

# Urban Studies Programs



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FALL 2009**

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You must refer to the Schedule of Classes website for more accurate information on the Schedule of Classes for times and locations, cancellations, etc. The web address is: [www.uwm.edu/schedule](http://www.uwm.edu/schedule)

For more information:

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# UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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**URB STD 150**

**Multicultural America**

LEC 001

Jamie Harris

R 4:30-7:10 PM

An interdisciplinary course that will explore racial, ethnic, class, and gender identity, relations and experiences as they relate to cities and urban and suburban development. This course will address how economic development, housing patterns, federal policy, urban politics, and community relations have all served in different ways and at different times, to structure inequality and the marginalization and privilege of certain groups and communities. We will also consider the ways different groups have used urban space to construct community identities and foster movements for social change.

A significant part of the course will examine the role of immigration and ethnic enclaves and economies in transforming urban spaces in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century. We'll also look closely at housing and urban development, and how race and ethnicity have shaped patterns of segregation and economic division across the American urban landscape, as well as how gender and sexual difference have been defined and represented in urban space. The City of Milwaukee provides an excellent setting to explore the cross-cultural mosaic of urban life.

To that end, students in the course will participate in a service learning placement coordinated by the UWM Institute for Service Learning. Participation in a community setting will allow students to examine how organizations and community groups work in different ways to define and remake the urban environment.

This course is affiliated with both the Urban Studies Programs and the Cultures and Communities Program. Urban Studies 150 counts as a Social Science and Cultural Diversity course that fulfills part of the General Education Requirements (GER).



**URB STD 489**                      **Internship in Urban Studies, Upper Division**

**URB STD 499**                      **Ad Hoc: The Crisis of the American City-  
Viewed Through HBO's *The Wire* (U/G)**

**LEC 001**                              **Marc Levine**                      **W**    **4:30-7:10 PM**

HBO's *The Wire* is acclaimed by many critics as the finest series in the history of U.S. television. Set in the mean streets of Baltimore, *The Wire* combines memorable characters, riveting and often heartbreaking drama, and wry humor. *The Wire* may also be the most penetrating study-in books or on film-of the crisis of the contemporary American city. This course will examine the urban crisis through the lens of *The Wire*, exploring such issues as urban poverty, drugs, and inner city neighborhoods, shrinking economic opportunity, the follies of political leaders, and the failures of urban institutions such as the schools, police, and media. The course will include viewings and discussion of *The Wire*, selected readings on the urban crisis, and occasional guest lectures from experts in the areas of urban life highlighted by *The Wire*.

**Jointly offered w/988**

**URB STD 699**                      **Independent Reading**

# GRADUATE COURSES

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## **URB STD 841            Health Policy in Urban Society**

SEM 001                    Ann Greer                    R     4:30-7:10 PM

This course will review the major areas of health care reform that dominate attention of health policymakers. We will place major policy topics into historical focus, reviewing the forces that led to their identification as problems, the decision forums where policies were shaped, and the consequences and controversies that have ensued. Throughout the course we will consider health policy choices and dynamics in relation to the factors that make health care a unique social institution. Most prominently these include its origins as a voluntary (nonprofit) enterprise and its heavy reliance on a professional work force. We will be concerned with the frequent mismatch of old and new norms and the effect of conflict on implementation of reforms. Wisconsin has attained considerable national visibility as a state that may be a model for reforms nationally or in other states. We will give the activities in Wisconsin considerable attention. Throughout the course, we will sustain an interest in the following questions.

## **URB STD 921            Seminar: Research Methods in Urban Affairs (Masters' Core)**

SEM 001                    Joel Rast                    M     4:30-7:10 PM

This course provides an introduction to research methods commonly used in urban studies. The focus is on qualitative rather than quantitative methods and includes survey research, field research, content analysis, case studies, comparative research, participatory research, program evaluation, and qualitative data analysis. Additional topics include sociology of knowledge, research design, and identification of data sources. Students will read a broad range of literature from the field utilizing the methodological approaches covered in the course.

