THE URBAN STUDIES PROGRAM at the University of Washington Tacoma explores urban dynamics that shape our cities, locally and globally. Course topics include urban society and culture, urban environmental issues, planning, race and poverty, and economic development. Graduates are qualified for public- or private-sector jobs in areas such as housing and community development, planning, transportation, government agencies, and social services.

OBJECTIVES

■ Provide students with an understanding of the form and function of cities
■ Instill awareness of problems and issues confronting metropolitan areas
■ Create an interdisciplinary curriculum that allows students to understand the complex inter-relationships that make up the urban environment and permits them to approach problems from a variety of perspectives
■ Equip students with the analytical skills needed to undertake research on important urban issues

DEGREES OFFERED:

■ Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies EST. 2001
■ Bachelor of Arts, Sustainable Urban Development EST. 2011

URBAN STUDIES STATS

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- 57.9% Caucasian
- 9.2% International
- 7.9% African American
- 7.9% Asian
- 5.3% Hispanic
- 5.3% Two or more races
- 2.6% Native American
- 0.0% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 3.9% Not Indicated

$3,968 Undergraduate resident quarterly tuition

Faculty

Professors: 5
Associate Professors: 3
Assistant Professors: 3
Lecturers: 3

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The academic year for FTE runs from summer through spring, while the academic year for degrees runs autumn through summer. All information shown is current as of Autumn Quarter 2013.
LEARNING GOALS

- **Analytical Foundations:** to help students develop the critical inquiry skills needed to identify, analyze and address urban problems and improve the quality of urban life.

- **Social Justice:** to increase awareness of urban diversity, inequality and complexity as well as the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

- **Global Processes and International Perspectives:** to foreground cities’ relation to global political, cultural and economic processes; and to introduce students to international variations.

- **Urban Sustainability:** to examine how the future livability of cities depends on the ethical interplay of social, economic, and ecological factors/dimensions.

- **Engaging the City:** to facilitate active participation in urban projects, experiences, and communities in order to contribute to the city and to cultivate students’ sense of agency.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) CERTIFICATE

The GIS certificate offers students the analytical and practical skills needed for research in GIS and entry into the employment sector. The certificate program is a nine-month course of study for those seeking the knowledge and skills to utilize GIS in fields such as urban and regional planning, environmental research, resource management, crime analysis, marketing, real estate, medical research and various branches of government.

URBAN STUDIES FORUM

The Urban Studies program annually holds a one-day open forum on issues of critical importance to the broader community. Urban Studies faculty, students, staff, and national experts in their fields explore the trends, challenges, and new possibilities associated with policy coordination and institutional leadership both in the Puget Sound Region and across the United States. Past forums have addressed Transportation for the Next Economy, Urban Industrial Futures, The Urban University, and Waterfront Tacoma.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Civitas
- GIS Society

AREAS OF FACULTY EXPERTISE

Community development and urban planning issues
Gender and power
Governance and political geography
Government and politics
International urban studies
Late, post-socialist society
Post-apartheid urbanization
Race and housing
Remote sensing/geographic information systems
Subjectivity and governmentality
Sustainability and green urbanism
Transportation planning
Urban analysis
Urban China/Asia
Urban environmental policy
Urbanism and globalization

FACULTY DOCTORATES

- London School of Economics
- Pennsylvania State University
- Rutgers University
- University of Arizona
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Irvine
- University of Oregon
- University of Washington