

METROPOLITAN STUDIES (MINOR)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/metropolitanstudies/>)

Program Description

Note: As of February 1, 2025, the minor in Metropolitan Studies is not accepting new declarations from students and is slated for formal discontinuation in the near future. We encourage interested students who have sufficient time before graduation to declare one of the new (as of fall 2025) joint majors in Urban Studies and: Anthropology; History; Social and Cultural Analysis; or Sociology. Students already declared in the Metropolitan Studies minor may switch to one of these new majors or choose instead to complete their current minor program of study.

The interdisciplinary program in Metropolitan Studies, housed in the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis (SCA), studies urban spaces in relation to the rural and suburban contexts that help to define them. With the New York City metropolitan area as their laboratory, students use course work, internships, and research investigations to examine how social institutions and policy initiatives address demographic concerns and matters of infrastructure. Studying with faculty and scholars active in government, community, and nonprofit agencies, students develop a critical understanding of the way cities, suburbs, and rural areas are produced, as well as key problems they experience in tension with each other.

An accelerated BA/MPA and BA/MUP arrangement exists with NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. For more information, see the section on preprofessional, accelerated, and specialized programs in this Bulletin.

Minor Declaration

To request declaration of a minor, CAS students should visit the host department. To request declaration of a cross-school minor, CAS students should complete the online Minor Application available in their Albert Student Center. Students may also use the Minor Application (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/forms-policies-procedures.html>) in Albert to request cancellation of a CAS or cross-school minor.

Program Requirements

The minor requires the completion of five 4-credit courses (20 credits) with a C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) as outlined below.

Course	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
URBS-UA 102	The City ¹	4
Select four designated Metropolitan Studies electives ²		
Metropolitan Studies Elective		4
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Total Credits		20

¹ Formerly Approaches to Metropolitan Studies (SCA-UA 601).

² Two of these courses must be taught by SCA faculty.

Policies

Program Policies

Double Counting of Courses

Majors

Majors may share (double count) two courses with a second major, with permission from the other department/program.

Minors

Minors may share (double count) one course with a major or a second minor, with permission from the other department/program.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).