



MA in Urban Studies

Program Overview

The **MA in Urban Studies** degree program allows students to explore the dynamics of urban life: how cities grow and evolve, how they are governed, how goods and services are distributed, and how people in cities live, work, and interact. Focusing on diverse working-class communities, Urban Studies at the School of Labor and Urban Studies draws on the perspectives and methods of sociology, economics, political science, geography, urban planning, and anthropology to analyze the contemporary city in a global perspective.

Blending theory with practice, the program offers a particular emphasis on urban problems, public policy, community organizations and community organizing, social change, the urban workforce, the administration of public agencies, and the delivery of public services. Among our faculty are distinguished scholars such as Michael Javen Fortner, PhD, Kafui Attoh, PhD, Mimi Abramovitz, DSW, and Distinguished Professor John Mollenkopf, PhD, as well as experienced practitioners from government, non-profits, and social service agencies.

Students in the program specialize in one of three tracks: Public Policy and Administration, Health Care Policy and Administration, or Urban Workforce.

Career Prospects

Graduates of the MA in Urban Studies program are prepared for a wide range of careers in city agencies and government, research institutions, and non-profits serving urban populations.



Students In The Program Will:

- **Examine** the economic and social problems facing contemporary cities.
- **Explore** the management of agencies and the delivery of public services.
- **Focus** on New York City as a classroom to develop research and analytical skills, along with practical experience.
- **Study** with prominent faculty and practitioners in the fields of public and health care administration, municipal politics, workforce development, and labor and community organizing.
- **Combine** scholarship with opportunities for activism and community engagement.

Curriculum

5 Core Courses (15 credits)

3 Specialization Courses (9 Credits)

2 Elective Courses (6 Credits)

Sample Courses

- Community Organizing
- Urban Social Identity
- Policy Analysis
- The Politics of Health Care
- Research Methods in Urban Studies
- Social and Economic Policy in The U.S.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Applicants are also required to write a personal statement; provide a writing sample; official transcripts from all colleges attended previously; two letters of recommendation and a resume.