URBAN STUDIES OPTION

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-unit Urban Studies Option 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.

What is a Transdisciplinary option?
Transdisciplinary options are microcredentials that allow you to tailor your degree and develop competencies outside of your Honours BA, Major or Minor. These thematic microcredentials range from 9 to 18 course units and can be taken from your electives. Options can be added to most of the B.A. and B.Sc. programs at the Faculty of Arts and the name of the option will appear on your transcript. Adding one or several options to your degree allows you to be the architect of your degree and develop additional competencies beyond your fields of study.

Program Requirements
The table below includes only the option-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/administration-and-governance/academic-regulation-3-program-of-studies/) for information on the possible combinations available within the Faculty of Arts.

Compulsory courses
GEG 2110 Sustainable Cities 3 Units

Optional courses
3 course units from the list of optional courses below: 3 Units
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
GEG 4128 Field Research in a North American City
GEG 4306 Livable Cities, Healthy Communities
GEG 4702 Le développement des villes
GEG 4920 Urban Geography Field Research

Total: 9 Units