

URBANIZATION (MINOR)

Program Description

The Urbanization minor takes advantage of the setting in Abu Dhabi, a rapidly growing city which is making major investments in infrastructure, public transportation, and environmental sustainability, and drawing international attention as a model of advanced urban planning. Through course work, internships, and research projects, this program gives students first-hand exposure to the complex issues associated with urbanization.

At the start of the 20th century, only one person out of every ten lived in a city. Today, half the world population is urbanized. The United Nations projections suggest that more than 70 percent of the human population will reside in cities by 2050, with the largest increases expected in the developing world.

The multidisciplinary minor in Urbanization focuses on this process—the forces that drive it, the cities it creates, and their impacts on well-being and social interactions. Encompassing the social, economic, political, and physical dimensions of urbanization, the minor provides students with a cross-disciplinary set of perspectives for understanding the urbanization process, across cultures, countries, and time.

The minor is inherently global in nature, with a particular concern for the role of urbanization in the developing world, the multicultural nature of much of current urbanization, and the intersection of this process with the environment and associated issues.

Students who elect to take this multidisciplinary minor take four approved courses for the Urbanization minor, listed below. Students should develop their program in close consultation with their mentor.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
Select four 4-credit Urbanization courses from the list below		16
Total Credits		16

Urbanization Courses

Code	Title	Credits
AFRST-UH 1110J	Interdisciplinary Introduction to African Urban Studies	4
ANTH-UH 2112J	Cities and Globalization: Buenos Aires and Beyond	4
ARTH-UH 2114	Topics in Architecture and the Urban Environment from Antiquity to the Present	4
ARTH-UH 2721	Art and Architecture: Reinventing the City	4
BUSOR-UH 1106J	Sports In Cities: Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Impact	4
CADT-UH 1054J	How to Build a City: From Manhattan to Dubai	4
CADT-UH 1064J	Scent and the City	4
CADT-UH 1068J	How to Build a City: From Dubai to Manhattan	4
CDAD-UH 1016EQ	Where the City Meets the Sea: Studies in Coastal Urban Environments	4
CDAD-UH 1022JQ	Sustainable Development	4
CDAD-UH 1064	Sustainable Supply Chains	4

CDAD-UH 1070J	Sustainable Urban Transportation Planning for the 21st Century	4
CSTS-UH 1053	Understanding Urbanization	4
CSTS-UH 1053J	Understanding Urbanization	4
CSTS-UH 1064J	Well-Being and the Design of the Built Environment	4
CSTS-UH 1067	Moving Target	4
CSTS-UH 1107J	Transnational Cities: Abu Dhabi, Paris, Dubai	4
CSTS-UH 1112J	From the Renaissance to Artificial Intelligence: Cities, Innovation, and Building the Future	4
CSTS-UH 1148J	Beyond Bigness: The Everyday City	4
ECON-UH 1411JQ	On the Economics of Cities	4
HIST-UH 2114	Urbanism and Modernity: Paris, Istanbul, Berlin	4
HIST-UH 3320	Port Cities of the Atlantic World	4
LITCW-UH 1104J	Writing the City	4
SRPP-UH 1412J	Wealth and Inequality in the Global City	4
SRPP-UH 2416X	Gulf Urban Societies	4
SRPP-UH 2613	Urban Poverty and Social Policy	4
URBAN-UH 1110J	Planning Abu Dhabi	4
URBAN-UH 1112J	Metropolis: Culture, Climate, and Politics in the 21st Century City	4
URBAN-UH 1118J	Nature of Urban Design: a New York Perspective on Resilience	4
URBAN-UH 1119J	Urban Form of Shanghai	4
URBAN-UH 1121J	Public Space and the Life of Cities	4
URBAN-UH 1122J	Contested Cities: Difference, Inequality, and the Metropolis	4
URBAN-UH 1123J	Transnational City: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Beyond	4

Policies

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NYU Abu Dhabi Policies

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