New Concentration in Urban Studies and Public Administration

The Urban Studies and Public Administration concentration fosters an interdisciplinary exploration of social and economic as well as cultural realities of urban life. Students study urbanization processes and the development of distinctive urban forms through the lens of urban anthropology, urban planning and administration, sociology, history, labor studies, and economics, as well as literary works of prose and poetry. This concentration will give students a historical understanding of how urban areas and neighborhoods have developed. Students will investigate how urban actors, such as labor unions, business interests, public officials, community organizations and social movements influence the policy-making process that shape our cities and metropolitan areas, and the life that unfolds in these spaces. Students will examine how the governance of metropolitan areas has evolved and how cities and metro areas are managed. Students will explore the urban imaginary through the voices of scholars and writers drawn from multiple disciplines, taking courses across the curriculum to gain a multifaceted understanding of urban spaces.

Students who successfully complete this concentration will gain invaluable skills transferable to careers in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Students will be able to use a diverse set of methods to investigate urban settings from an aesthetic, political, economic, cultural, and narrative perspective. The concentration also offers service-learning opportunities, during which students will work in close collaboration with community partner organizations to complete an action research project.

Courses with * =courses offered in Summer or Fall 2014

Pre-requisite courses: These courses do not count toward the concentration but are necessary to prepare students for the courses in the concentration. They will be offered at least once a year.
PSC 10104, US Government and Politics (*)
IAS 10800, Doing Social Research (*)
IAS 31334, Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (*)

Foundational courses: These courses provide an introduction to and overview of the concentration theme and serve as building blocks for advanced electives. Foundational courses will be offered at least once every four semesters. Students should take at least two foundational courses.
ANTH 22804, Urban Anthropology
IAS 31292, Introduction to Urban Studies and Planning (*)
IAS 31195, Introduction to Public Administration (*)
PSC 12504, Introduction to Public Policy (*)

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**Advanced Electives:** Special topics courses that allow students to explore a specific topic, issue, or area within a concentration in more depth. These courses may or may not be offered on a regular basis.

ANTH 31152, Urban Ethnography
ART 29004, 19th and 20th Century Architecture in NYC
ENGL 31809, Home and Away: Literature of Immigration
ENGL 31144, Literature of the Harlem Renaissance
HIST 36704, Urban History
HIST 44904, Power, Race, Culture: The History of New York City (*)
HIST 31974, Education in Black and White (*)
IAS 31259, Local Economic Development and Planning Workshop
IAS 32183, NYC Labor in a Global Perspective (*)
IAS 31315, Environmental Forensics (*)
IAS 31317, Urban Sustainability and Neighborhood Change in NYC (*)
IAS 31318, War on Poverty (*)
IAS 31241, Brooklyn
IAS 32178, Black Gotham
IAS 31289, HIV and the Global City (*)
IAS 31626, From Mambo to Hip Hop
IAS 32182, Latinos and Migration
IAS 31256, Public Economics
IAS 31212, Statistics for Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
IAS 21800, Introduction to Non-Profit Management
IAS 31284, Working New York
IAS 31302, The New York Harbor
IAS 31199, New York in Literature and Film
IAS 32181, Book Talk: City on City
LALS 31524, Hispanics in NYC
PHIL 30904, Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 34944, Applied Ethics
PSC 20704, Politics of Civil and Criminal Justice
PSC 27504, Contemporary Political Thought
SOC 24504, Social Welfare Institutions I (*) and SOC 24604, Social Welfare Institutions II
SOC 24704, Community Organization
SOC 27404, Urban Politics and Policy
SOC 32014, Sociology of Work (*)
SOC 31654, The Color Line (*)
SOC 38144, Sociology of Education (*)
SPCH 35104, Argumentation
WS 31894, Latinas in Transition

Special Topics in Urban Studies and Public Administration