Urban Studies Courses Spring and Summer 2020

“Official” Urban Studies Courses
1. POLS 3121-001, 21870, *Urban Politics and Policy*, MW 4:00-5:15pm, Fretwell 120, Rich

Permissible Substitutes
1. AMST 3020-003, 21793, *Urban America* (3W), Online, Burford
2. ARCH 4050 – U2, 23857, *Community Planning Workshop* (3), M 9:05am-12:05pm, Center City 1001, Gamez and Sorensen
3. GEOG 4215-001, 27028, *Urban Ecology* (3), MWF 10:10-11:00am, Friday 106, Gagne
4. GEOG 1110-001, 25825, *Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning* (3), TR 4:00-5:15pm, McEniry 127, TBA

Summer Study Abroad
1. Multiple Course Options. URBS students can select up to 6 hours for URBS credit. *Italy: Exploring Art and Culture in Rome*, May 12-June 10, 2020. Frakes et al.  
   [Italy: Exploring Art and Culture in Rome]
Unprecedented in its continuity and duration, Rome's historic center affords students a densely layered urban laboratory, while the contemporary city offers up myriad lessons toward understanding the global forces now shaping major metropolitan centers throughout the industrialized world. By living in this city, walking its streets to and from studio, and shopping for dinner, students will become enmeshed by the living culture of Rome, one in which art and history enjoy heightened significance and visibility. Living within such a culture comes as a revelation, and can provide a lifetime's worth of inspiration. This program is designed for ALL majors; students will explore the multilayered qualities of this city through multiple vantage points within their classes. A series of preparatory lectures will be given during the spring semester prior to departure.

2. SOCY 4125 (3) and SOCY 3325 (3) *England: Community and Identity in a Changing City*, June 29-Aug 4, 2020, Walker  
   [England: Community and Identity in a Changing City]
This five-week program in Manchester, England will give students the opportunity to learn key theories and concepts in urban and community sociology; apply this knowledge to the study of contemporary Manchester; and participate in experiential learning with community organizations.

3. SOCY 3090 (3) and GEOG 3000 (3) *Costa Rica: Society, Space and Sustainability*, July 5-August 2, 2020, Zablotsky and Smith  
   [Costa Rica: Society, Space and Sustainability]
With students based in the city of San Jose, Costa Rica, this program offers an extensive overview of the social, cultural and geographical influences on sustainability in Costa Rica. In addition to understanding the
disciplinary underpinnings of sustainability, students will tour relevant locations, explore the concepts and development of Sustainable Tourism, and explore how those efforts compare to the United States. Students will explore both urban and coastal sustainability efforts and receive instruction from faculty from UNC Charlotte and the Universidad Hispanoamericana. Finally, students will experience life in Costa Rica through the investigation of customs, folklore, popular culture, while engaging in a civic engagement project. To earn URBS credit for one or both of SOCY 3090 and GEOG 3000 students much focus final assignments on an urban issue relevant to the course.

In addition to the courses listed above, UNC Charlotte’s Office of Education Abroad offers myriad opportunities to travel and study in the world’s greatest cities and urban regions (Education Abroad Opportunities). Please reach out to Dr. Smith if you are interested in exploring one of these opportunities (heatsmit@uncc.edu). Please be mindful that this should occur prior to your enrollment so that we can work with OEA to ensure transfer of credit.

Urban Studies Program Requirements
A minor in Urban Studies requires completion of 18 credit hours from the following elective courses: ANTH 2125 Urban Anthropology (3), GEOG 2165 Patterns of World Urbanization (3), GEOG 3100 The City and Its Region (3), GEOG 3205 Internal Structure of the City (3), HIST 3280 Blacks in Urban America (3), HIST 3281 American Cities (3), POLS 3121 Urban Politics and Policy (3) or GEOG 3110 Urban Political Geography (3), SOCY 4125 Urban Sociology (3), URBS 2200 Introduction to Urban Studies (3)* or GEOG 2200 Introduction to Urban Studies (3)*, URBS 3050 Topics in Urban Studies (3). *May count toward LBST 2101 credit

- Students may also count up to 9 hours of other courses that have a significant urban focus with the prior permission of the Director of the Minor in Urban Studies Minor. Such courses must be open to all urban studies students and not restricted to majors only.

- With prior permission from the Urban Studies director, students may also select from: URBS 3801 Independent Study in Urban Studies (3) and/or URBS 4401 Internship in Urban Studies (3).

- Of their total 18 hours, students should take no more than 6 hours of coursework in any one disciplinary area.

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