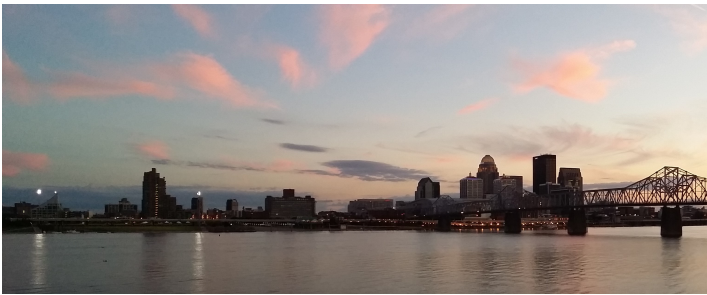


URBAN STUDIES (BS)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2023–Spring 2024 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)
Department: Urban and Public Affairs
Academic Plan Code(s): US_ _BS

Program Information

Urban Studies explores the social, economic, political, and spatial structures of cities through multiple disciplinary lenses, focusing on issues, problems, and solutions for urban areas through planning, policy, and administration. The BS in Urban Studies is housed within the Department of Urban and Public Affairs in partnership with the Department of Geography and Geosciences and the Department of Sociology.

The undergraduate degree program in Urban Studies is designed to educate, train, and prepare students for future careers in municipal and metropolitan-related occupations, such as public administrators, policy analysts, community development specialists, or planning technicians.

The program will also give students a strong foundation for future graduate training in affiliated disciplines, including urban planning, public administration, geography, or sociology.

The Department offers Bachelor of Science degrees in four different tracks:

- **Urban Administration:** designed for students with interests in management, human resources, budgeting, and governance.
- **Urban Geography:** designed for students with interests in place dynamics, human-spatial interactions, and GIS.
- **Urban Planning:** designed for students with interests in land development and related topics, such as housing, design, and real estate.
- **Urban Sociology:** designed for students with interests in human and group interactions within an urban or metropolitan context.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹		31
College/School Requirements		13
Program/Major Requirements		27
Supporting Courses		35

Track Requirements	15
Minimum Total Hours	121

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Accelerated BS/MUP in Urban Studies and Urban Planning

Urban Studies majors who are considering pursuing a master's degree (MUP) in Urban Planning can speed up the process by applying some of their undergraduate credit hours toward a master's degree. Students accepted in the Accelerated BS/MUP take three graduate courses (9 credit hours) as an undergraduate that apply toward both the bachelor's degree and the eventual master's degree.

Interested students should apply for admission to the program in their junior year. Advising to ensure the requirements are met without extraneous credit hours is imperative and strongly recommend for timely degree completion and financial considerations for the accelerated degree. Please be sure to consult with undergraduate advisors and the director of the MUP program. Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School and must have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better and completion of URBS 201, URBS 202, PLAN 301, and PADM 302 with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Admission Requirements

Students will be selected through the standard University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences admissions process.

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹		31
The following courses are required by the program and satisfy the respective General Education Requirement(s):		
URBS 201	The Making of Urban Places - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
URBS 303	Quantitative Research Methods in Sustainability and Urban Studies - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
Foreign Language ²		6-8
Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences at 300 level or above ³		6
WR-two approved courses at the 300 level or above ⁴		
Minimum Total Hours		13-15

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Department of Urban & Public Affairs - Required Core Courses		
URBS 201	The Making of Urban Places - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
URBS 202	Discover Louisville	3
PLAN 301	Planning for Innovative and Equitable Cities and Regions	3
PADM 302	Foundations of Urban Administration	3
SUST 303	Quantitative Research Methods in Sustainability and Urban Studies - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
SOC 305	Urban Sociology	3
GEOG 328	Urban Geography	3
URBS 518	Urban Demography and GIS	3
URBS 404	Community Engagement - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Minimum Total Hours		27

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
Electives in Social Sciences at the 300 level or above ⁵		21
Additional Electives		14
Minimum Total Hours		35

Code	Title	Hours
Track Requirements (see Track Requirements tab)		15

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
URBS 404	Community Engagement - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

² Completion of the second semester of a single foreign language; hours will vary depending on the language taken
³ May be incorporated into other degree requirements
⁴ Fulfills WR requirement.
⁵ Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

