



BA in Urban and Community Studies

Program Overview

The **BA in Urban and Community Studies** degree program is designed for students with interests in urban, social, economic, and political issues, especially as they relate to diverse working-class communities. Students explore the dynamics of urban and community life, public policy and administration, the structure of urban government and agencies, the delivery of social services, and community and labor organizing.

Students in the program choose one of three concentration areas: Urban Studies, Community Studies, or Labor Studies. Courses are taught by both distinguished scholars and experienced practitioners.

Career Prospects

The BA in Urban and Community Studies program opens doors to careers in government agencies, community service and philanthropy, urban planning, law, urban design, education, and business, as well as in non-profit institutions serving urban populations. Students are also prepared for advanced study in the field, including the MA in Urban Studies.



Students In The Program Will:

- **Analyze** the effects of the global economy on cities and neighborhoods through fieldwork and workplace-based projects in New York City.
- **Learn** about the fields of municipal politics, labor, community organizing, and health care administration from nationally-known faculty and expert practitioners.
- **Explore** urban, social, economic, and political issues, especially as they relate to diverse working-class communities.
- **Learn** how to involve communities in creating solutions to urban problems.

Curriculum

36 credits in the major (nine 4-credit courses)
30-42 General Education credits

45 credits of free electives

Sample Courses

- Urban Populations and Communities
- Contemporary Labor Issues
- Public Issues and Public Policy
- Community Development
- Social Movements
- Contemporary Urban Problems

Admissions Requirements

Applicants must possess at least 24 transferrable credits from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants need to demonstrate basic proficiency in reading, writing, and math, submit a personal statement, and provide an official transcript from all previously attended colleges.