians and administrators; strategies for dealing with conflict, pressure, and uncertainty; and ethics.

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<p>URBS 611. Real Estate Principles 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: A general introduction to real estate as a business and as a profession, designed to acquaint the student with the wide range of subjects necessary to the practice of real estate. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>URBS 620. Capstone Studio 6 Units Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: The Capstone Studio course allows students to apply the various skills acquired over the course of their graduate studies to a practical planning project co-produced with a local community partner. At the center of the course is a group, experiential learning assignment focused on applying and sharpening planning related knowledge and other professional skills, such as leadership and teamwork, necessary to excel as a practicing planner. Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content. Note: Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.</p>
<p>URBS 613. Real Estate Market Analysis 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Prerequisite(s): URBS 602 or approval of instructor. Description: Covers concepts, methodologies and analytical tools used in urban real estate market analysis, with a particular emphasis on site selection using GIS applications. Note: Cross-listed with GEOG 635.</p>	<p>For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>
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<p>URBS 615. Environmental Policy 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: Survey of environmental issues and policies designed to address those issues. Note: Cross-listed with POLS 627.</p>	<p>URBS 622. Historic Preservation and Sustainable Practice 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Description: This course is a graduate level course on historic preservation, examining sustainable practices in Louisville and other regions. The course examines architecture and the built environment as it relates to historic preservation, urban revitalization, and the contributions of other disciplines such as urban planning, economics, and political science to the principles and practice of preservation. Note: Cross-listed with PADM 651 and UPA 651. Note: Course fee.</p>
<p>For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p> <p>URBS 618. Urban Design 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: Covers theories, principles, and processes of urban design, including applications to actual design problems. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p> <p>URBS 623. Neighborhood Planning Studio 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Description: This studio course introduces the skills, practices, and values fundamental to the development of a successful neighborhood plan, and explores the variety of planning approaches within a practical context. Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content. Note: CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.</p>
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<p>URBS 624. Urban Transportation Planning Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Prerequisite(s): URBS 602. Description: Analysis of characteristics and costs of existing and innovative urban transportation systems. Role of planning methods in estimating transportation usage and choosing optimal plans. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>	<p>URBS 633. Sustainable Development & Planning Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Description: The course is designed to address institutions and governance in sustainable development, and will take an interdisciplinary approach. The course will be open to graduate students in any program at UofL. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>
<p>URBS 626. Analytical Urban Geography Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Prerequisite(s): URBS 605 or consent of instructor. Description: Advanced analysis of urban spatial processes and patterns with an emphasis on quantitative data and models. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>	<p>URBS 641. Urban Justice & Policy Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Prerequisite(s): For Law School students: LAW 802, LAW 804, LAW 806, LAW 810, LAW 811, LAW 803, LAW 805, LAW 807, LAW 808, LAW 812, unless approved by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Description: All other students: must be a graduate student in good standing unless waived by the professor teaching the course. For other students: graduate status or permission of instructor. An interdisciplinary study of various theories and concepts of justice in cities. Students will study selected urban policy problems through the perspectives of diverse theories and concepts of justice. Note: Cross-listed with LAW 846.</p> <p>For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>
<p>URBS 627. The Just City Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: Planners are called upon to promote equity in their work, to assure fairness in their procedures and secure justice through their plans and programs. Social and racial equity represent more than just equality but should produce societal fairness and equal opportunity. Many groups in the U.S. are marginalized by inequitable conditions, policies, and disparate outcomes. From the inner city to declining inner suburbs or impoverished rural areas, distressed, opportunity-deprived communities limit the life chances for their residents and impact everyone. The course will investigate the planning processes that have produced inequitable outcomes in communities and explore best practices for the future. Note: Cross-listed with 427.</p> <p>For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>	<p>URBS 643. Water Resources Law and Policy Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor. Description: This course involves the study of water rights, and the policies and legal principles governing the management of water resources generally. Specific topics may vary. Topics may include riparian rights, prior appropriation systems, water use permitting systems and statutory codes, the management drainage and runoff, the law and practices of water institutions, interstate water disputes, watershed-based management, integration of water supply and water quality protections, and the control and distribution of clean drinking water supplies. May be offered as a seminar. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>2-3 Units</p>
<p>URBS 631. Introduction to Sustainability Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: An introduction to the theories, principles, and practices of sustainability from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>	<p>URBS 651. Foundations of Public Administration Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: Using the classic writings in the field of public administration for the past 150 years, the course explores the theoretical foundations of public administration and applies the theories to current practice in public administration. Note: Cross-listed with POLS 625.</p> <p>For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>
<p>URBS 632. Sustainable Social-Ecological Systems Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: This course examines sustainability problems and processes as embedded within large social-ecological systems and societal frameworks in the U.S. and globally. Students will examine topics in sustainability from a holistic systems perspective, in which "sustainability" is seen to integrate multiple actors, social systems (e.g., culture, economy, communities, and governance), environmental processes, and built / technological infrastructures at multiple scales to archive human welfare and lasting environmental prosperity (i.e., "social-ecological sustainability"). For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>		

