

Description of City Studies Minor for Wagner College

The City Studies minor offers students an interdisciplinary program which examines the economic, political and cultural forces that have shaped the city. Given our location, New York City is a natural laboratory for the study of historical and global transformations of the urban landscape. Students will engage with issues such as transnational migration, public policy, labor, global finance, environmental sustainability and the arts. In developing their program of courses, students will be encouraged to study a range of Western and non-Western cities. Field trips to New York and opportunities to travel to other American and foreign cities will allow students an intimate and hands-on approach to urban issues. This minor will prepare students for graduate work and careers in business, the social sciences, the environmental sciences, the arts or the humanities.

Requirements for a Minor in City Studies

(Minimum of five units)

Foundation Course—1 unit

GOV 205: Urban Politics

OR

HI 225: History of New York City

Electives—4 units

At least 1 unit must focus on a city or cities outside the United States. The electives must be distributed as follows:

- One course in the Humanities or Arts
- One course in the Social Sciences or Sciences
- Two additional electives from the list of approved City Study courses from across the disciplines. This may include one course from the *Expanding Your Horizons* program.
- Internship or Experiential Learning Option: It is recommended but not required that your senior practicum or another internship involve urban or city studies-related work, such as with a government agency, NGO, major corporation or other organization committed to urban economic and cultural development.

Select Elective Courses for the City Studies Minor:

I. Humanities or Arts:

HI 130: Revolutionary Cities: From Paris to Tehran

HI 252: Ancient Mediterranean Cities

HI 347: Global Cities

HI 325: Immigrant New York City

HI 291: History of Staten Island

AH 218: Cities and Perversities: The Art of Paris, Berlin, Vienna and Barcelona .

FR/EN 310 (I) (W) Cities and Perversities: Literature in Turn-of-the-Century Paris, Vienna, Berlin, and Barcelona.

FR 230 (I) The Art of the Flâneur.

FR 352 (I) Cities in the Francophone World.

SP 352 (I) Cities in the Hispanic World.

MU 209: Jazz and Blues

III. Social Sciences or Sciences:

AN 245 Wagner College Archeology Project

BI 326 Environmental Issues

SO 103: American Society and Its Social Problems

GOV 200: Future of the City

GOV 205: Urban Politics

GOV 207: New York Politics, State and Government

GOV 313: The Politics of Urban Policy Development

GOV 318: Cities and Globalization

PS 305 Environmental Psychology (Prerequisite PS116)

SO 302: The Urbanized Society

SO 331: Ecology of the Urban Community