



What Can I Do With a Major in Urban Studies

What is Urban Studies?

The Urban Studies major is an interdisciplinary program for students who want to learn how to foster more equitable, inclusive, sustainable and livable cities. It integrates theories, analytical tools, and experiences from the fields of planning, policy, and design to investigate the causes, prevalence, and consequences of urban challenges and to develop approaches for addressing them.

Potential Employers

- ❖ Housing and Redevelopment Authority
- ❖ City Hall
- ❖ Workforce Boards
- ❖ Department of Natural Resources
- ❖ Neighborhood Associations
- ❖ Realty
- ❖ Community Recreational Centers
- ❖ Government Offices
- ❖ Law Enforcement
- ❖ Land Development Companies
- ❖ Transportation Authority

Possible Job Titles

- ❖ Business Development Manager
- ❖ City Manager
- ❖ City Planner
- ❖ Community Development Director
- ❖ Director of Housing and Economic Development
- ❖ Grant Writer
- ❖ Housing Planner
- ❖ Land Use Planner
- ❖ Lawyer

- ❖ Lobbyist
- ❖ Market Researcher
- ❖ Nonprofit Administrator
- ❖ Outreach Coordinator
- ❖ Policy Analyst
- ❖ Public Administrator
- ❖ Public Policy Director
- ❖ Professor / Teacher
- ❖ Realtor
- ❖ Regional Planner

- ❖ Research Associate
- ❖ Social Worker
- ❖ Transit Analyst
- ❖ Transportation Planner
- ❖ Urban Designer
- ❖ Urban Planner
- ❖ Zoning Administrator
- ❖ Economic Development Analyst
- ❖ GIS Specialist
- ❖ Legislative Research Analyst

How This Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills I've Learned in this Major:

- ❖ Verbal and written communication skills
- ❖ Critical thinking and analytical skills
- ❖ Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- ❖ Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- ❖ Creative problem-solving skills
- ❖ Ability to work well with diverse groups
- ❖ Independent, self-motivated work ethic

Additional Information can be found at:

www.assist.org

www.salary.com

www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html

www.cacareerzone.org

www.lamission.edu/careercenter

CSU/UC Related Transfer Majors:

- ❖ **CSUN:** Urban Studies and Planning BA
- ❖ **CPSU San Luis Obispo:** City and Regional Planning BS
- ❖ **CSPU Pomona:** Landscape Architecture BS
- ❖ **UCI:** Urban Studies BA

Go to www.assist.org to see
universities that offer this major

Graduate Degree Options:

- ❖ **CSUN:** Urban Planning MUP
- ❖ **UCI:** Urban and Regional Planning MURP
- ❖ **UCLA:** Urban Planning MURP

This is **general information**. For specific information on majors and careers please see a counselor in the Career Center – Claudia Ramirez (818) 833-3403; careercenter@lamission.edu