



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



We believe that the best education connects what you learn in the classroom with what happens in the real world of 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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