

MINOR IN URBAN STUDIES

Overview

The minor in Urban Studies provides undergraduate students with a flexible concentration in interdisciplinary studies of cities, urbanism, and urbanity. Urban Studies is a long established academic field, especially prominent in major cities in the United States. Course work combines a practical focus on Metropolitan Miami with more general attention to urban theory and globalization.

The minor has a liberal arts orientation and includes perspectives from the social sciences, architecture, and history. It is a useful complement to majors such as Geography and Sustainable Development, History, Sociology, Anthropology, Literature, International Studies, Economics, Political Science, and others. A summer study abroad option in South Africa and Namibia is offered regularly in summer. In addition, it is possible to for a student to study in the spring semester in Cape Town, South Africa (UCape Town Program). The minor is also of particular interest to students in Architecture Communication and Business. Courses in the Minor are taught in the College of Arts & Sciences and the School of Architecture. Note that there are slightly different requirements for ARC students.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
URB 201	Metropolitan Miami	3
URB 301	Cities in Time and Space	3
Elective Courses		
Select three of the following: ¹		9
ARC 584	Special Problems	
GEG 310	Geographic Information Systems I	
GEG 321	Remote Sensing of the Environment	
GEG 337	Climate Change, Sea Level Rise and Society	
GEG 386	China in the 21st Century	
GEG 390	Topics in Geography	
GEG 410	Geographic Information Systems II	
GEG 414	Crime Mapping and Analysis	
GEG 520	Sustainable Cities	
GEG 562	Seminar in Urban Management	
SOC 304	Dynamics of Poverty in the United States	
SOC 368	Violence in America	
SOC 386	U.S. Immigration (Land Use Planning)	
GEG 365	Land Use Planning	
GEG 416	Urban Analytics and Geovisualization	
Total Credit Hours		15

¹ ARC students may select no more than one ARC course while NonARC students must select at least one ARC course. Note that URB 201 or URB 301 will suffice as prerequisites for any of these courses.

* Other courses may be approved upon request; please consult the program Director, Dr. Richard Grant: rgrant@miami.edu

** A minimum grade of C- with a 2.0 overall GPA are required.