**URB STD 927****Urban Internship**

Advanced application and analysis of theory and acquired skills in supervised agency assignment.

**URB STD 971****Seminar on the History of American Urban Problems  
(Master's Core)**

SEM 001

Amanda Seligman T 4:00-6:40 PM

Historical analysis of the current problems of housing, race relations, the powers and functions of the municipal government, law enforcement, and city planning in the United States. This course examines how historians understand urban problems. Cities have been described as consisting of “clusters of problem,” and this course aims to unpack some of those specific problems with an eye toward understanding the history of cities themselves. By reading and discussing several examples of historical scholarship, students will prepare to write research papers and present their findings to others in the class. The assigned readings focus on the United States and Canada, but students are by no means obligated to confine their research to North America. Urban Studies students enrolled in this course should plan to present their papers at the USP Student Forum in the Spring of 2010.

**URB STD 984****Research Project in Urban Institutions (PhD Core)**

SEM 001

Margo Anderson W 4:00-6:40 PM

The class will provide experience in mastering research techniques and in designing research projects that will be applied in writing the doctoral dissertation and conducting research in one's chosen career. Using contemporary Milwaukee as a research site, students will explore a variety of sources and methods for conducting urban research, including identifying and using quantitative data, archival, and institutional records; constructing oral history and survey research instruments, and conceptualizing a research design. Students will prepare, execute, write up and present an individual project over the course of the semester. The course will also address the ethical and institutional issues surrounding human subjects' research.

URB STD 988

Seminar in Urban Social Institutions

SEM 001

Marc Levine

W 4:30-7:10 PM

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**Jointly offered w/499**



## History

**HIST-440**                      **History of the American Working Classes (U/G)**

LEC 001                      Michael Gordon                      TR      12:30-1:45 PM

The social and occupational composition of the American working classes and their response to capitalism, socialism, and the organized labor movement.

**HIST-595**                      **The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data (U/G)**

LEC 201                      Lex Renda                      ONLINE COURSE\*

\*A special online course fee of \$275.00, in addition to regular tuition, will be charged for this section. Conducted completely online; computer/internet access req'd.

Statistical methods and the computer in analysis of historical problems: statistics through regression; use of social science computer package; special techniques for handling historical data.

**HIST-971**                      **Seminar on the History of American Urban Problems (G)**

SEM 001                      Amanda Seligman                      T      4:00-6:40 PM

Historical analysis of the current problems of housing, race relations, the powers and functions of municipal government, law enforcement, and city planning in the United States.

## Political Science

**POL SCI-791**                      **Nonprofit Advocacy and Public Policy (G)**

LEC 001                      Mordecai Lee                      M      4:30-7:10 PM

Strategies and methods of nonprofit advocacy and their use by nonprofit organizations in shaping public policy. Implications of the public policy process for nonprofit organizations.

**POL SCI-792**                      **Decision-Making for Nonprofit and Public Organizations (G)**

LEC 001                      John Bohte                      R      5:00-7:40 PM

Research methods including research design, measurement, and analysis. Qualitative and quantitative decision-making methods. Understanding and using basic statistical concepts and techniques in decision making.

**POL SCI-793 Law of Nonprofit Organizations (G)**

LEC 001 Jacqueline Boynton T 7:00-9:40 PM

Legal concepts and issues relevant to the formations and operations of nonprofit organizations. Complying with applicable federal and state statutes and regulations.

**POL SCI-976 Seminar in Comparative Public Policy: (G)**

LEC 001 Natasha Sugiyama W 7:00-9:40 PM

Major theories and methods in comparative public policy relevant to specific areas of the world. Area focus varies from semester to semester.

**Sociology**

**SOCIOL-750 Research Methods in Sociology (G)**

LEC 001 Patrick Goldsmith M 4:30-7:10 PM

Application of scientific methods to the analysis of social phenomena, methodological orientations in sociology, types of research procedure, and nature of sociological variables.

