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**College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences**

**Department of Political Science & Public Affairs**

**Minor in Urban Studies and Planning**

The minor in Urban Studies and Planning is an interdisciplinary program designed to develop analytical and problem-solving skills for careers in the public and private sectors that involve community-building and developing healthy urban areas.  The minor provides students with a general awareness and understanding of planning as part of the public policy process, decision-making, and land management.  In the private sector, such skills are essential for proper resource management and competiveness.  The minor is in the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs, and will complement an array of careers including business, engineering, environmental sciences, law enforcement, public health and technology.

Students obtaining a minor in Urban Studies and Planning are required to take and satisfactorily complete fifteen semester hours which must include two core courses**[[1]](#footnote-1)**:

* POLS 3811 Urban Politics (Fall Semester)
* POLS 3813 Introduction to Urban Planning (Spring Semester)

Suggested three elective courses include, but are not limited to:

* SOWK 3202 Human Behavior and the Social Environment
* SOCI 3122 Sociology of Poverty
* SOCI 3631 Urban Sociology
* SOCI 3611 Minorities and the Social Environment
* BIOL 3621 Urban Health and Hygiene
* POLS 3801 Gender and Politics
* POLS 4511 Public Policy
* POLS 3301 African American Politics
* MSCI 3702 Introduction to Geographical Information Systems
* GEOG 3621 Population Geography
* GEOG 3631 Urban Social Geography

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| Minor in Urban Studies & Planning Application |  |

## I. General Information

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| **Name** |  |
| **Mailing Address** |  |
| **City ST ZIP Code** |  |
| **Telephone (Home)** |  |
| **Telephone (Cell)** |  |
| **E-Mail Address** |  |
| **Preferred Contact Method** |  |
| **Hometown** |  |
| **Emergency Contact** |  |

## II. Academic Information

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| **Current Major:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | |
| **Academic classification:** Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior | | | |
| **Projected Graduation Date:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Current GPA:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | |
| **Academic Advisor:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Advisor’s Office Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| **Do you currently have a declared minor?** Yes No | |  | |
| **Have you attended other post-secondary institutions?** Yes No | |  | |
| *If so, where and dates attended?*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |  | |

## III. Career Goals

### **Briefly explain your interest(s) in urban studies and urban planning.**

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## IV. Special Skills or Qualifications (optional)

### **Summarize special skills and qualifications you have that would enhance your academic studies and career goals in public service, urban studies and/or urban planning. Include internships and volunteer experience.**

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## Signature

### **By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.**

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| **Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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1. For the 2013-2014 academic year the two core classes are being offered the fall and spring semesters. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)