Urban Studies and Community Development

- Careers -
  architecture consultant
city council administrator
city employee
community developer
community organizer
director of administration
director of development
economic development analyst
federal reserve bank
grant manager
mayor
nonprofit program manager
program specialist
public participation coordinator
real estate project manager
rural development manager
supervisor of employment
sustainability coordinator
urban planner
volunteer coordinator

Build the Future. Inspire.

What is Urban Studies and Community Development?
• Urban Studies and Community Development relates the past to the future of cities. It explores their politics and economics, and environmental and cultural trends. Multidisciplinary and experiential, it builds applied skills highly prized in urban and community development professions through teaching, engagement and research.
• Our graduates are trained as urban analysts who combine strong communication and analytical skills with deep, applied knowledge about how cities, communities, and regions function.

What can I do with this degree?
• Our students work in government, law, business, conservation, advocacy and urban planning. We also nurture a life-long passion for civic engagement.
• An Urban Studies degree also prepares students for law school and many graduate programs.

What kind of real-world experience will I receive?
• We build on experiential learning from the first to the last class through service-learning projects, internships, Investigate Boise and the culminating professional Capstone project.
• Urban Studies uses Boise, a booming mid-sized city, to illustrate metropolitan and global trends.

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Urban Studies combines applied research, flexibility and hands-on learning

**Content Areas**

URBAN 200  The Urban Metropolis  
URBAN 300  Urban Infrastructure  
SOC 425  Urban Sociology  
ECON 432  Urban Economics  
POLS 404  Urban Politics

**Applied Research and Tools**

URBAN 240  Urban Data and Community Evaluation  
SPS 3000  Communication in Public Service

**Select 3 credits from the following short courses:**

URBAN 340  Public Participation and Civic Engagement  
URBAN 341  Grant and Proposal Development  
URBAN 342  Survey Design  
URBAN 343  Public/Private Partnerships  
URBAN 344  Public Finance and Budgeting  
URBAN 345  Data Visualization  
URBAN 346  Community Development Strategies  
URBAN 347  Real Estate Development  
URBAN 348  Historic Preservation  
URBAN 349  Leadership in Community Development  
URBAN 350  Greening Strategies for the City

**Experiential Learning**

URBAN 493  Internship or  
URBAN 496  Independent Study  
URBAN 491  Project Seminar  
URBAN 492  Capstone

Students may select 5 courses from a menu of urban and community development electives.

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**Boise State’s School of Public Service**

Boise State University’s School of Public Service is dedicated to excellence in innovative teaching, cutting edge scholarship and meaningful community outreach, serving the State of Idaho, region, nation and global communities. The School is comprised of rich and diverse academic programs, as well as talented affiliated faculty from departments and programs across the university.

The School prepares students, public servants, and leaders to think both regionally and globally in an interdependent world. The bridging of disciplines across the university and the larger community enhances the education of students, allowing them to apply their knowledge and skills to the critical challenges facing the public, private and non-profit sectors.

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