

# URBAN STUDIES

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## Introduction

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, 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 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.

### **URB 201. Metropolitan Miami. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course provides interdisciplinary perspectives on the urbanization of South Florida and on Miami's urban milieu. The course uses the case of Metropolitan Miami to introduce and illustrate a range of basic concepts in urban studies.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Fall.

### **URB 301. Cities in Time and Space. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course provides interdisciplinary perspectives on the city, urbanity, and urbanization through a series of wide-ranging historical-geographical contexts.

**Components:** LEC.

**Grading:** GRD.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.