

URBAN STUDIES

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Loyola University Chicago's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) offers undergraduates a comprehensive liberal arts education that introduces them to various disciplines and viewpoints in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. CAS students develop valuable career and life skills, including critical thinking, strong verbal and writing abilities, comprehensive general knowledge, social awareness, and research competencies. As the largest of Loyola's 10 schools, CAS has extensive resources, providing students with modern labs and electronic classrooms, opportunities to participate actively in research, and a distinguished faculty of teacher-scholars.

Recent growth and renovation at both Loyola's Lake Shore and Water Tower Campuses have enhanced living and learning for students. Recent additions to the Lake Shore Campus include the Norville Center for Intercollegiate Athletics, a state-of-the-art facility that includes a new strength and conditioning center, a sports medicine facility, student athlete activity spaces, and offices for athletics administrators. Future enhancements include a new student union and academic building, among others.

For more information about what's new at Loyola, visit

» [LUC.edu/undergrad/whatsnew](https://luc.edu/undergrad/whatsnew).



Chicago's famous and picturesque Lake Shore Drive connects Loyola's Lake Shore and Water Tower Campuses.

THE MINOR

Today, more than half of the world's population lives in cities, and even more people will populate cities in the future. Cities are the centers of contemporary cultural life and also the sites of great social inequity. Students participating in the urban studies minor learn how cities work and also contribute to collaborative research projects to improve the quality of life for all urban residents, particularly in the greater Chicago metropolitan region.

The urban studies minor consists of six courses drawn from multiple disciplines across the University, including sociology, history, and political science. The distinctive capstone of the minor consists of two courses: Urban Studies Seminar and Urban Studies Research. In Urban Studies Seminar, students learn about contemporary urban policy from readings, discussions, guest speakers, and neighborhood tours. In Urban Studies Research, students contribute to a collaborative project through work with graduate students, faculty, community organizations, and government agencies. Such collaborations link the skills and wisdom present within every community with the specialized knowledge and academic disciplines of a vital urban university. By working together, community needs are met and the academic experience is enriched.

The capstone courses are hosted by the Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL), located at Loyola's Water Tower Campus in

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the heart of the city. CURL is the minor research center that seeks to develop practical solutions to current and emerging community needs through partnerships between the University and city or suburban communities. Through CURL, students work closely with community leaders and gain hands-on experience shaping new initiatives that address local needs.

Urban studies students have recently contributed to evaluation research projects examining the economic impact of a West Side Chicago Wal-Mart store, the use of shelters by victims of domestic violence, and the effects of the Summer Youth Institute of the Chicago Freedom School. Students also contributed to planning projects for the Chicago Girls' Coalition, documented the oral histories of South Asian Americans, identified resources for mixed-income communities, and served the emerging population of homeless people more than 50 years old.

Requirements

Students with a minor in urban studies are required to complete six courses, or 18 credit hours. Courses include:

- One urban theory course
- One research methods course
- Urban Seminar*
- Urban Studies Research*
- Two elective courses

*These courses are taken concurrently at CURL. Urban Studies Seminar fulfills the "Civic Engagement Value" requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

Course Offerings

Urban Theory (Select one)

Economics (ECON) 320 Urban Economics

History (HIST) 386 American Urban History

Political Science (PLSC) 334 Urban Policies and Problems

PLSC 390 Urban Politics

Sociology (SOCL) 234 City, Suburbs, and Beyond

Research Methods (Select one)

Anthropology (ANTH) 317 Qualitative Research Methods

Communication (CMUN) 246 Naturalistic Methods of Research

CMUN 248 Observing and Measuring Behavior

CMUN 249 Rhetorical Criticism

Criminal Justice (CRMJ) 315 Criminal Justice Research

Psychology (PSYC) 306 Research Methods in Psychology

Social Work (SOWK) 390 Introduction to Research Methods

SOCL 206 Methods of Social Research

Other methods courses may be allowed with permission from the program director. This course requirement must be fulfilled prior to or while taking Urban Seminar and Urban Studies Research.

Information in this brochure is correct as of July 2011.

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Loyola is an equal opportunity educator/employer.

Capstone Courses (Taken concurrently at CURL)

SOCL/PLSC 335 Urban Seminar

Urban Studies (URB)/PLSC 397 Urban Studies Research

Elective Courses (Select two)

CMUN 146 Community Radio Production

CMUN 262 Feature and Opinion Writing

CRMJ 352 Gang Activity and Control

CRMJ 354 Criminal Justice System in Cook County

CRMJ 372 Crime, Race, and Violence

ECON 320 Urban Economics*

ECON 355 Real Estate Economics

HIST 364 Emergence of Industrial America 1870–1900

HIST 385 History of Chicago

HIST 386 American Urban History*

Management (MGMT) 335 Micro-enterprise Consulting

PLSC 224 Chicago Politics

PLSC 300 Urban School Politics

PLSC 334 Urban Policies and Problems*

PLSC 372 Crime, Race, and Violence

PLSC 390 Urban Politics*

Philosophy (PHIL) 182 Social and Political Philosophy

PSYC 374 Community Psychology

SOCL 125 Chicago: Growth of a Metropolis

SOCL 250 Inequality in Society

SOCL 234 City, Suburbs, and Beyond*

SOCL 370 STEP: Biodiesel

SOWK 201 Social Welfare Policy and Services I

SOWK 361 American Black Men: Race, Class, Gender

SOWK 370 Cultural Diversity

Theology (THEO) 192 Moral Problems: Urban Issues

*Course may not count for the elective requirement if also taken for the theory requirement

New elective courses are offered every semester. For the most recent information, visit LUC.edu/curl/urban_studies.shtml.

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