



Urban Studies and Community Development

- Careers -

architecture
consultant

city council
administrator

city employee

community developer

community organizer

director of
administration

director of
development

economic
development analyst

federal reserve bank

grant manager

mayor

nonprofit
program manager

program specialist

public participation
coordinator

real estate project
manager

rural development
manager

supervisor of
employment

sustainability
coordinator

urban planner

volunteer coordinator



Build the Future. Inspire.

What is Urban Studies and Community Development?

- Urban Studies and Community Development relates the past to the future of cities. It explores their politics and economics, and environmental and cultural trends. Multidisciplinary and experiential, it builds applied skills highly prized in urban and community development professions through teaching, engagement and research.
- Our graduates are trained as **urban analysts** who combine strong communication and analytical skills with deep, applied knowledge about how cities, communities, and regions function.

What can I do with this degree?

- Our students work in **government, law, business, conservation, advocacy and urban planning**. We also nurture a life-long passion for civic engagement.
- An Urban Studies degree also prepares students for **law school** and many **graduate programs**.

What kind of real-world experience will I receive?

- We build on **experiential learning** from the first to the last class through **service-learning projects, internships, Investigate Boise** and the culminating professional **Capstone project**.
- Urban Studies uses Boise, a booming mid-sized city, to illustrate metropolitan and global trends.





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Urban Studies combines applied research, flexibility and hands-on learning

Content Areas

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| URBAN 200 | The Urban Metropolis |
| URBAN 300 | Urban Infrastructure |
| SOC 425 | Urban Sociology |
| ECON 432 | Urban Economics |
| POLS 404 | Urban Politics |

Applied Research and Tools

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| URBAN 240 | Urban Data and Community Evaluation |
| SPS 3000 | Communication in Public Service |



We believe that the best education connects what you learn in the classroom with what happens in the real world of public service.

Select 3 credits from the following short courses:

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| URBAN 340 | Public Participation and Civic Engagement |
| URBAN 341 | Grant and Proposal Development |
| URBAN 342 | Survey Design |
| URBAN 343 | Public/Private Partnerships |
| URBAN 344 | Public Finance and Budgeting |
| URBAN 345 | Data Visualization |
| URBAN 346 | Community Development Strategies |
| URBAN 347 | Real Estate Development |
| URBAN 348 | Historic Preservation |
| URBAN 349 | Leadership in Community Development |
| URBAN 350 | Greening Strategies for the City |

Experiential Learning

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| URBAN 493 | Internship or |
| URBAN 496 | Independent Study |
| URBAN 491 | Project Seminar |
| URBAN 492 | Capstone |

Students may select 5 courses from a menu of urban and community development electives.

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Boise State's School of Public Service

Boise State University's School of Public Service is dedicated to excellence in innovative teaching, cutting edge scholarship and meaningful community outreach, serving the State of Idaho, region, nation and global communities. The School is comprised of rich and diverse academic programs, as well as talented affiliated faculty from departments and programs across the university.

The School prepares students, public servants, and leaders to think both regionally and globally in an interdependent world. The bridging of disciplines across the university and the larger community enhances the education of students, allowing them to apply their knowledge and skills to the critical challenges facing the public, private and non-profit sectors.

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