- 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

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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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