

MAJOR IN METROPOLITAN STUDIES

Requirements

Students in the Metropolitan Studies major are required to complete 39 units. Of the total units in program requirements, a maximum of 9 may also be used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses		
MTRO 101	INTRODUCTION TO METROPOLITAN STUDIES	3
GEOG 251	INTRODUCTION TO URBAN PLANNING	3
POSC 207	STATE GOVERNMENT	3
Category A: Geography		
GEOG 391	URBAN SYSTEMS	3
Select one of the following:		3
GEOG 355	HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF URBANIZATION	
GEOG 393	TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING	
GEOG 403	URBAN HOUSING JUSTICE	
GEOG 404	SECURITIZING THE CITY	
GEOG 405	COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING	
GEOG 406	PLANNING FOR URBAN CLIMATE CHANGE	
Category B: Political Science		
POSC 304	POLITICS OF METROPOLITAN GROWTH AND CHANGE	3
Select one of the following:		3
POSC 305	URBAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
POSC 375	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	
POSC 421	POLITICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY	
Category C: History		
HIST 375	THE CITY IN AMERICAN HISTORY	3
Category D: Economics		
ECON 351	URBAN ECONOMICS	3
or ECON 485	SEMINAR ON ECONOMIC ISSUES	
Category E: Sociology		
SOCI 327	URBAN SOCIOLOGY	3
or SOCI 329	DEMOGRAPHY	
Category F: Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
MTRO 470	SPECIAL TOPIC IN METROPOLITAN STUDIES ¹	
MTRO 497	METROPOLITAN STUDIES INTERNSHIP	
Any courses listed in Categories A-E not selected above that coincide with the student's individual interests in metropolitan studies		
Any approved upper-level courses relevant to metropolitan studies (including approved study abroad)		
Approved Capstone Experience Course ²		3
Total Units		39

¹ Repeatable when different topics are covered.

² See Metropolitan Studies Program Director for accepted capstone course options.

Four-Year Plan of Study

Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

First Year

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
GEOG 251 (Core 10)	3	ECON 201 (Suggested Core 6) ¹	3
MTRO 101	3	POSC 207 (Core 11)	3
SOCI 101 ¹	3	Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
Core 1 (or Core 2)	3	Core 3	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
15		15	

Second Year

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
ECON 202 ¹	3	GEOG UD	3
HIST 145 or 146 ¹	3	SOCI UD	3
POSC UD	3	Core 7	4
Core 4	3	Core 8	3
Core 5	3	Elective	3
15		16	

Third Year

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
GEOG UD	3	ECON UD	3
HIST 375	3	MTRO Elective	3
POSC UD	3	Core 9	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
15		15	

Fourth Year

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
MTRO Elective	3	MTRO Capstone	3
Core 13	3	Core 14	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	2
15		14	

Total Units 120

¹ This may be a prerequisite for an Upper-Division course required for the major. Please consult with adviser.

Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the physical, social, economic and political factors that shape the development of metropolitan areas.
2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the array of current challenges facing metropolitan areas.
3. Critically analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of policies designed to address the challenges facing metropolitan areas.
4. Conduct and present sound research on metropolitan issues.