

URBAN STUDIES HONOURS (B.A.) (60 CREDITS)

Offered by: Geography (Faculty of Science)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Program credit weight: 60

Program Description

This program exposes students to various approaches to the study of the urban world. Urban Studies is an interdisciplinary program that introduces students in the Faculty of Arts to a range of urban dynamics and the challenges facing contemporary cities around the world, and a variety of methodological approaches. Students should observe the levels indicated by course numbers: 200-level are first year (U1); 300-level, second year (U2); 400- or 500-level, third year (U3).

The Honours Urban Studies program is more concentrated and focused than the Major Concentration. In addition to the Faculty of Arts requirement that Honours students maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.00, students in the Honours Urban Studies must maintain a program GPA of at least 3.30 and complete a 6-credit Honours thesis. Honours students are encouraged to participate in 500-level seminars with graduate students.

For students in the Honours Urban Studies, the total number of credits permitted outside Arts and Science is 30 credits. Faculty of Arts regulations about "Courses Outside the Faculties of Arts and of Science" may be found in the Arts guidelines for "Course Requirements".

Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (18 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
GEOG 201	Introductory Geo-Information Science.	3
GEOG 217	Cities in the Modern World.	3
GEOG 351	Quantitative Methods.	3
GEOG 381	Geographic Thought and Practice.	3
GEOG 491D1	Honours Research.	3
GEOG 491D2	Honours Research.	3

Complementary Courses (42 credits)

Statistics

3 credits from:

Note: Credit given for statistics courses is subject to certain restrictions. Students should consult the "Course Overlap" information in the "Course Requirements" section for the Faculty of Arts.

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Course	Title	Credits
BIOL 373	Biometry.	3
GEOG 202	Statistics and Spatial Analysis.	3
MATH 203	Principles of Statistics 1.	3
PSYC 204	Introduction to Psychological Statistics.	3
SOCI 350	Statistics in Social Research.	3

Field Course

3 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
GEOG 425	Southeast Asia Urban Field Studies. ¹	3
GEOG 494	Urban Field Studies. ¹	3

¹ NOTE: Students may take either GEOG 425 Southeast Asia Urban Field Studies. or GEOG 494 Urban Field Studies., but not both.

Geography

12 credits selected from the course list below. Of these 12 credits, at least 6 credits must be at the 300-level or above.

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Course	Title	Credits
GEOG 210	Global Places and Peoples.	3
GEOG 216	Geography of the World Economy.	3
GEOG 221	Environment and Health.	3
GEOG 303	Health Geography.	3
GEOG 310	Development and Livelihoods.	3
GEOG 311	Economic Geography.	3
GEOG 314	Geospatial Analysis.	3
GEOG 315	Urban Transportation Geography.	3
GEOG 316	Political Geography.	3
GEOG 325	New Master-Planned Cities.	3
GEOG 331	Urban Social Geography.	3
GEOG 333	Introduction to Programming for Spatial Sciences.	3
GEOG 408	Geography of Development.	3
GEOG 409	Geographies of Developing Asia.	3
GEOG 414	Advanced Geospatial Analysis.	3
GEOG 417	Urban Geography.	3

GEOG 418	Geographies of Race.	3
GEOG 420	Memory, Place, and Power.	3

Remaining Courses

18 credits selected from the course lists below. Of these 18 credits, at least 12 credits must be at the 300-level or above. At least 6 credits must also be taken outside of Geography.

Architecture

Although Architecture courses have prerequisites, they are waived for Urban Studies students, but the course may not be taken before the U3.

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Course	Title	Credits
ARCH 517	Sustainable Residential Development.	3
ARCH 528	History of Housing.	3

Art History and Communication Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
ARTH 204	Introduction to Medieval Art and Architecture.	3
COMS 425	Urban Culture and Everyday Life.	3

Civil Engineering

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Course	Title	Credits
CIVE 540	Urban Transportation Planning.	3

Geography

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Course	Title	Credits
GEOG 503	Advanced Topics in Health Geography.	3
GEOG 504	Advanced Economic Geography.	3
GEOG 507	Advanced Social Geography.	3
GEOG 511	Advanced Political Geography.	3
GEOG 512	Advanced Quantitative Methods in Social Field Research.	3
GEOG 525	Asian Cities in the 21st Century.	3

History

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Course	Title	Credits
HIST 353	History of Montreal.	3
HIST 397	Canada: Ethnicity, Migration.	3

Management

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Course	Title	Credits
FINE 445	Real Estate Finance.	3

Political Science

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 318	Comparative Local Government.	3
POLI 321	Issues: Canadian Public Policy.	3

Quebec Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
QCST 200	Introduction to the Study of Quebec.	0-3

Sociology

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Course	Title	Credits
SOCI 222	Urban Sociology.	3
SOCI 230	Sociology of Ethnic Relations.	3
SOCI 333	Social Stratification.	3
SOCI 366	Neighborhoods and Inequality .	3
SOCI 388	Crime.	3

Urban Planning

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Course	Title	Credits
URBP 201	Planning the 21st Century City.	3
URBP 501	Principles and Practice 1.	2
URBP 504	Planning for Active Transportation.	3
URBP 506	Environmental Policy and Planning.	3
URBP 530	Urban Infrastructure and Services in International Context .	3
URBP 536	Current Issues in Transportation 1.	2
URBP 537	Current Issues in Transportation 2.	2
URBP 551	Urban Design and Planning.	3
URBP 556	Urban Economy: A Spatial Perspective.	3

Additional Courses

6 credits to be taken at the 300-level or above. Courses may be selected from the lists above or from outside the program in consultation with the student's adviser.