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**

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**Optional courses**

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Total: 9 Units