Track Requirements

Track in Urban Administration

Academic Plan Code(s): US_BS_ADM

Code	Title	Hours
Select five courses from the following:		15
COMM 328	Introduction to Urban Communication	
GEOG 300	Globalization and Diversity - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PADM 305	Urban Policy	
PADM 645	Economic Development	
PEAC 325	Peace, Justice & Conflict Transformation	
PEAC 350	Mediation & Conflict Transformation	
POLS 306	State Government	
SOC 323	Diversity and Inequality	
SOC 336	Criminology	
SUST 201	Environmental Management	
SUST 202	Behavioral Dimensions of Environmental Decision-Making	
SUST 402	Policy and Governance in Sustainability - WR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

Track in Urban Geography

Academic Plan Code(s): US_BS_GEO

Code	Title	Hours
Select five courses from the following:		15
GEOG 200	Human Geography in a Changing World - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
GEOG 300	Globalization and Diversity - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
GEOG 324	Race and Place	
GEOG 327	Economic Geography	
GEOG 331	Population Geography	

GEOG 340	Environmental Conflict in the United States: Historical Foundations & Contemporary Problems - D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SBH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
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GEOG 356 Introduction to Spatial Statistics

GEOG 360 Qualitative Methods for Undergraduates

Track in Urban Planning

Academic Plan Code(s): US_BS_PLA

Code	Title	Hours
Select five courses from the following:		15
ARTH 394	Twentieth-Century Architecture	
COMM 328	Introduction to Urban Communication	
GEOG 324	Race and Place	
GEOG 327	Economic Geography	
GEOG 356	Introduction to Spatial Statistics	
PADM 305	Urban Policy	
PEAC 350	Mediation & Conflict Transformation	
PLAN 305	Dogs in Society: An Interdisciplinary Examination of the Human-Canine Connection - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PLAN 603	Urban Economics	
SOC 323	Diversity and Inequality	
SOC 315	Environmental Sociology	
SUST 301	Sustainable Built Environment - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
SUST 403	Sustainable Societal Systems	

Track in Urban Sociology

Academic Plan Code(s): US_BS_SOC

Code	Title	Hours
Select five courses from the following:		15
SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
SOC 315	Environmental Sociology	
SOC 320	Social Theory - WR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
SOC 323	Diversity and Inequality	
SOC 327	Sociology of Gender	
SOC 329	Sociology of Families	
SOC 334	Sociology of Deviant Behavior	
SOC 342	Medical Sociology	
SOC 392	Faces of Global Poverty - WR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

SOC 464 Race and Ethnicity - CUE (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>), WR (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>)

SOC 472 Sociology of Education - CUE (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>), WR (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>)

Flight Plan

Year 1			Hours
Fall			
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience		1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		3
Foreign Language			3-4
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - B			3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH			3
General Elective			3
Hours			16
Spring			
Foreign Language			3-4
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S			3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL			1
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH			3
General Elective			3
Hours			16
Year 2			
Fall			
URBS 201	The Making of Urban Places - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences - SB			3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC			3
Social Sciences Elective			3
General Elective			3
Hours			15
Spring			
URBS 202	Discover Louisville		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR			3
General Education: Cardinal Core Historical Perspectives - SBH			3
Social Sciences Elective			3
Natural Science/Humanities Elective (300 level or above)			3
Hours			15
Year 3			
Fall			
PLAN 301	Planning for Innovative and Equitable Cities and Regions		3
GEOG 328	Urban Geography		3
Social Sciences Elective			3
SUST 303	Quantitative Research Methods in Sustainability and Urban Studies - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		3
Natural Science/Humanities Elective (300 level or above)			3
Hours			15

Spring

PADM 302	Foundations of Urban Administration	3
URBS 518	Urban Demography and GIS	3
SOC 305	Urban Sociology	3
Social Sciences Elective		3
Natural Science/Humanities Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Year 4

Fall

URBS: Concentration		3
URBS: Concentration		3
Social Sciences Elective		3
URBS 404	Community Engagement - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Elective		2
Hours		14

Spring

URBS: Concentration		3
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URBS: Concentration		3
Social Sciences Elective		3
Social Sciences Elective		3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		121

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

- Log into your ULink account.
- Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- Select the appropriate report.
 - To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."
 - To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)