



**ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY**

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Interdisciplinary Minor in Urban Studies

ABOUT THE INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN URBAN STUDIES

What places around the world would you like to visit? They are most likely cities. In fact, most of the world today is urban. If you are enthusiastic about urban landscapes, including urban issues, policies, social institutions, and the environment, the 15-credit interdisciplinary minor in Urban Studies complements your major field of study.

The minor explores the city and surrounding urban areas from the perspective of various academic disciplines such as anthropology, art, economics, environmental studies, government, history, sociology, and theology. In Urban Studies, you are introduced to the origins of cities and urban planning, their subsequent development, and the social fabric of urban regions from the standpoint of a particular discipline. Some possible themes are immigration, race and ethnicity, gender, religion, wealth and poverty, the environment, and social justice. Courses feature neighborhoods, urban social movements, commercial spaces and refashioned industrial zones, sustainability, residents and critically debated issues, natural and social history, and political and economic dynamics.

What places around the world have captured your attention in recent years? Social conflict in cities is as old as civilization and as recent as today's headlines. In fact, cities are the places where many of the most fundamental social and political issues currently in the news unfold. Whether we talk about struggles over cultural diversity, or questions about sustainable growth and development, or issues of police power and its use within urban areas and too often upon urban populations, or the notions of systemic racism and/or sexism, the focus inevitably is on cities.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MINOR IN URBAN STUDIES?

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the minor, you develop a broader understanding of urban places using cities around the world as the context for your studies. This broad approach to a subject of interest helps prepare you in the methods of inquiry and problem solving that are invaluable to success in today's global and interdependent fields. With a rich knowledge of urban areas and their far-reaching legacy and influences, you have a strong foundation for any work related to urban life, its development, and social and physical change.





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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The minor in Urban Studies provides detailed analyses of global cities. It uses a multidisciplinary approach to investigate urban research, urban policy, and urban activism. The minor also offers the foundation of a comparative perspective for students who study abroad in other cities such as Rome, Italy; Paris, France; and Limerick, Ireland. This minor actively reflects the mission of St. John's University as a metropolitan and global university with New York City as the setting. The courses reflect the University's commitment to social justice, equality, and human dignity.

Please contact me to discuss how the Urban Studies minor can help you anticipate and respond to the cultural, educational, ethical, professional, religious, and social needs of dynamic cities in a dynamic world.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than \$500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards competitive academic scholarships.

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