



UNO Department of Planning and Urban Studies

Welcome International Studies Majors

Have you ever wondered how to change the world around you? If so, courses in the Department of Planning and Urban Studies (PLUS) are for you! PLUS is an interdisciplinary department that provides students with a holistic approach to the study of the urban environment. In our courses we examine urban life: how cities and regions work, what drives economic growth, the development of housing and infrastructure, how to create more just and sustainable communities, and more. PLUS would like to introduce you to the following courses that may be of interest to I.S. majors. If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Academic Services, David Lambour, at dmlambou@uno.edu.

General Education Requirement:

URBN 1000 - Introduction to Cities: This course is an introduction to contemporary cities. It examines the social, technological, political, aesthetic, economic, and environmental forces that shape urban environments. It also discusses how different spatial forms and functions reflect these forces. This course is offered every semester.

Other PLUS Courses for International Studies Students (* indicates relevant concentrations):

URBN 2100 - Globalization and Mobility: The purpose of this course is to explore the influence of the emoveement of people and freight on globalization in local, regional, and state economic development in the United States. Students will also consider mobility and economic development in developing countries. Part of the course will examine globalization, and part will examine economic development strategies that communities can take to address the mobility challenges and opportunities created by globalization. Export promotion, attracting foreign direct investment, outsourcing, and immigration will be some of the topics covered. (*b, c, e, f, g, j)

URBN 3002 - Introduction to Urban Studies: A multidisciplinary introduction to urban studies which examines classic arguments and recent discourses on the urban processes and urban life. Students will examine North American cities through social sciences, environmental studies, architecture and design, public policy and urban planning. This course is offered each fall and spring semester. (*f, g)

URBN 4002 - The Shape of the City: This course focuses on those forces which impact and shape major United States cities. The course draws comparisons between New Orleans and other major cities. This course is generally offered each spring. (*f)

URBN 4800 - Cities in the Global South: This course is a study of urbanization, the city as a social and cultural environment, and the social problems of cities. (*a, b, c, f, g).

MURP 4820 - Tourism for Urban and Regional Planners: An exploration of the international travel and tourism industry, focusing on the post-1950 period. The course will cover the rapid growth of tourism and its economic, social, cultural, and environmental impacts on countries, regions, and cities, with a particular emphasis on the role planners and policymakers play in promoting and regulating the industry. (*b, c, e, f, g, j)

* (a) Counts toward Africana Studies minor/concentration; (b) Counts toward Asian Studies minor/concentration; (c) Counts toward Latin American Studies minor/concentration; (d) Counts toward European Studies minor/concentration; (e) Counts toward Diplomacy and International Organization concentration; (f) Counts toward Environmental Issues and Policy concentration; (g) Counts toward Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration concentration; (h) BAIS prerequesite or core course; (i) Counts toward Culture course requirement; (j) Counts toward business Track; (k) Counts toward Peace and Justice concentration