

Urban Studies Programs

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Course Descriptions



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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

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

URB STD 250 Exploring the Urban Environment

LEC 001	TBA	TR	2:00-3:15
LEC 002	TBA	MW	12:30-1:45
LEC 003	TBA	T	4:30-7:10

Today's urban form is the result of a long progression of demographic, economic and political process. This multidisciplinary course will provide a broad overview of some of these changes in American cities with a particular focus on Milwaukee. The course will be divided into two parts. In the first half of the course, we will examine some of the basic "urban" theories. These will include elements of race, class, crime, geography, economics, etc. With this background in basic urban theories, we will move into the second half of the course which will look specifically at the Milwaukee experience. In this last half, we will explore the intersection of historical development and the earlier social theories, which will provide a more relevant and local perspective.

URB STD 289 Internship in Urban Studies, Lower Division

URB STD 360 Perspectives on the Urban Scene

Topic: "Crime and Violence in the City"

LEC 001

Paul J Rivas

MW 2:00-3:15

This course will explore the issues of crime and violence in American cities. The course will examine the historical issues of urban crime, ghettos, poverty, segregation and social unrest. We will examine issues of criminology including violent crime, guns in society, gangs, hate crimes, riots, and terrorism. The last section of the course will look at the development of urban police forces and the new introduction of Homeland Security as a major component to urban safety. This will include the theoretical side of placing issues like protecting civil liberties, the broken windows theory, community policing. This approach will thus address historical, social, criminological, and even future issues of urban violence and security in the U.S. cities.

Topic: "Cities in Popular Culture"

LEC 201

Michael J Lorr

ONLINE COURSE

This fully online course is designed to make confident independent learners investigate the connections between cities and popular culture from the perspectives of urban studies scholars. Due to the online framework, students should be prepared for reading and writing intensive course, which will focus on a breadth and depth of books and articles interrogation the many ways cities and popular cultures connect. Throughout the course, students will identify, describe, and judge multiple urban theories that attempt to explain and uncover how the city has evolved as a social construction in relation to its representatives in popular culture. This course will enable students to attribute multiple social theories accurately, be able to take a position based on these theories, raise and answer counterpoints to these theories, pose solutions to pop-culture-based urban problems, and discuss all of this productively with fellow classmates via D2L discussion boards, quizzes, and writing assignments.

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

URB STD 489 Internship in Urban Studies, Upper Division

URB STD 699 Independent Reading

GRADUATE COURSES

URB STD 840 COMMUNITY HEALTH PLANNING

LEC 001 Ann L Greer R 4:30-7:10

The course examines the goals, processes and tools of planning for the delivery of health care services. We consider planning as a community goal as well as a goal of entities within the health care system. Health care planning seeks to integrate a uniquely complex set of activities and organizations operating under a diversity of sponsors with uneven resource distributions, high public expectations, powerful stakeholders, and potentially recalcitrant professional workers. The goals, processes, and tools of planning are not givens but reflect many often implicit decisions, made in the context of social, economic, political and organizational influences. Planning goals may include service availability, accessibility, technical quality, acceptability to individuals and cultural groups, cost containment, cost-effectiveness and equity. We will consider who has or might have authority to make choices and the tools available to them in achieving goals. For example, these might range from the assignment of a task, such as rationing, to particular person, group or process to the employment of tools to measure such things as the cost effectiveness of treatments or public preferences to resources allocations. The potential to emphasize certain of goals at the expense of others to choose differently among means is seen clearly in international comparison. The course seeks to clarify options including their ethical and practical implications. We will benefit from presentations to speakers engaged in planning in Wisconsin. It is a seminar that requires active and consistent reading over the term, participation in class discussion and several written assignments.

URB STD 921 RESEARCH METHODS IN URBAN AFFAIRS (Master Core Course)

LEC 001 Joel S Rast M 4:30-7:10

This course provides an introduction to the research methods that are most often used in the field of urban studies. Topics include theory and causation, research design, sampling, survey research, field research, historical investigation, comparative research, case studies, and program evaluation. The emphasis is on qualitative rather than quantitative analysis.

Notes: Prereq: grad st.

