Urban Studies

Graduate Certificate Program in Urban Studies

The Graduate Certificate Program in Urban Studies is administered by the Urban Studies Program and the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences.

The Urban Studies program director, Professor Carol Camp Yeakey, is responsible for the Graduate Certificate program.

Selection of Candidates and Admission Criteria

• PhD students in any department will be considered.
• Applications should be submitted to the certificate program director, and will be reviewed in consultation with the student's doctoral adviser, and approval by the Director of Graduate Studies of the home degree program. Upon review of applications by the Urban Studies Graduate Certificate Program Committee, the program director will make recommendations for admission into the Graduate Certificate program to the Dean of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences for final approval.
• Individual students are responsible for filing a separate "Intent to Graduate" form for the Certificate which is to be awarded simultaneously with the PhD degree.

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Degree Requirements

The Graduate Certificate requires successful completion of five courses for a total of 15 graduate units: two core courses and three electives.

Whereas the PhD requires a total of 72 units, the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences requires of all students receiving a graduate certificate 9 additional units, for a total of 81 units. Therefore, 9 credit units must be in courses not used to satisfy requirements of the student’s doctoral degree. At least 6 of the units must be satisfied by core courses offered outside of the student’s doctoral department, as approved by the Graduate Studies Director of the home program and Certificate Program Director.