



WHAT TO DO WITH A DEGREE IN URBAN STUDIES

A degree in Urban Studies provides graduates with a broad, interdisciplinary liberal arts training along with a resume of real world experiences and a battery of useful skills.

Urban Studies majors are creative, thoughtful, well-rounded problem solvers. They are able to move fluidly between the realm of ideas, the social life of city streets, and the issues that we face from day to day.

CAREERS

Urban Studies majors engage in a wide variety of endeavors after graduation. The field prepares students for careers that emphasize research, analysis, writing, and civic engagement. Graduates of the program may prepare for careers in government, non-profits, law, planning, resource management, development, tourism, media, labor and community organizing, advocacy, lobbying, or education. Many business firms value Urban Studies training for work in public relations, demography, marketing, project planning, and outreach. Foundations, agencies, institutions, and non-profits benefit from the broad education students receive in Urban Studies.

SERVICE

Many Urban Studies graduates choose to spend time in volunteer or paid service before pursuing careers. Some go abroad through programs like the Peace Corps. Others work in national programs such as AmeriCorps and Teach for America. Still others become involved with faith-based service projects such as the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, the Catholic Worker, the Jewish Federation, and the YMCA. And finally, some pursue service through labor organizing, public advocacy, literacy training, and other efforts.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

While many students dive right into exciting careers and volunteer service, others continue their education through graduate studies. They may pursue masters and doctoral degrees in fields as diverse as Urban Studies, Planning, Architecture, Regional Science, Urban Design, Historic Preservation, Civil Engineering, Education, Ethnic Studies, Law, Business, Information Science, Political Science, Public Administration, and Social Work. Graduate programs around the country regard an Urban Studies degree as solid preparation for the rigors of graduate school in the social sciences as well as in the humanities and professions.

JOB SETTINGS

A graduate of American Studies can explore opportunities within many kinds of work environments, including: Archives, Art Museums, Art Management Groups, Business Enterprises, Cultural Organizations, Discovery Museums, Living History Museums, Galleries, Government Offices, Historical Societies, Labor Unions, Law Firms, Magazines, National Parks, Natural History Museums, Planetariums, Publishers, Radio Stations, Retail Headquarters, Schools, Science Centers, Software Companies, Social Services, Television Studios, Think Tanks, Tourist Bureaus, and Universities.

JOB TITLES

The following list is a just a sample of jobs where you will find Urban Studies graduates:

Arts Educator	Membership Coordinator
Book Editor	Neighborhood Planner
Business Affairs Director	Outreach Coordinator
Community Historian	Politician
Consultant	Professor
Cultural Attaché	Public Policy Analyst
Curator	Public Relations Specialist
Education Specialist	Radio Announcer
Exhibit Designer	Radio Producer
Foundation Director	Reference Specialist
Grant Writer	Speech Writer
Housing Advocate	Teacher
Journalist	Technical Writer
Labor Organizer	Tenant Organizer
Lawyer	Visitor Services Director
Librarian	Volunteer Coordinator
Marketing Analyst	Youth Program Director