OTHER COURSES OF INTEREST

GEOG 441 Geography of Cities and Metropolitan Areas

LEC 001 Deanna Schmidt TR 2:00-3:15

Extent, localization, and geographic relations of land uses, facilities, and internal circulation, with particular reference to large North American cities
Notes: Prereq: jr st & intro course in geog or acceptable course in an urban related field, e.g. Urb Plan, Urb Std; or grad st.

GEOG 880 Challenges to Urban Sustainability

SEM 001 Christopher De Sousa W 3:00 -5:40

Urban environmental management theory and practice, history of the urban environmental crisis, and alternative strategies for understanding human activity/ecological process relationships in urban areas

POL SCI 630 Budgeting and Finance in the Public Sector

LEC 001 John Bohte M 6:00 -8:40

Examination of the budgeting process in the public sector; development of skills in budgeting and financial management. Topics include capital budgeting, debt management, revenue forecasting, and auditing. Registration priority given to MPA students. Contact the department (229-4221) to request permission to enroll.

POL SCI 763 Scope and Dynamics of Public Administration

SEM 001 Douglas Ihrke W 7:00 -9:40

The seminar is on the interaction between political environment and public agency decision-making, which introduces analytic tools to political science and other students emphasizing public administration. Notes: Prereq: grad st.

POL SCI 789 Theory and Role of Nonprofit Organizations

LEC 001 Mordecai Lee R 4:30 -7:10

This course provides a graduate-level introduction to nonprofit organizations and administration. It examines both the role of the nonprofit sector in contemporary society and practical aspects of working as a nonprofit administrator. First, we will review the nature, history and theory of the nonprofit sector. Second, we will examine the major characteristics of nonprofit organizations and their management. There are some organizational elements that clearly distinguish nonprofit administration from public administration, including values, legal context, governance, fundraising and volunteers. However, other managerial characteristics are largely similar—through not identical—to government agencies, including budgeting, intersectoral relations, planning and evaluation. These subjects will be examined to attain a general overview of the nonprofit sector as well as the management of nonprofit agencies. Graduate-level introduction to nonprofit administration, including an examination of the role of the nonprofit sector in contemporary society. Notes: Prereq: grad st.

POL SCI 792 Decision Making for Nonprofit and Public Organizations.

LEC 001 John Bohte R 5:00 – 7:40

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. Notes: Prereq: grad st

POL SCI 921 Public Service Administrative Internship

FLD 101 Dennis Hatch W 4:00-6:40

This course combines a supervised field placement in a governmental agency or non-profit organization with class sessions and assignments designed to augment the work experience. Notes: Prereq: grad st; cons instr.

SOCIOL 750 Research Methods in Sociology

LEC 001 TBA M 4:30 -7:10

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

SOCIOL 928 Seminar in Social Organization

Study of conceptual approaches used in analyzing social organization: social stratification, complex organization, urbanization, small groups in mass society. Specific topics and any additional prerequisites announced in schedule of classes each time course is offered.

Topic: Racial and Ethnic Inequality

SEM 001 Frank Wilson T 4:30-7:30

This course will comprehensively examine the growth and development of sociological perspectives and issues in racial and ethnic relations and inequality drawing from the theory, research, and commentary. Primary attention will be given to race and ethnic relations in the United States during the twentieth century. For purpose of analysis, the value-added insights of both historical and cross-national examinations will be extended. Main topics to be examined include: Classical, Post-World War II, and Contemporary Theories of Race and Ethnic Relations; The Significance of The Civil Rights Movement and the Post-Civil Rights Movement for Race and Ethnic Relations; The Race and Class Controversy; Institutional Discrimination, Affirmative Action, and Color Blind Racism.

Topic: Environmental Sociology

SEM 002 Lakshmi Bharadwaj TR 4:30-7:30

Notes: Retakable w/chg in topic & cons advisor to 9 cr max. Prereq: grad st

SOCIOL 940 Applied Gerontology Capstone 1

SEM 001 Rhonda Montgomery T 4:00 -5:50

Professional socialization seminar emphasizing the interdisciplinary nature of gerontology and exposing students to professional and library resources for continuing professional development. Notes: Sociol 940 and Soc Wrk 940 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another. Prereq: grad st; Nurs 760(P) & Soc Wrk 851(P). Consent required to audit