Welcome History Majors

Have you ever wondered how to change the world around you? If so, elective courses in the Department of Planning and Urban Studies (PLUS) are for you! PLUS is an interdisciplinary department that provides students with a holistic approach to the study of the urban environment. In our courses we examine urban life: how cities and regions work, what drives economic growth, the development of housing and infrastructure, how to create more just and sustainable communities, and more. PLUS would like to introduce you to the following courses that may be of interest to History majors. If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Academic Services, David Lambour, at dmlambou@uno.edu.

General Education Requirement

**URBN 1000 - Introduction to Cities:** This course is an introduction to contemporary cities. It examines the social, technological, political, aesthetic, economic, and environmental forces that shape urban environments. It also discusses how different spatial forms and functions reflect these forces. This course is offered every semester.

Social Science Electives for History Majors

**URBN 2000 - The New Orleans Region:** This course introduces the social, cultural, economic and political trends that shape the New Orleans region. This course is generally offered each spring.

**URBN 4002 - The Shape of the City:** This course focuses on those forces which impact and shape major United States cities. The course draws comparisons between New Orleans and other major cities. This course is generally offered each spring.

**URBN 4002 - The Post-World War II City:** This course is a survey of some of the major structural and fiscal changes that impact the post-war American city. This course is generally offered each summer.

**URBN 4100 - Gentrification in Historic Districts:** This course examines processes of gentrification in historic districts. Students will examine the social and physical effects of urban change, while also exploring the techniques and issues that arise with efforts to preserve historic areas of the city. Using New Orleans as a case study, students will examine the impacts of historic preservation and gentrification for different social groups in the city. This course is generally offered every other spring.

**MURP 4010 - Introduction to Historic Preservation:** This course is an introduction to historic preservation and provides a broad overview of the historical, architectural, political, social economic, administrative and legal aspects of historic preservation. This course is generally offered every fall.

**MURP 4200 - American City Planning:** This course deals with the evolution of urban and regional planning in the United States with particular focus on the last century. Emphasis will be placed on specific issues, programs, projects, and personalities instrumental in shaping the form of the American landscape and cityscape, and in developing urban planning as a profession. This course is generally offered each fall.