<p>URBS 667. Budgeting and Finance Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: Examines accounting and financial management for managers of public and not-for-profit organizations. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>	<p>URBS 681. Urban Policy and Governance Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: A study of urban policy and its impacts upon cities and particular segments of the population. Emphasizes the content, evolution, and consequences of national urban policy. Examines centralization and decentralization of metropolitan government, intergovernmental systems, and their relationship to policy implementation. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>
<p>URBS 668. Grantsmanship and Fundraising Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: A critical examination of methods and tools for developing grant proposals and raising funds for organizations. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>	<p>URBS 682. Urban Theory Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: This course explores how theory and interpretive history illuminate the contemporary nature of the city. Introduces epistemological concerns and the nature of knowledge in describing the city and its urban form. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>
<p>URBS 669. Leadership and Community Engagement Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: Focus on leadership approaches, theories and principles in the public and nonprofit sectors to improve performance, meet citizen expectations, and restore trust. Students learn effective leadership and community engagement practices for transforming organizations and communities. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>	<p>URBS 683. Urban Experiential Learning Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: This course is a graduate seminar focused on the practical aspects of neighborhood and city growth and development. Through readings, discussion, debate and applied examples, students will learn how social and political factors structure neighborhoods, and the impact of federal, state, and local level programs on neighborhoods and cities. The course will draw from the experiences of developers, council members, community organizations, and other local stakeholders within the city of Louisville. Teaching modalities include slide and multimedia presentations, class discussions, field work, guest lectures, and walking tours. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>
<p>URBS 671. Organizational Behavior Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Description: Concepts and theories from the behavioral sciences that describe human behavior in public organizations. Special emphasis on organizational culture and group dynamics. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>	<p>URBS 684. Research Design Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: This course will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of social science research design. Topics will include the fundamentals of scientific inquiry, the various epistemological approaches to investigating social phenomena, techniques of data collection, and ethical considerations in research. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>
<p>URBS 672. Mediation and Dispute Resolution Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Description: Designed principally for incipient practitioners of the mediation process. Class participation, serving as a mediator in cases presented to the class, and a short paper depicting mediating in process are the course requirements. Note: Cross-listed with POLS 628.</p> <p>For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>	<p>URBS 685. Qualitative Methods Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: An examination of the philosophical underpinnings of the qualitative approach with practical experience in conducting qualitative research. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>
<p>URBS 675. Thesis Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor. Description: Thesis research/preparation. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>1-6 Units</p>	<p>URBS 686. Urban Ethnography Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Description: This seminar-style course explores three dimensions of ethnography: first as a distinct form of knowledge; secondly as a research method; and thirdly as a genre of writing. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)</p>	<p>3 Units</p>

URBS 687. Urbanism in the Global South: Cities and Space 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered

Description: This course is a reading-based seminar. We learn about processes and practices within the Latin American and African city from a spatial, cultural, economic and political perspective.

Note: Cross-listed with LALS 510 and GEOG 510.

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URBS 688. Urban Dispossessions and Refugees 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall Only

Description: This course explores the interconnections between global level dynamics of displacement and dispossession, and local level transformations and contestations over urban resources and regimes of belonging.

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URBS 689. Comparative Urban Development 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered

Description: Examines urban development in a cross national perspective. Traces the formulation, strategy and implementation or management of urban development policy in a number of nations. While the emphasis is on North America and West Europe, the lessons have broader relevance for other parts of the world, and will be applied to developing areas.

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URBS 690. Special Topics 1-3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered

Description: This is a special topics course on a subject related to urban studies or sustainability. The exact topic of the course, its design, and the required readings, assignments, activities, exams, and deliverables, will vary by semester. Additional information can be provided by the instructor of record for the course.

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URBS 695. Independent Study 1-3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Description: This is an independent study course in an urban-related topic. The design of the course, including the required readings, assignments, activities, exams, and deliverables, will be determined by the student in consultation with the instructor of record.

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URBS 700. Dissertation Research 1-12 Units

Prerequisite(s): Approval of program director.

Description: Continuing dissertation research.

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