

MICROPROGRAM URBAN STUDIES

Overview

Cities are the quintessential landscapes of human activity; they act as centres of government, learning, economic activity, social interaction, and often as spaces in which new ideas and radical societal changes are first conceived.

While more than half of humanity lives in a city, Canada is at the extreme end of the urbanization spectrum, with 83% living in urban areas. Is this degree of urbanization sustainable? How do housing, transportation, and community development shape the social and cultural fabric of a city? How do cities influence the lives we lead? What lessons can we learn from cities abroad, and what can they learn from us?

The 9-course unit Urban Studies microprogram allows students to explore these questions, deepen their understanding of the urban landscape, and acquire tools for analyzing and thinking critically about cities and the role they play in our lives.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the option-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/>) for information on the possible combinations available within the Faculty of Arts.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2024-2025 calendar (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Compulsory courses

GEG 2110	Sustainable Cities	3 Units
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Optional courses

3 course units from the list of optional courses below:	3 Units
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GEG 3106 Cities and Social Change

GEG 3322 Geography of Urban Transportation

GEG 3704 Villes du monde

GEG 3707 Patrimoine urbain

3 course units from the list of optional courses below:	3 Units
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GEG 4306 Livable Cities, Healthy Communities

GEG 4702 Le développement des villes

GEG 4920 Urban Geography Field Research

Total:	9 Units
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