**SOCIOL-927: Seminar in Sociology of Contemporary Institutions: (G)**

Sociology of Gender  
SEM 001 Stacy Oliker T 4:30-7:10 PM

Sociology of Culture  
SEM 002 A. Aneesh R 4:30-7:10 PM

Analysis of major social institutions in modern societies in terms of status orders, division of labor, normative systems, processes of social change, and conflict. Specific topics and any additional prerequisites announced in Schedule of Classes each time course is offered.

**Urban Planning**

**URBPLAN-684: Planning Local Economic Development (U/G)**

LEC 001 Christopher De Sousa W 5:30-8:10 PM

Exploration of the role of planning in the generation, evaluation, and implementation of policies for the development and revitalization of communities.

## URBPLAN-857: Urban Design as Public Policy (G)

LEC 001

Carolyn Esswein

W 9:00-11:40 PM

Orients students in urban planning to urban design problems as matters of public policy with focus on the analysis and implementation of urban design proposals rather than on the techniques used to generate such proposals.



## CERTIFICATE COURSES

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**AFRICOL-341: Black Politics and City Government**  
(3 units; U)

**ARTHIST-431: Renaissance Architecture in Italy**  
(3 units; U/G)

**COMPLIT-230: Literature and Society:**  
(3 units; U; HU)

**COMPLIT-232: Literature and Politics:**  
(3 units; U; HU)

**ED POL 113(403): The Milwaukee Community:**  
(3 units; U; SS)

**ED POL-114: Community Problems:**  
(3 units; U)

**ED POL-203: Communities and Neighborhoods in America:**  
(3 units; U)

**ED POL 401: Foundations of Community-Based Organizations:**  
(3 units; U/G)

**ED POL-500: Sociology and Policy of Urban Communities and Schools:**  
(3 units; U/G)

**GEOG-140: Our Urban Environment: Introduction to Urban Geography:**  
(3 units; U; SS)

**GEOG-441: Geography of Cities and Metropolitan Areas:**  
(3 units; U/G)

**GEOG-540: Globalization and the City:**  
(3 units; U/G)

**HIST-307: A History of Rome: The Republic:**  
(3 units; U/G)

**HIST-595: The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data:**  
(3 units; U/G)

**SOC WRK-206: Society, Poverty and Welfare Programs:**  
(3 units; U)

**URB STD 250(URB AFF 250): Exploring the Urban Environment:**  
(3 units; U; SS)

**URB STD-360: Perspectives on the Urban Scene:**  
(3 units; U; SS)

**URB STD-489: Internship in Urban Studies, Upper Division:**  
(1 - 6 units; U)

**URB STD-699: Independent Reading:**  
(3 units; U)

**URBPLAN-140: Issues in Contemporary Urban Planning:**  
(3 units; U; SS)

**URBPLAN-316: Planning for the Great Cities of America:**  
(3 units; U)

**URBPLAN-591: Introduction to Urban Geographic Information Systems (GIS)  
in Planning :**  
(3 units; U)

**URBPLAN-630: Budgeting and Finance in the Public Sector:**  
(3 units; U/G)

**URBPLAN-651: Land Use Planning Practice:**  
(3 units; U/G)

**URBPLAN-684: Planning Local Economic Development:**  
(3 units; U/G)

# Notes:

# Urban Studies Programs' Upcoming Events



**Launch of e.polis 3<sup>rd</sup> Issue and New Design  
Coming Soon**

## **Fall Social**

**September 24, 2009**

**Hefter Conference Center—3271 N. Lake Drive**

## **Conference on the History of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area**

**October 24, 2009**

**Hefter Conference Center—3271 N. Lake Drive**

## **Henry Maier State of Milwaukee Summit Public Education in Milwaukee at a Crossroads...**

**November 12, 2009**

**Hefter Conference Center—3271 N. Lake Drive**

## **Urban Studies Programs' 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Forum**

**April 10, 2010**

**Hefter Conference Center—3271 N. Lake Drive**