

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 does 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 ours?

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.

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
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GEG 3322	Geography of Urban Transportation
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GEG 3704	Villes du monde
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GEG 3707	Patrimoine urbain
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3 course units from the list of optional courses below:	3 Units
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GEG 4128	Field Research in a North American City
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GEG 4306	Livable Cities, Healthy Communities
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GEG 4702	Le développement des villes
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GEG 4920	Urban Geography Field Research
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Total:	9 Units
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