

URBAN STUDIES

2018-19 FACT SHEET



The Urban Studies program at the University of Washington Tacoma explores urban dynamics that shape our cities both 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. The program is also excellent preparation for those interested in graduate study in community development, community planning, public administration, law, or urban planning/design.

Urban Studies mission is to engage students, faculty and community to advance critical thinking, social justice, and applied research through the transformative power of higher education.

We strive to:

- Be a premier Urban Studies program within a leading urban-serving university.
- Teach to engage; research to advance knowledge; act to promote social justice and equitable development.

URBAN STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Urban Studies Endowed Scholarship
- Erling O. Mork and Ryan Petty Scholarship
- General Urban Studies Student Scholarship
- GIS & Spatial Technologies Scholarship
- Columbia Bank Scholarship
- Graduate Merit Scholarship
- Catalyst Award

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DEGREES OFFERED:

URBAN STUDIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS, EST. 2001

SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
BACHELOR OF ARTS, EST. 2011

URBAN DESIGN
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, EST. 2018

COMMUNITY PLANNING
MASTER OF ARTS, EST. 2016

GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES
MASTER OF SCIENCE, EST. 2014

GIS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
EST. 2004

UNDERGRADUATE

90

Student Headcount

512

Degrees to date



59% Female
41% Male



51% Caucasian
13% African American
12% Hispanic
11% Asian
5% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
3% American Indian
2% International
2% Not Indicated

GRADUATE

48

Student Headcount

46

Degrees to date



46% Female
54% Male



65% Caucasian
13% Asian
6% African American
6% International
4% American Indian
4% Hispanic
2% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
0% Not Indicated



BACHELOR OF ARTS, URBAN STUDIES

Urban Studies is a discipline dedicated to the study of cities and how they function. The degree focuses on important quality of life issues, including economy, environment, politics, governance, social justice and cultural dynamics. Formal options in **Global Urbanism, Community Development & Planning, and GIS & Spatial Planning** deliver focused theory and skill-based courses that teach the impact of local and global dynamics of urban society. Graduates are qualified for public or private-sector jobs in areas such as housing and community development, planning, transportation, government and social services.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, URBAN DESIGN

The first undergraduate urban design program on the west coast, this degree helps students turn their passions for social change and equity into meaningful urban design solutions producing livable cities and neighborhoods. Students gain skills in visual communication, design thinking and community-engaged design processes that are applied in design studios dedicated to engaging with local and regional urban issues.

BACHELOR OF ARTS, SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

One of the first such degrees in the nation, Sustainable Urban Development will prepare students to address recent initiatives that have called for a significant "greening" of urban development, both locally and internationally. The degree focuses on the study of cities from three perspectives: economy, environment, and equity. Graduates are qualified for jobs with planning agencies, corporations adhering to sustainability practices, consulting firms, nonprofit organizations and environmental/resource-related agencies in local, state and federal government.

MASTER OF ARTS, COMMUNITY PLANNING

Graduates of the MA in Community Planning are collaborative professionals who work with and empower community constituents, influencing processes of policy formation, resource generation, community change and urban development. The program's emphasis is on urban social issues, community development and urban problem solving committed to training students to think critically and creatively, and to work collaboratively in the interest of creating sustainable communities.

MASTER OF SCIENCE, GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES

The MS in Geospatial Technologies degree will provide advanced training in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), including mobile and web-based GIS. Students are trained in the use and application of geospatial hardware, software and data in urban and environmental planning scenarios. Graduates are prepared to become leaders in the management and utilization of geospatial technologies within the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) CERTIFICATE

The GIS 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. This certificate is open to current undergraduate students in any major and the community.

FACULTY

Professors.....	4
Professors Without Tenure.....	1
Associate Professors.....	3
Assistant Professors.....	3
Senior Lecturers	1
Lecturers.....	4

AREAS OF FACULTY EXPERTISE

- Community development and Urban planning issues
- Gender and power
- Governance and political geography
- Government and politics
- Housing
- 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

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

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Civitas
- GIS Society